



October Returns Highlights & Developments - 2020/2021

(1) Changes to subjects in 2020/21 are as follows;

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| Leaving Certificate: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer Science LC (219) extended to all schools as per 61/2019• Physical Education (225) extended to all schools as per 61/2019 |
| Junior Cycle & JCSP: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classics (106) replaces Classical Studies (6) for Year 1, 2 at Level X• Applied Technology (125) replaces Technology (65) for Year 1, 2 at level X• Wood Technology (126) replaces Material Technology (Wood)(47) for Year 1, 2 at level X• Graphics (137) replaces Technical Graphics (48) for Year 1, 2 at level X• Engineering (27) replaces Metalwork (54) for Year 1, 2 at level X• Irish 1 (83) can be taken instead of Irish (1), Students <u>cannot</u> take both (1) & (83)• All 1st year students must do History (4) as per Circular 16/2020.• Religious Education (JC Exam) (220) for Year 1, 2 Level X and Year 3 Higher/Ordinary• History (4), Geography (5), Business (42), Music (46), Home Economics (52), Science (57), Jewish Studies (565) and Visual Art (569) can only be done at Level X.• The Modern European Languages (MELs) of French (10), German (11), Spanish(12) and Italian (13) can only be done at Level X.• Mathematics (3) is not available at Foundation/Bonn Level. |

(2) October Returns New Errors & Warnings

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| New Rule | JC/JCSP Mathematics (3) is not available at Foundation/Bonn Level | Error |
| New Rule | All 1st year students must do History (4) | Warning |
| New Rule | [4] History, [5] Geography, [46] Music, [52] Home Economics can only be done at Level X for JC/JCSP | Warning |

(3) Just to remind you that the department no longer requires PLC students to be recorded on PPOD. If they are recorded on PPOD they will **NOT** be included in your October Return generated from PPOD. A separate PLC October Return is to be generated from the SOLAS Programme and Learner Support System (PLSS).

(4) Summary of the Enhancements in new Release of PPOD (September 2020)

- Enrolment Dates and Exemption Dates can now go back 3 years.
- The restriction of schools being able to offer 4 Short Courses per Junior Cycle year has been removed. But students are restricted to a maximum of 4 Short Courses along with 3 of the Wellbeing Short courses (PE, SPHE and CSPE).
- History (4) is now mandatory for all 1st years from 2020/21. Please see Department Circular 16/2020 for further information.



- A student cannot be enrolled for both Irish (Code 1) and Irish 1 (Code 83)
- Once entered, Business (Code 33) at Leaving Cert and both Business Studies (Code 42) and Irish 1 (Code 83) at Junior Cert, will be showing as examinable and will be highlighted in Blue/Green as applicable.
- Where a subject assessment is applicable (e.g. Irish) an assessment tab will appear for that subject.
- Local Name has been amended to Local School Name and has been moved to below the Official Name of the school.
- Schools will not be able to add more than 10 examinable subjects to any JC /JCSP pupil as this is the maximum number of examinable subjects allowed.
- C.S.P.E [218] is no longer an examinable subject for Junior Cycle and therefore will no longer be highlighted as examinable.
- Art Craft Design [41] has been fully replaced by Visual Art [569] at Junior Cycle, Level X and has been removed as an option from the drop down within 'School Subject Lists'.
- 'Mother Tongue English or Irish?' is no longer a mandatory field on the 'Add New Entrant' screen
- In the 'Add New Entrant' screen, the following field titles now have an asterisk symbol beside them to indicate that they are mandatory : - "Academic Year", "Enrolment Date", "Programme", "Programme Year" and "Roll Class".
- In the 'Add New Entrant' screen, the 'Enrolment Date' is now pre-populated with the 'Default Enrolment Date' once it is amended in the 'Miscellaneous' tab.
- A Designated Contact's Mobile number, preferably the School Principals, should be entered in the "Mobile" field in the "Update School Details" page of PPOD. This will assist public health officials to contact schools where a suspected case of Covid-19 in the school arises. This number will be shared with Public Health officials under the [Infectious Diseases Regulations 1981](#) as amended which provides the legal responsibility for Public Health in Article 11 and the authority in Article 19. This legislation fulfils [GDPR](#) Article 6 conditions c, d, and e regarding lawfulness of processing, and processing of special categories of personal data is allowed under Article 9 2 (i).

Should you need any further information or clarification on the above please feel free to contact us on 09064 83600 or ppodhelpdesk@education.gov.ie