

INFORMATION NOTE FOR CANDIDATES

VIEWING OF MARKED SCRIPTS

To facilitate the pre-appeal viewing of your marked script/s and to assist you in deciding whether or not to appeal, you may wish to bear the following points in mind during the session allocated to you:

1. The grid on the cover of the answerbook contains the total mark for each numbered question. The total mark for the entire paper (including bonus marks, if any, for answering through Irish) is in the box in the grid marked "Móriomlán".
2. In the case of subjects with more than one component e.g. Paper 1, Paper 2, oral, aural etc., the mark for each component is input individually and processed electronically.
3. If you wish to learn more about the marks in the grid for any question, you may view the marks within the answerbook bearing the following points in mind:
 - (a) The answerbook will have been marked by at least one examiner and also, in some cases, by an Advising Examiner and may have many marks in different hands and colours.
 - (b) Marks inside Square Brackets denote disallowed marks for answers to questions/parts of questions in excess of the number of questions permitted for the paper.
 - (c) Marks enclosed in a circle near the Question Number in the left hand margin are the total marks awarded to that question corresponding with the marks recorded for that question in the grid on the cover of the answerbook.
4. Calculation of grade.

A new grading system will apply to all Leaving Certificate subjects from 2017. The new grading system reduces the number of grades from 14 in the old system to 8 under the revised arrangements. The new grading system will be used consistently across all three examination levels – Higher, Ordinary and Foundation.

All grades will be awarded in accordance with the published grading system and no tolerances can be applied. Note that the use of percentages is used to facilitate understanding of the Grading system. In the examination marking and resulting processes, grades are derived from marks not percentages. So for example while a mark of 539 out of 600 in an examination is worth 89.83% when expressed as a percentage, the grading is awarded based on the marks which equate to a Grade 2. Rounding up to the next grade is not permissible.

Please see www.examinations.ie for further information.

N.B. Marks awarded in Oral, Practical or Project Work are not made available.

Furthermore, candidates cannot appeal either their performance undertaken as part of the Music examination or the project component of Agricultural Science.

5. The scripts are being provided for viewing in order to facilitate you in deciding whether or not to appeal a result. Any issue that arises during the viewing that is of concern to you can be addressed only through the formal appeal process using Form AP1 (available from the Organising Superintendent). Form AP1 must be completed outside the viewing centre. Superintendents at the viewing centre will not provide clarification to candidates / to the person accompanying candidates or advise them in any way in relation to the marking process.
6. **A candidate or any person accompanying him/her must not bring writing instruments (neither biros nor pencils), mobile phones or cameras into the viewing centre.**