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Arrangements for the completion of Classroom-Based Assessments 2025/2026

September 2025

Student cohort 2023 - 2026 (students in 3rd year in 2025/2026)

Due to the impact of school closures and disrupted periods of learning experienced by students as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, revised assessment arrangements were introduced.

As announced in April 2024, the following revised assessment arrangements will be in place for students in third year in the school year 2025/26.

- Each student must complete a minimum of one CBA in each subject and one CBA in each short course. Students from this cohort will not be required to complete Assessment Tasks.
- Schools have autonomy to decide whether to complete one or two CBAs in each subject.
- There will be some exceptions to the choices made by schools:
 - to ensure assessment of oral communications skills, students must complete **CBA 1: Oral Communication** in **Modern Foreign Languages** and **CBA 2: Interacting through Irish**.
 - as they are linked in each case with the final examination in the subject, students studying **Visual Art, Home Economics, Music, Applied Technology, Engineering, Graphics** and **Wood Technology** must complete CBA 2.
- In **Visual Art**, one CBA must usually be presented in 3D. This requirement is waived for students in third year in 2025/26.
- In **Physical Education** students in third year in 2025/26 are required to complete a minimum of one Classroom-Based Assessment.

Please note that the latest date for completion of CBA1 in all subjects was May 2025 and has now passed.

Student Cohort 2023 – 2026 (3rd years in 2025/2026)

Classroom-Based Assessment 2 in Applied Technology, Engineering, Graphics and Wood Technology¹ (required)

Latest date for completion	Friday 3 rd October 2025
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Friday 10 th October 2025
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 17 th October 2025

Classroom-Based Assessment 2 in Visual Art

Latest date for completion	Friday 14 th November 2025
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Friday 21 st November 2025
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 28 th November 2025

Classroom-Based Assessment 2 in Gaeilge, Home Economics, Music

Latest date for completion	Friday 6 th March 2026
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Monday 23 rd March 2026
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 27 th March 2026

Classroom-Based Assessment 2 in English, Science, Business Studies, Modern-Foreign Languages, Mathematics, History, Geography, Classics, Religious Education, Jewish Studies

Latest date for completion	Thursday 12 th March 2026
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Monday 23 rd March 2026
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 27 th March 2026

Classroom-Based Assessment 2 in PE

Latest date for completion	Friday 1 st May 2026
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Monday 11 th May 2026
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 15 th May 2026

¹ Relevant brief or project document for technologies subjects will issue immediately after the completion date for CBA2.

Student Cohort 2024– 2027 (2nd years in 2025/2026)

The window within which schools can schedule Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs) and Subject Learning and Assessment Review (SLAR) is provided below. Classroom-Based Assessments should be completed within the time period allocated (e.g. 3 weeks, 4 weeks) as specified in the Assessment Guidelines for each subject. Subject Learning and Assessment Review should take place no more than a month after completion of the CBA.

Classroom-Based Assessment 1 in all subjects

Window for completion	Monday 3 rd November 2025 - Friday 8 th May 2026
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Wednesday 13 th May 2026
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Wednesday 20 th May 2026

For further information, please see DE Information Notes [TC 004/2025](#) and [TC 0006/2024](#) and refer to DE Circular Letters [0028/2023](#) and [0015/2023](#)

Please also see advice in relation to scheduling of classroom-based assessments in Junior Cycle
<https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/advice-in-relation-to-scheduling-of-classroom-based-assessments-in-junior-cycle.pdf>