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Assessment of L1LPs & L2LPs in Mainstream Settings



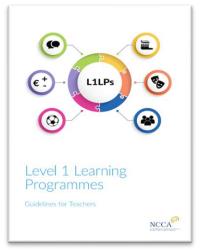
Learning Intentions for Today



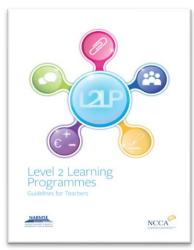
- ✓ Developing a deeper understanding of how ongoing assessment supports student learning
- ✓ Identifying the connections between teaching, learning, assessment and reporting
- ✓ Understanding the way well planned assessment supports learning and teaching
- ✓ Explore the need for PLU 'assessment moments' with success criteria (individual LOs and/or cross-curricular/thematic assessments with more than one LO)
- ✓ Explore assessment within Level 1 and Level 2 Short Courses CBAs.

Key Documents and Resources

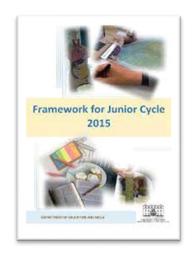




L1LPs Guidelines



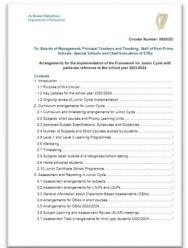
L2LPs Guidelines



Framework for JC



NCCA Focus on Learning: Ongoing Assessment Booklets



Circular 0028/2023 Arrangements for Implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle 2023/24



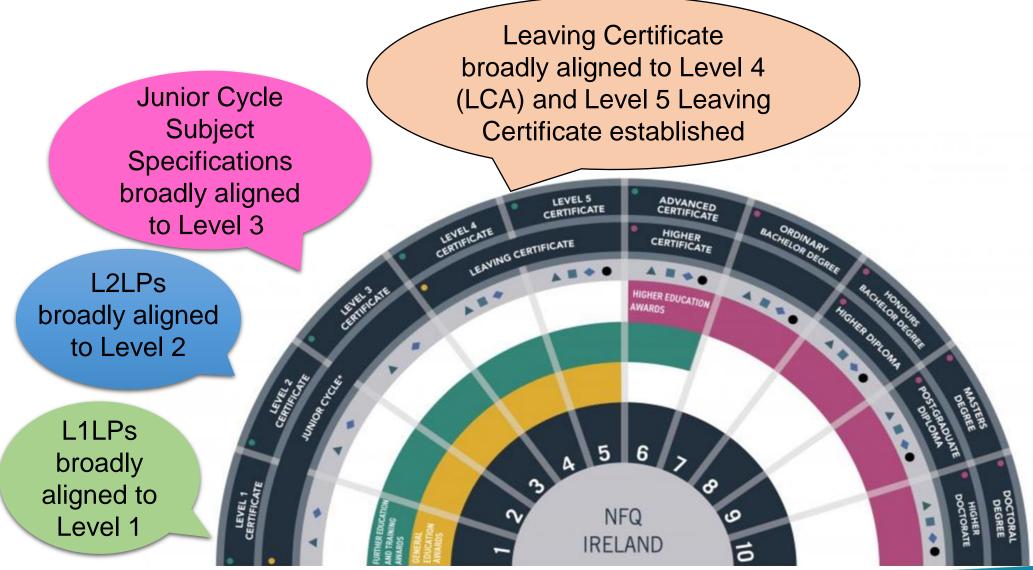
Teachers are familiar with the need to plan their teaching but not so familiar with the need to plan assessment. However, plans for teaching are incomplete unless they contain plans for assessment... **Assessment and teaching** have to be **aligned**, as they share common learning intentions.

