

From 2017, a new grade scheme will be introduced for the Leaving Certificate. The new grade scheme, and how it aligns with the current scheme, is set out below.

Pre-2017 Grade Scheme (Current)	% marks		New Grade Scheme from 2017 (Higher / Ordinary)
A1	90-100	90-100	H1 / O1
A2	85<90	80<90	H2 / O2
B1	80<85		
B2	75<80	70<80	H3 / O3
B3	70<75		
C1	65<70	60<70	H4 / O4
C2	60<65		
C3	55<60	50<60	H5 / O5
D1	50<55		
D2	45<50	40<50	H6 / O6
D3	40<45		
E	25<40	30<40	H7/O7
F	10<25	0<30	H8/O8
NG	0<10		

A new Common Points Scale for entry to higher education from 2017 is also being introduced (see overleaf)

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## New Grades and Common Points Scale for Leaving Certificate 2017

Grade (%)	Points	Grade (%)	Points
H1 (90<100)	100		
H2 (80<90)	88		
H3 (70<80)	77		
H4 (60<70)	66		
H5 (50<60)	56	O1 (90<100)	56
H6 (40<50)	46	O2 (80<90)	46
H7 (30<40)	37	O3 (70<80)	37
H8 (0<30)	0	O4 (60<70)	28
		O5 (50<60)	20
		O6 (40<50)	12
		O7 (30<40)	0
		O8 (0<30)	0

## What points will be given for the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme?

LCVP Grade	2017 Grade equivalent	Revised LCVP Points
Distinction	H4	66
Merit	H6/O2	46
Pass	O4	28

## What does the new scale aim to achieve?

- To fairly reward scholastic achievement;
- To minimise the use of random selection to allocate higher education places;
- To preserve the relative value of ordinary level and higher level in the current points scale;
- To encourage the take-up of higher level subjects, by awarding points for the new H7 grade.

## Will there still be bonus points for Maths?

- 25 bonus points will continue to be awarded for Higher Level Mathematics for H6 and above.

## Can I apply through the CAO from 2017 with a Leaving Certificate from 2016 or earlier?

- All students applying through the CAO from 2017 will be awarded points under the new scale, no matter when they sat the Leaving Certificate.
- The points available under the new scale cannot be compared with the points awarded currently.
- Full details of the points awarded to pre-2017 Leaving Certificate students can be found on [www.transition.ie](http://www.transition.ie).
- The current equivalence between the points awarded for QQI Further Education and Training will be maintained in line with the new scale. Full details of the revised points for these awards can be found at [www.transition.ie](http://www.transition.ie).

## Will basic matriculation requirements also change in 2017?

As a result of the new Leaving Certificate grades, revised basic matriculation requirements will also be introduced, as follows:

- Where the requirements are currently 2 higher level C3 grades and 4 ordinary level D3 grades, in 2017 these will become 2 H5 and 4 O6/H7 grades.
- Where the requirements are currently 5 ordinary level D3 grades, in 2017 these will become 5 O6/H7 grades.
- Where the requirements are currently 3 higher level C3 grades and 3 ordinary level D3 grades, in 2017 these will become 3 H5 and 3 O6/H7 grades.