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**Re: Clarification on the Revision to Assessment Arrangements for Leaving Certificate
Art for first examination in 2018**

**To: Boards of Management, Principal Teachers and Teaching Staff of Second Level
Schools and the Chief Executives of ETBs**

Schools will be aware that, in order to improve the quality of assessment in Leaving Certificate Art, revised arrangements are being put in place for students entering Leaving Certificate Year 1 in September 2016 and taking their examinations in 2018 and thereafter. Information on these arrangements is set out in Circular 35/2015 which was issued to schools in May 2015 (available at http://www.education.ie/en/Circulars-and-Forms/Active-Circulars/cl0035_2015.pdf).

A process of trialling the necessary arrangements on a pilot basis has been undertaken, supported by the State Examinations Commission and the Department's Professional Development Service for Teachers. This trial process found that the initial (six week) period of time envisaged for the execution of the *Imaginative Composition or Still Life* component and the *Craft or Design* component as coursework in schools is not sufficient. Therefore, it has been recommended that more time should be allocated for completion of these two components.

The period for completion of the *Imaginative Composition or Still Life* component and the *Craft or Design* component as coursework in schools will now be **ten** weeks. This ten week period will commence immediately after the Christmas holidays, but be exclusive of the February mid-term break. It is recommended that a minimum of thirty hours of classroom contact be provided for the delivery of the coursework components over this ten week period.

This extension will apply to students entering Leaving Certificate Year 1 in September 2016 and taking their examinations in 2018, and thereafter.

The State Examinations Commission will provide more detailed information on the requirements and arrangements at a later date.

Please bring this amendment to the attention of all art teachers in the school and also provide a copy to members of the school board of management.

This circular may also be accessed at www.education.ie

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