(Berry, 2008)



National Framework of Qualifications





Broad Alignment to NFQ Indicators





Level 1

- Practical
- Basic
- Predictable
- Designed
- Supported
- Sequential



Level 2

- Narrow
- Concrete
- Routine
- Limited
- Under direction
- Structured
- Supervised



Level 3

- Moderately broad
- Mainly concrete
- Application
- Limited autonomy
- Function with familiar
- Learn to learn



Level 4

- Broad
- Abstract
- Theoretical
- Familiar and unfamiliar
- Responsible



Level 5

- Broad
- Theoretical
- Evaluate
- Varied contexts
- Independence
- Initiative
- Responsibility

Assessment Journey



1st Yr.

Ongoing Assessment and Reporting 2nd Yr.

Ongoing Assessment and Reporting

Short Course CBAs

3rd Yr.

Ongoing Assessment and Reporting

Short Course CBAs

Final Portfolio Assessment





The process of generating, gathering and judging evidence of learning at Level 1 & 2



Teachers select
learning outcomes
and/or
design assessment
activities
to generate
evidence
of learning

Success
Criteria are
established to use
in judging
the evidence
of learning

Students
generate evidence
of learning through
ongoing
assessment and/or
an assessment
activity

Evidence of learning is included in the portfolio along with the identified success criteria

Evidence in the portfolio meets the 'majority' requirement for achievement certification in the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement

Individual Student

Learning Outcomes





Learning Intentions



'A learning intention for a lesson or series of lessons is a statement, created by the teacher, that describes clearly what the teacher wants the students to **know**, **understand**, and be able to do as a result of learning and teaching activities. Clear learning intentions should help students focus not just on the task or activity taking place but on what they are learning.'

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Exploring Level 1 Learning Intentions



PLU: Communicating, Language and Literacy

✓ Learning outcome 1.19 Express interests and opinions through a range of verbal or nonverbal communication methods

✓ Learning intention: What are we learning?

To express our preference

Activity: What are we **doing**?

Expressing our preferred food





Exploring Level 2 Learning Intentions



PLU: Communicating and Literacy

✓ Learning outcome 1.5 Participate in practical formal and informal communication

✓ Learning intention: What are we learning?

To communicate formally and informally



Activity: What are we doing?

Write a card for forthcoming meeting for school notice board

Pass a verbal message on to a student next to you

Success Criteria



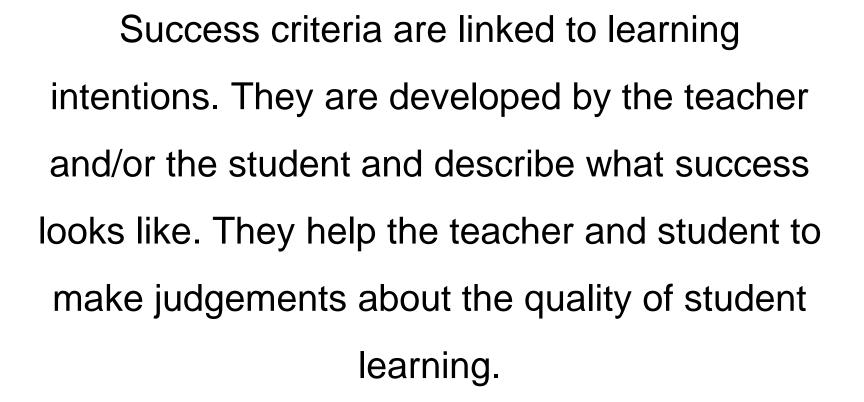






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Exploring Level 1 Success Criteria



Learning Intention:

To express our preference in relation to food



Success Criteria

Will gesture to preferred lunch food from selection of 3.

