

An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna Department of Education and Skills

Leading the Introduction of the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Revised Module Descriptors

Session 1

#### **Overview of the Seminar**



Session 1 9:30 - 11:00	<ul> <li>Programme of support provided by PDST</li> <li>Introduction to revised module descriptors</li> <li>Context and rationale for the revised module descriptors</li> </ul>				
Tea/Coffee Break 11:00 - 11:15					
Session 2 11:15 - 1:00	<ul> <li>Key components of teaching, learning and assessment in the revised module descriptors</li> <li>Link to national educational policy documents</li> </ul>				
Lunch 1:00 - 2:00					
Session 3 2:00 - 3:30 2	<ul> <li>Session 3</li> <li>2:00 - 3:30</li> <li>Reflection on school context to implement the revised descriptors</li> <li>Next steps for school management and co-ordinators</li> </ul>				



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#### By the end of this session participants will:

Be introduced to the four revised module descriptors

Understand the timeline, scope and suite of supports provided by the PDST

Develop a shared understanding of the key messages of the rationale for the four revised

module descriptors



### Supports provided by PDST





### LCA Supports provided by PDST





#### **CPD for Revised Module Descriptors** National Professional Seminar Community Day 4 Webinar 1 Jan '22 Sept '21 Spring '22 $\circ$ Spring '22 Nov/Dec'21 Sept '22 Webinar 2 National National Seminar Seminar Day 1 & 2 Day 3

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### **Circular 0070/2020: Revised LCA Module Descriptors**



Revised Leaving Certificate Applied Module Descriptors	Original Implementation Date	Revised Implementation Date	First Leaving Certificate Examination
English and Communications	September 2020	September 2021	June 2023
Mathematical Applications	September 2020	September 2021	June 2023
Introduction to Information and Communication Technology	September 2020	September 2021	June 2023
Information and Communication Technology: Specialism	September 2020	September 2021	June 2023

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### Layout of Revised Module Descriptors







## **Supporting Student Learning**







# What are your values for high-quality teaching, learning and assessment in your school?







## What is your vision for high-quality teaching, learning and assessment in the Leaving Certificate Applied classroom?







### **Context for change**





A Quality Framework for Post-Primary Schools





#### **Context: Key Skills**



INFORMATION COMMUNICATING PROCESSING CRITICAL THE BEING LEARNER AND PERSONALLY CREATIVE EFFECTIVE THINKING WORKING WITH **OTHERS** 

Senior Category Skills

#### **Context: National Policies**





**Context: Research** 



#### NCCA Senior Cycle Review (Ongoing)



#### Smyth et al (2019)

....consensus emerged across teachers, parents and students that life skills should be embedded within the senior cycle curriculum, in order to foster greater preparedness for the world of work and adult life..

#### Priestley (2019)

A PERSPECTIVE ON LEARNING OUTCOMES IN CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

A series of papers on perspective on learning outcomes in pursulum and essessment Professor Mark Priestay University of String

NCCA

National Council for Curriculum and Assessment An Chomhairle Náisiúnta Curacla m agus Measúrachta





### **Context: A Changing World**





## **Exploring Rationale**

Read the Introduction and Rationale section of your assigned Module Descriptor Determining Importance:

- 1. Individually highlight Very Important Points (VIPs)
- 2. Discuss the areas common to between each descriptor and how they differ
- 3. Agree and list common VIPs in the centre of the placemat





#### Reflection

In your opinion, what are the key messages emerging from this session?









Courses in LCA are inherently transdisciplinary, authentic and relevant to the current and future needs of all students

LCA courses support the use of a wide range of inclusive, differentiated, experiential teaching and learning approaches

Learning outcomes provide the basis for teaching, learning and assessment in each descriptor

Senior cycle key skills are embedded in the learning outcomes of each module descriptor



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## **End of Session 1**