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Revised arrangements for the completion of Classroom-Based Assessments 2026/2027

May 2026

In November 2025, the then Minister for Education and Youth confirmed that students in this year will only be required to undertake one CBA rather than two and will not have to complete the Assessment Tasks in relevant subjects.

This note further sets out the CBA arrangements for students who will enter second and third year in September 2026.

Student cohort 2024 - 2027 (students in 3rd year in 2026/2027)

The following revised assessment arrangements will apply:

- 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:
 1. To ensure assessment of oral communications skills in Modern Foreign Languages, students must complete **CBA 1: Oral Communication in Modern Foreign Languages**;
and
 2. to ensure assessment of oral communications skills in Irish, students must complete **CBA 2: Interacting through Irish (MRB 2: Ag Idirghníomhú trí Ghaeilge)**.
 3. As it is 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.
Note: in **Visual Art**, one CBA must usually be presented in 3D. This requirement is waived for students in third year in 2026/27.
- In **Physical Education** students in third year in 2026/27 are required to complete a minimum of one Classroom-Based Assessment.

The latest date for completion of CBA1 in all subjects was May 2026.

CBA's must be completed within the time period allocated (e.g. 3 weeks, 4 weeks) as specified in the Assessment Guidelines for each subject. The Subject Learning and Assessment Review (SLAR) meeting should take place no more than a month after completion of the CBA.

Student Cohort 2024 – 2027 (3rd years in 2026/2027)

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

Latest date for completion	Friday 2 nd October 2026
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Friday 9 th October 2026
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 16 th October 2026

Classroom-Based Assessment 2 in Visual Art

Latest date for completion	Friday 13 th November 2026
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Friday 20 th November 2026
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 27 th November 2026

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

Latest date for completion	Friday 12 th February 2027
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Friday 26 th February 2027
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 5 th March 2027

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

Latest date for completion	Friday 9 th April 2027
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Monday 16 th April 2027
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 23 rd April 2027

Classroom-Based Assessment 2 in PE

Latest date for completion	Friday 30 th April 2027
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Monday 10 th May 2027
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 14 th May 2027

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

Student Cohort 2025– 2028 (2nd years in 2026/2027)

CBAs must be completed within the time period allocated (e.g. 3 weeks, 4 weeks) as specified in the Assessment Guidelines for each subject. The Subject Learning and Assessment Review (SLAR) meeting should take place no more than a month after completion of the CBA.

Classroom-Based Assessment 1 in all subjects

Window for completion	Monday 19 th October 2026– Friday 30 th April 2027
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Wednesday 12 th May 2027
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Wednesday 19 th May 2027

For additional information see: *Arrangements for the implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle* with particular reference to the school year 2026/2027, available [here](#)

See also: *Advice in relation to scheduling of classroom-based assessments in Junior Cycle*, available [here](#)