Will experience preferred lunch food

Will independently choose preferred lunch food

Exploring Level 2 Success Criteria



Learning Intention

To communicate formally and informally

Success Criteria

- Will know the difference between formal and informal communication
- Will be able to explain the features of formal communication and informal communication

Will be able to apply what is learned to design of authentic examples of formal and informal communication

Demonstrating knowledge at Levels 1, 2 & 3



Mathematics:

- N.1 investigate the representation of numbers and arithmetic operations so that they can:
- a. represent the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in N, Z, and Q using models including the number line, decomposition, and accumulating groups of equal size

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Counting Cubes	Number lines and how to fill in a number line	Multiple representations of numbers
Draw, cover, count on number line Rolling dice and counting values	Less than with a number line e.g., 8 less than 12 Negative numbers in the everyday e.g., Thermometers, underground carparks (level -1)	Working from right to left and left to right on a number line Explain what N, Z and Q-numbers are
Number line with images of concrete objects	Number tiles to represent equivalent forms of the same number	Plotting points on Cartesian/coordinate plane
Money	Whole number and parts	Area and perimeter of shape on Cartesian plan

Assessing Knowledge at levels 1, 2 & 3



Mathematics:

Teachers assess the learning outcomes, depending on the level the student is engaging with.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Tallies Place numbers in correct sequence	Make own number line representation of the multiples of number	Always, sometimes, never true statements
Fill in the missing value on number Line Arranging counting cubes	Recognise numbers up to 100 in N, e.g. knowing how many zeros for tens, hundreds	Fill in the missing value e.g4 x = 20
Subtract one-digit, two-digit whole numbers in the context of an everyday situation	Add two-digit whole numbers that total less than 100 in the context of an everyday situation	Using a number line provided to answer questions
Recognise one digit and two digit numbers in N, e.g. knowing how many zeros for tens	Subtract two-digit whole numbers in the context of an everyday situation	Write down any three integers which when added or subtracted from each other will give a total
Add one digit and two-digit whole numbers in the context of an everyday situation		of

When designing assessment activities, you consider:



Learning Outcomes

Which Learning
Outcomes you are
working towards?

Learning Intentions

What you would like your students to be able to know, value, understand & do?

Success Criteria

How you will assess (and gather evidence) of the learning?

What teaching and learning activities will happen to support the learning journey?

Individual Student

Assessing a Learning Activity Trip to the Library



Learning Outcomes in focus:

PLU	ELEMENT	LEARNING OUTCOMES			
Level 2 Numeracy	Developing an awareness of length and distance	2.24 Use appropriate vocabulary to describe the units in length and distance			
Level 2 Communication and Literacy	Speaking appropriately for a variety of purposes and demonstrating attentiveness as a listener	1.2 Ask questions to obtain information			
Level 1 Communication, Language & Literacy	Developing Communicate Relationships	1.3. Engage in an activity requiring joint attention with 1 or more people.			
Level 1 Being part of a community	Using local facilities	4.11 Visit and participate appropriately in using facilities in their environment.			

Learning Intentions for Asessment Activity



- ✓ Students will **communicate** with the librarian (L1)
- ✓ Students will **visit** the library and **borrow** some materials (L1)
- ✓ Students will **role play** three different scenarios of ways to travel to the library/people they will meet in the library (L1/L2)
- ✓ Students will complete a 'how to booklet' and make recommendations for the next trip
- ✓ Students will **sort** the photos taken into a photo-story for use by others. (L1/L2)
- ✓ Identify key areas within the library using pictures and/or signs

Success Criteria for Assessment Activity



Student will....

- ✓ Communicate 'Hello' and 'Thank you' with the librarian
- Experience or respond to the process of borrowing materials from the library
- ✓ Identify the location of the library within their community
- ✓ Discuss the route and transport options
- √Talk to and ask questions of the people they meet in the library
- ✓ Identify three key areas in the library

Evidence of Learning





Video (Trip to the Library)



Photos Bus Timetable and travel receipts



Teacher or student notes (written or recorded)



Written / Oral - step by step account of their experience.



Illustration of the 'journey"



Photograph or photo-story.



