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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I wish to inform you that the Department of Education are re-introducing the exam fee for the 2026 Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate. These fees will be charged at the same rate as when they were last applied in 2019:

- €116 per entry for Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied candidates
- €109 per entry for Junior Cycle candidates

Candidates who hold a full medical card, or who are covered under a parent or guardian's full medical card for all services, are exempt from these examination fees. Please note that medical cards will only be accepted if they are valid between 1 January 2026 and 30 April 2026.

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has provided an online facility for candidates, or their parent/guardian, to either pay examination fees or apply for an exemption. This Online Fee Service will open at 2:00 pm on Thursday, 19 March, and can be accessed at <https://fees.examinations.ie/>. A User Guide will also be available to assist you.

If you experience any difficulty using the online system to make a payment or apply for an exemption, you may contact the Fees Section directly by email at fees@examinations.ie for support.

Please note that the closing date for payment of examination fees, or for submitting an application for a medical card exemption, is 30 April 2026.

All candidates, unless exempt, are required to pay their examination fees in full to the SEC. It is the policy of the SEC to ensure that all fees are paid. Failure to pay examination fees may result in serious consequences, including the withholding of the final Examination Certificate. Examination fees are non-refundable except in very exceptional circumstances.

Individualised letters containing the necessary login credentials to access the system will be issued to each candidate and will be distributed from Wednesday, 18 March.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Kind regards,


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