

## **Junior Cycle and Leaving Cert Exam Fees 2026**

### **State Examinations Fee Information for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 6<sup>th</sup> Year (including Leaving Cert Applied)**

A letter from the State Examinations Commission was given to students this week regarding payment for their State Exams 2026 (**Junior Cert or Leaving Cert Exams**)

**The individualised letters** contain instructions on how to:

- Pay the examination fee,
- Apply for a fee exemption online.
- Please use the exam number and password provided on the letter to access the online service.

Students and parents/guardians should check the letter carefully and complete the process before **30<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Fees are as follows:

- €116 for Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied candidates
- €109 for Junior Cycle candidates
- Exemptions - Students can **apply for** an exemption if they:
  - Hold a full medical card, or
  - Are covered under a parent/guardian's full medical card.
  - NB: GP Visit Cards are not eligible for the exemption.

The closing date for the payment of examination fees or making an application for a medical card exemption is 30 April 2026.

Link to State Examination Fees and Exemption Requests Portal: <https://fees.examinations.ie>

#### **Important:**

**Schools do not collect the fees or process exemption requests.**

All payments and exemption requests must be completed **through the** online state examinations portal <https://fees.examinations.ie>

Link to **User Guide** for fees.examinations.ie:

[https://fees.examinations.ie/fees/User\\_Guide\\_2026\\_EN.pdf](https://fees.examinations.ie/fees/User_Guide_2026_EN.pdf)

#### **Inability to use the Online Fee Service**

Those who might have a difficulty using the online facility to make a payment or to apply for an exemption should read the User Guide [https://fees.examinations.ie/fees/User\\_Guide\\_2026\\_EN.pdf](https://fees.examinations.ie/fees/User_Guide_2026_EN.pdf) or should contact Fees Section by e-mail at [fees@examinations.ie](mailto:fees@examinations.ie) for assistance.

#### **Consequences for Candidates of Non-Payment of Examination Fees**

All candidates, unless they have an exemption from payment of fees, must pay their examination fees to the SEC. It is SEC policy to ensure all fees are paid in full. Failure to pay examination fees may have serious consequences for candidates up to and including the withholding of the final Examination Certificate. Examination fees are not refundable other than in very exceptional circumstances.

#### **Any questions on the Fees:**

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact the **Finance and Fees Section** by emailing [fees@examinations.ie](mailto:fees@examinations.ie) or by telephoning **090 644 2845**. Lines open 9.15am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.