Completed worksheet



Completed Teacher observation sheet

Business Studies CBA 1 as an Assessment Activity



How will students demonstrate their learning?	Links with Level 2 Learning Programmes
A group-based research project comprising of four areas of activity: Conducting research Evaluating information Developing Action plans and Report Findings Students will collaborate with classmates in order to complete the project, but teachers should ensure that each student makes an individual contribution to the project and produces their own evidence to meet the Features of Quality for this assessment.	1.35 Access a range of websites on the internet 1.36 Find information for a project on the web. 1.5. Participate in practical, formal and informal communications 2.39. Identify basic approaches to data collection 2.40. Collect a range of data using one of the following: a survey, record sheet, tally system or audio-visual records 2.41. Interpret basic data of two criteria 2.43. Talk about /discuss information from basic data 1.18. Write/type at least five sentences so that they convey meaning or information 1.22.Participate in a performance or a presentation 1.24. Produce a piece of work for display

CBA to be completed within a four-week window during second year.



Content checklist.

Divided into PLUs or projects or subjects.

Varied type evidence showing achievement of a learning outcome(s)

Be user-friendly (i.e. easy to navigate)

What would you expect a portfolio to look like or include?

Be the student's work

Evidence of who completed the work with the student.

Show progression

Include feedback

Assessment of Level 1 and Level 2 Priority Learning Units



Ongoing formative Assessment & Reporting

A portfolio of evidence created of students' work

Assessment of portfolio is school based

The **JCPA** will reflect on all learning achieved in the PLUs after 3 years

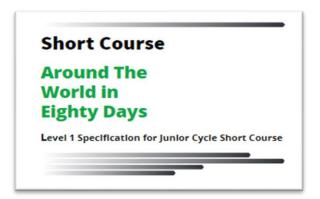
Level 1 -Achievement in PLUs is on the basis of one of the following descriptors: Successfully Completed or Progress Achieved.

Level 2 – Achievement in PLUs is on the basis of the descriptor: **Achieved**

Short Courses Level 1 & Level 2

















Minimum of 100 hours timetabled engagement



NCCA Scoping Document

Title of short course

Drama and Music in my Life

Short Course Specification
Scoil Bernadette

Title of short course

Where am I from, Where am I going?

School-developed Level 2 Short Courses

Short Course
Civic, Social &
Political Education

A Citizenship Course

Level 2 Specification for Junior Cycle School Developed

(Adapted from NCCA CSPE short course)

Short Course

Digital Media Literacy

School Developed - Level 2

Short Course Social, Personal &

Health Education

School Developed - Level 2

Adapted from the Junior Cycle SPHE short course

Short Course Physical Education

School Developed Level 2 Specification for Junior Cycle PE

(Adapted from NCCA PE short course)



School Developed short courses can be found on Scoilnet.

Short course specifications can be found on JCT website and curriculum online website.

Assessment of Short Courses





Students complete a Classroom Based Assessment (CBA) which is assessed using **Features of Quality.**

The JCPA will use the descriptor
'Achieved' (L2) and 'Progress
Achieved/Successfully Completed'
(L1) to reflect on the Short Courses that have met the Features of
Quality/benefited from access to LOs

CBA (Level 1) Around the World in 80 days - An Excursion



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Students choose a destination in the local area or wider community to visit from an area of interest the student has selected in Strand 1

Research & Decide

Students will research and decide on the modes of transport, calculate the cost involved and identify essential items required for the excursion



Collaborate

Students may collaborate with others to research, find information, plan and organise the excursion



Teachers will utilise **Features of Quality** to assess students' achievement in the CBA.

CBA (Level 2) Enterprise in Animation - An account of the student's experience



Reflect

Student will reflect on the lessons learned and what they might have done differently in the future.

Showcase

Student will 'show what they know about preparing for an interview, the process of animation and an appropriate understanding of roles and procedures in companies using a format of their choice.

Collaborate

Students can work with others to research, find information, plan and organise.

Present

Students can present their work in any format; conversation, interview role play, storyboard, animated video. It can be spoken, signed or through electronic form.

