

LEAVING CERT STUDENTS NOTICES

‘Second Chance’ Maths Exam

1. CIT Mathematics Examination

CIT holds a Mathematics examination for applicants who have expressed an interest in any of its programmes that require certain minimum levels of performance in Mathematics. This examination is to provide such applicants with a “second chance” opportunity to achieve these minimum Mathematics entry requirements.

- The date for the examination is Tuesday 18 August 2015.
- Applications close at 12:00 noon on **Monday 17th August 2015**, after which an email will be sent to applicants with further instructions and directions to the exam venue.

2. University of Limerick Mathematics Examination

The Faculty of Science and Engineering at the University of Limerick (UL) offer a special entrance mathematics examination to give Leaving Certificate students a second chance to pursue a course of study in science and engineering.

- The exam costs €40.
- The exam is 3 hours long, from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on **Thursday, August 20th, 2015**.
- Enquiries to: Ms. Siobhán Harris / Ms. Louise O'Neill
- Email: siobhan.harris@ul.ie / louise.oneill@ul.ie
- Telephone: +353-(0) 61-202421 or +353-(0)61-202109

- ### 3. Other ITs and Universities:
- Check with College/university for details of Second Chance Maths Examinations.

QQI / PLC Courses Still Available

There are still a number of PLC courses available in various QQI / PLC colleges around the county and country. Phone the colleges directly.

Spaces still available at the O'Connell Centre in the following:

- 5M5001 Tourism with Business, Level 5
- 6M5012 Tourism with Business, Level 6
- 5M5146 Sports, Recreation and Exercise, Level 5

Apply on-line www.oconnellcentre.ie or speak with Ms. Golden

Mary Golden, Guidance Counsellor will be available to discuss CAO/QQI (PLC) courses etc.:

Wednesday 12th August 10:30am-5pm

Monday 17th August 2-5pm in her office.

CONTACT DETAILS

IGC Exam Helpline opens Wednesday 12th August IGC: **Tel. 1800 265 165**

The IGC Exam Helpline in partnership with the National Parents Council post primary (NPCpp), the Irish Independent and Eircom is supported by the Department of Education and Skills. It is staffed by members of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors. A representative of the grant-awarding body, SUSI, will also be on hand to answer queries.

The opening hours of FREEPHONE HELPLINE (Tel. 1800 265 165) are:

Wednesday, 12th August: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, 13th August: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday, 14th August: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Monday, 17th August: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 18th August: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 19th August: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

To complement the Freephone Exam 2015 Helpline, Independent.ie will be running an interactive **CAO blog** on Wednesday August 12 from 10am and on Monday August 17 from 8am, Members of the IGC will also be staffing this, answering all queries and concerns around the results and further and higher education and career options.

You can send questions directly to the blog itself, tweet queries via **#IndoSubmit** or send emails to **contact@independent.ie**.

CAO / DARE / HEAR may be contacted by email using the ‘contact us’ facility on the CAO website at www.cao.ie

United Kingdom applications (UCAS) may be contacted through their website: www.ucas.com

European applications(EUNICAS) is an independent European University application support service that facilitates UK and Irish students who are looking to study in Europe and can be contacted at www.eunicas.ie

Colleges of Further Education are accepting applications to a wide variety of courses and do not require ‘points’. Individual colleges may be contacted directly by phone or email for application details / forms.

CAO & LEAVING CERTIFICATE KEY DATES 2015

Wednesday 12th August	Leaving Cert Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Examinations Commission delivers Leaving Cert results to over 700 schools and online at examinations.ie from 12.00 noon
Monday 17th August	CAO Round 1 Offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAO releases Round One offers online at 6am. • Minimum points required for each course are available on www.careersportal.ie from 6am • Offer notices sent by post also arrive on Monday 17th August
Tuesday 18th August	LC Exam script review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving Cert students who wish to view their exam scripts must return application form to their school by this date
Monday 24th August	CAO Round 1 offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of CAO round one offers closes at 5.15pm
Wednesday 26th August	CAO Round 2 offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAO posts Round Two offers to arrive on Thursday 27th. The minimum points for entry to each course also appears on the CAO website from 6am
28th & 29th August	LC Exam Script review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students, along with one person of their choice, have an opportunity to view their LC Exam scripts in school. The scripts cannot be viewed by anyone unless the student is present.
Wednesday 2nd September - 5.15 pm	CAO Round 2 offers LC Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date for acceptance of CAO Round 2 offers • Also closing date for receipt of Leaving Cert appeal applications from those who want papers rechecked
Tuesday 6th October 2015	LC Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of Leaving Cert appeals released by the SEC. • Final offers of places by CAO will be made up to October 14th.
Wednesday 14th October 2015	CAO Offer Season Ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAO makes final 2015 offers based on Leaving Cert appeals results