

Research Study on Leaving Certificate 2021 Accredited Grades

Plain Language Statement

Title of the Study

Leaving Certificate 2021 Accredited Grades: Teachers' Experiences and Reflections on Assessment

What is this survey about?

This survey is designed to capture post primary teachers' reflections on their experiences of estimating marks for their students as part of the LC2021 Accredited Grades process in schools. The survey also focuses on teachers' reflections on the role they play in assessment.

Who are the people conducting the research?

The research is being conducted at Dublin City University by Dr. Audrey Doyle and Dr. Zita Lysaght from the Institute of Education and by Prof. Michael O'Leary, Director of the Centre for Assessment Research, Policy and Practice in Education (CARPE). Please contact michael.oleary (01-7009243) if you need further information about the study.

What does participation in the study involve?

Participation in this study involves responding online to a set of mainly multiple choice type questions and should take no more than 40 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary and does not involve any risk to participants. Participants can withdraw from the study at any point up to when they submit their data (once submitted, data are untraceable and cannot be withdrawn).

Benefits of participation

Should you decide to participate in this research study, you will have an opportunity to contribute to a better understanding of teachers' experiences with the Accredited Grades process in 2021 and the role they may play in assessment at Senior Cycle in the future.

How will my data be stored?

Your data will be stored securely using passwords for the survey software and will not be accessed by anyone outside of the research team (subject to legal limitations). Your data will be anonymised and protected in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – 2016/679 and will be stored for 3 years after completion of the research in accordance with the Data Protection Act, 1998. Any individual wishing to exercise their Data Subject Rights should contact the DCU Data Protection Officer at data.protection@dcu.ie.

How will my data be used?

Your data will be anonymised and, in aggregate with data from other study participants, used in the writing of academic papers for publication in scientific journals and for presentations at academic conferences. A report on the study will be publicly available on the CARPE/DCU website at in the Spring of 2022 (see <https://www.dcu.ie/carpe>).

Independent contact

If you wish to liaise with an independent person about this study, please contact: The Secretary, Dublin City University Research Ethics Committee, Dublin 9 or email rec@dcu.ie