The teacher's judgement on whether the student's work in the CBA is awarded the *Achieved*Descriptor is based on the **Features of Quality** for the Presentation as set out in the Assessment Guidelines



Assessment Resources





Sample Assessment and Reporting on L1LPs/L2LPs Action Plan

Month	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3	Action	Date and Who is Responsible
September			L	Building student profile Parental/Student Consultation	
October				Set out goals – student/parents Get parental consent Engage with teachers – which LOs will they work towards (evidence of this in units of work)	
October			L	Add PLUs and Short Courses to PPOD or JCAD (level 2 only)	
November				Checkpoint with teachers Feedback to students	
December				Checkpoint – look at portfolios (Management, SEN team, Teachers) Student check in	

		L2LPs ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW		
COMMUNICATING & LITERAC	2. NUMERACY	3. PERSONAL CARE	4. LIVING IN A COMMUNITY	PREPARING FOR WORK
Speaking appropriately for a variety of purposes and demonstrating	Managing money	Developing good daily personal care	Developing good Relationships	Being able to set Goals for Learning
1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6	2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.7	3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5 3.6 3.7	4.1 4.2 4.3 4.4 4.5 4.6 4.7	5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4
Using non-verbal behaviour to get the	Developing an awareness of number	Developing healthy eating habits	Resolving Conflict	Finding out about Work
1.7 1.8 1.9 1.10 1.11	2.8 2.9 2.10 2.11 2.12	3.8 3.9 3.10 3.11 3.12 3.13	4.8 4.9 4.10 4.11 4.12 4.13	5.5 5.6 5.7 5.8 5.9 5.10
Reading to obtain basic information 1.12 1.13 1.14 1.15 1.16	Developing an awareness of temperature 2.13 2.14 2.15 2.16 2.17	Developing a healthy Lifestyle 3.14 3.15 3.16 3.17 3.18 3.19 3.20	Using Local Facilities 4.14	Preparing for a Work Related Activity S.11 S.12 S.13 S.14 S.15 S.16
Using a range of writing forms to express apinions 1.17 1.18 1.19 1.20 1.21	Developing an awareness of weight and capacity 2.18 2.19 2.20 2.21 2.22	Being able to Manage Stress 3.21 3.22 3.23 3.24 3.25 3.26	Seeking Help and Advice 4.18 4.19 4.20 4.21 4.22	Developing an awareness of health and safety, using equipment
Using expressive arts to communicate	Developing an awareness of length and distance	Knowing how to Stay Safe	Making Consumer Choices	Taking Part in a Work Related Activity (Work Experience)
Using expressive arts to communicate 1.22 1.23 1.24 1.25 1.26		Knowing how to Stay Safe 3.27 3.28 3.29 3.30	Making Consumer Choices 4.23 4.24 4.25 4.26 4.27 4.28	

EMENT	OF LEARNING Students should be able to	Subject Ownership	<u>Teacher</u> <u>Ownership</u>	Assessment Date	Certified by:	Type of Evidence Uploaded	Element Achieved/ Not Achieved	
eaking	appropriately for a variety of purposes and demonstrating attentiveness as a listener							
1.1	Listen to obtain information relating to more than one option, e.g. listen to school related announcements, using a speaking timetable to get a train arrival departure time	and						
1.2	Ask questions to obtain information, e.g. to check dates/prices (face to face and by booking a meal over the telephone)							
.3	Follow a series of spoken instructions under supervision, e.g. go to teacher's room, local shop, or post office, top up a mobile telephone							
.4	Express personal opinions, facts and feelings appropriately, e.g. expressing an opinion on a television programme, relate news from their weekend			The same of the sa				
	Participate in practical, formal and informal communications, e.g. on interview or a parent teacher meeting, on interview with terest related top chotting while out with friends, making announcements on the school intercom	ics,			The second second	The state of the s		
1.6	Listen to and respond to a range of stories							
5 FOR	Develop spatial awareness Develop spatial awareness Use data for a range of different purposes Use data for a range of shapes Identify a range of shapes	Numeraco		L2LL ASS	Ps TI ESSI ECKI	EACHE MENT LIST	Junior Cycle for teach	ners
ness of h	S22 S23	Mum	WWW JCT-IX				P_{reparir}	
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Providing Effective Feedback following Assessment



Descriptor Awarded



Areas for improvement



Strengths of the students work

Reporting in Junior Cycle



Reporting in junior cycle will take various forms which may include informal oral feedback, parent teacher meetings, learning logs and diaries as well as formal end of term and end of topic/unit written reports. In whichever form is used, effective reporting is an important part of the assessment process as it can provide rich feedback to support student learning.

