

Social Education/SC SPHE – Webinar Questions

Question:	Response:
What are the COVID adjustments around tasks for LCA?	Students in 6 th year LCA still have a choice between the Vocational Education Task and the Contemporary Issues Task. See Leaving Cert Applied summary advice note - 2025/26
Do students complete a task in both 5 th year and 6 th year?	Students complete tasks over the two years of the LCA Programme. See LCA Framework and LCA Programme Statement 2024
What are the requirements (minimum) for timetabling Social Education and SC SPHE?	This SPHE specification is designed for a minimum of 60 hours of class contact time over the final two years of senior cycle education. The four remaining modules in Social Education are 30 hours each.
Can students engage with SC Level 2 and some LCA modules?	The most appropriate site for learning for the student will be chosen. This should include careful consideration of the range of timetabled LCE and LCA subjects and modules, as well as other school, and off-site activities, that may offer a variety of experiences through which the student can achieve the learning outcomes of their L1 or L2 learning programme
Can students engage with Personal Care instead of SC SPHE if they are doing some subjects at SC L2?	<i>Through Personal Care students fulfil their requirements for learning in SPHE.</i> (Pg 2 SC Level 2 : Personal Care Curriculum Area Note, 60 hours contact required for both Personal Care and SC SPHE
How will SC SPHE be assessed?	Key Assignments
Can students sit in the same classroom with their peers if we are introducing SC SPHE before September 2027? Is this good practice/recommended?	This could possibly be an appropriate decision but consideration needs to be given to the needs of the students and class context. A number of schools are already facilitating LCA and LCE students in the same SC SPHE class.

The attendance within Social Education (and beyond) is still part of how it is assessed – is this across the year or can it be session by session (to encourage a ‘fresh start’ for some students who had a poor attendance in one session)?	Similarly to the Social and Health Module that SC SPHE is replacing in Social Education, students will claim for credits at the end of 5 th year and 6 th year. Students will have a ‘fresh start’ at the beginning of 6 th year.
Is the Social Education exam now gone?	Students completing their LCA final exams in June 2025 are the final cohort to take an exam in Social Education. From June 2026 the final examination has been discontinued as all credits will be achieved during the 4 sessions.
Will there still be an option between the Contemporary Task and the Vocational Education Task in Session 3 next year?	Students entering fifth year and of Leaving Certificate Applied in 2025 and 2026 will undertake all tasks in Year 2
How many key assignments should we aim to get done each academic year?	A minimum of 8 key assignments must be completed over the two years. A minimum of two key assignments per session should be completed. Details to be found in SC SPHE Guidelines to Support the completion of key assignments pg 7
Reporting on SC SPHE key assignments?	The State Exam Commission issues LCA students with a statement of the credits they have achieved. The statement and Certificate relevant to SC SPHE will be issued after Session 2 and Session 4
How do we plan for completing the key assignments in Sc SPHE?	Teachers plan by grouping the learning outcomes into units of learning and choosing appropriate key assignments as a form of assessment. After engaging with a selection of Learning Outcomes check to see which key assignments are relevant to the learning that has taken place. If more than one Key Assignment is relevant, students might choose which key assignment to compete which encourages student Voice.

<p>How should students display key assignments?</p>	<p>Provide as much choice as possible to students with regard to how they might present their work. Consider orally, visual, using technology or other modes.</p> <p>Note - Evidence of the completion of key assignments (along with 90% attendance) is necessary LCA to achieve the credits for the module.</p>
<p>Will LCE students get credits for the completion of Key Assignments.</p>	<p>Leaving Certificate Established (LCE) Students following the LCE Programme will complete key assignments, in the same manner as students following LCA. In this instance, completion of key assignments will not contribute to LCE certification. For these students, schools can report on assessment and learning in SPHE through the regular school reporting system and/or award a school certificate of completion of senior cycle SPHE. See page 7 of the Guidelines to support the completion of key assignments</p>