

Ireland

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	Year 9
Where is year nine typically located?	Final year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	English, Gaelic, Irish
Graduation Timeline	
6 + 3 + 2 = 11 or 6 + 3 + 3 = 12*	11 or 12 years total: six years primary, three years lower secondary, two or three years upper secondary*

*A transition year option is available in schools in Ireland after the completion of year nine and prior to entering the final two years of schooling. If a transition year is taken, the expected timeline for completion becomes 12 years. Students who do not complete a transition year are expected to graduate in 11 years (six consecutive semesters from the initial start of year nine).

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Ráiteas ar Thorthaí Sealadacha ag Scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta* [Statement of Provisional Results at the Leaving Certificate Examination]

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	State Examinations Commission

2. *Senior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
Issuing Body	State Examinations Commission

3. *Leaving Certificate Applied*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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4. *Leaving Certificate Vocational Program (LCVP)*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. *Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) Level 5 Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	11 or 12 years (three/four years or six/eight semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Junior Certificate*

Expected Timeline of Completion	Nine years (one year or two semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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GRADING SCALES

Leaving Certificates—for examinations taken at the “Higher” level Issued 2017 and after					
New Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	New Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4	5	C	2
2	A	4	6	C	2
3	B	3	7	F	0
4	B	3	8	F	0

Leaving Certificates—for examinations taken at the “Ordinary” level Issued 2017 and after					
New Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points	New Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4	5	C	2
2	A	4	6	D	1
3	B	3	7	F	0
4	C	2	8	F	0

FETAC Level 5 Certificate		
Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
Distinction	A	4
Merit	B	3
Pass	C	2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » The following are less commonly known course titles **approved** for use in an academic certification:

English/ Native Language	Math	Science	Social Science	Additional Courses
		Agricultural Science	C.S.P.E.	
		Computer Science		

- » The following are less commonly known course titles **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
- ° Engineering.
- » For the format of Irish transcripts, consider “Christmas” or “Michaelmas” as semester one grades and “Summer” as semester two grades.
- » [Click here](#) for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- » [Course Title Usage guide.](#)
- » [Determination of Credit resource.](#)
- » [International initial-eligibility flyer.](#)
- » [Student account task information.](#)
- » [NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility.](#)
- » [Country-specific webpages.](#)
- » [Multi-country references.](#)