NCCA -Guiding Principles of Reporting in Junior Cycle



Encourage authentic engagement with parents

Provide opportunities for students through feedback to reflect on their learning

Value the professional judgements of teachers

Use the language of learning to provide effective feedback

Be manageable and not take time away from learning and teaching

Clearly communicate students' progress in learning

Provide information on a broad range of achievement

Be sensitive to the self-esteem and general wellbeing of students and take an inclusive approach



Final Reporting Summary





Students Engaging with L1LPs & L2LPs should experience all learning outcomes in each PLU and short course they are engaging in.

For JCPA PLU accreditation at **Level 1**

Majority of the learning outcomes (minimum of 50% +1) across a PLU must be evidenced

For JCPA PLU accreditation at **level 2**

Majority of the learning outcomes (minimum of 50% +1) across every element in every PLU must be evidenced

For JCPA short course accreditation at Level 1

Using the short course assessment guidelines & the FOQ student is awarded the descriptor 'Progress Achieved' or 'successfully completed'

For JCPA short course accreditation at **level 2**

Using the short course assessment guidelines and the FOQ student is awarded the descriptor 'Achieved'

Students **Engaging with** L1LPs & L2LPs should have all areas of learning recognised on the JCPA including Subjects, subject CBAs, Wellbeing and other areas of learning.

Registering and Recording results for the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement



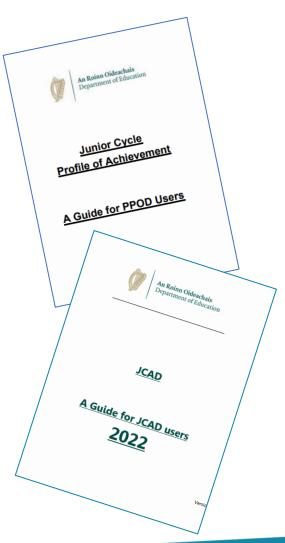
All students
following
L1LPs and
L2LPs in
mainstream
schools are
registered
on P-POD

If the student is engaging in L2LPs and any junior cycle level 3 SEC exam

If the student is engaging in L1LPs & L2LPs PLUs and Short courses only

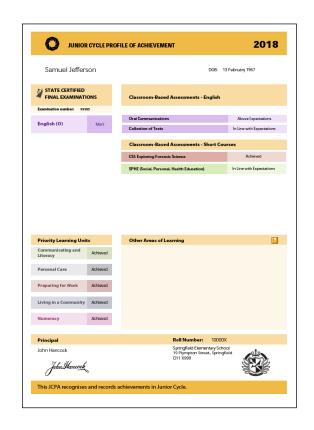
JCPA will be generated on P-POD

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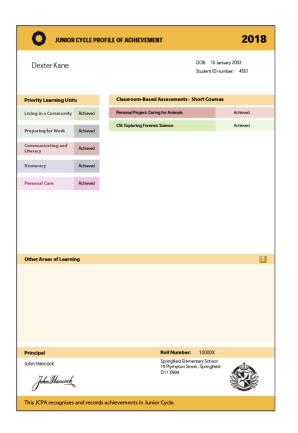


Final Reporting JCPAs







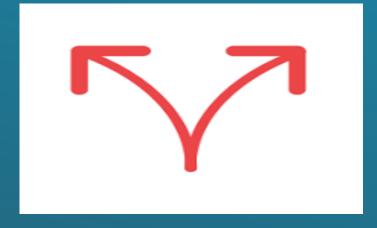




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Consider how best to support assessment at Levels 1 & 2 in your school?



Review your current assessment practices and consider areas for improvement

Where to next?











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