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## TO THE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES OF POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND OTHER ENTITIES RECOGNISED BY THE STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION TO HOLD EXAMINATIONS

Important information in relation to the move to the digital completion and submission of coursework for Leaving Certificate 2025 examinations in the following subjects:

- Home Economics, Scientific and Social
- Geography
- History
- Religious Education

The purpose of this circular is to provide important information in relation to the completion and submission of coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics, Geography, History and Religious Education for the 2025 examinations. It also includes a reminder in relation to the regulations governing the acceptance of coursework for assessment by the State Examinations Commission (SEC).

## Move to digital completion and submission of coursework booklets 2025

In the case of the more recently introduced coursework components which require candidates to submit a reporting booklet, for Leaving Certificate examinations, all booklets have been designed in digital format. Candidates complete their reporting booklet digitally and it is submitted to the SEC using the Schools Portal from where it is transferred to the online marking platform for marking with the written examination. This has the benefit of introducing a more candidate friendly format to assessment but also reduces the volume of paper and thus is more environmentally sustainable and is an element of the SEC's digital migration strategy which has seen the migration of many services and communications to digital format in recent years.

As part of the continued rollout of the digital completion and submission of coursework, the current paperbased reporting booklets for Leaving Certificate Home Economics, Geography, History and Religious Education will be replaced by digital booklets for the 2025 Leaving Certificate examinations and candidates will be required to complete and submit their coursework digitally in these subjects. Please note the following:

- The digital reporting booklet for Leaving Certificate Home Economics Scientific and Social will be available shortly on the SEC website.
- The digital booklets for Leaving Certificate Geography, History and Religious Education will be available on the SEC website in early autumn 2024.

## **Regulations Governing the Acceptance of Coursework for Assessment**

In order to maintain the integrity of the examination process and ensure inter-candidate equity, the SEC, in cooperation with school authorities, has procedures in place to determine the authenticity of coursework submitted by candidates for assessment. The arrangements for the acceptance and authentication of coursework for the State Examinations are outlined in Circulars <u>S69/04</u>, <u>S68/08</u> and <u>S76/22</u> which are available on the website of the State Examinations Commission (<u>https://www.examinations.ie</u>).

School authorities are advised to ensure that relevant teachers and candidates (including candidates who may be carrying out coursework in another school or centre) are familiar with the conditions and procedures in these Circulars.

## Please bring this circular to the attention of all relevant teachers.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any queries regarding the contents of this circular, please contact

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