

**To Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of VECs
and
Boards of Management/Authorities of Voluntary Secondary Schools and
Community and Comprehensive Schools**

**Request for submissions for additional Post Leaving Certificate (PLC)
places**

As part of the recently announced Government's Job Initiative, provision has been made to increase the number of approved Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) places by 1,000 for the 2011/2012 academic year.

VECs, voluntary secondary and community and comprehensive schools are hereby invited to forward submissions applying for additional approved places for the 2011/2012 academic year. Submissions should:

- Identify the number of additional places sought and the courses to which the additional places would be allocated;
- Meet the requirements of the Post Leaving Certificate Programme 2011/2012 Conditions of Approval;
- Have regard to the National Skills Strategy;
- Have regard to the progression opportunities (employment, further education, higher education) that successful completion of the course will provide to participants.

**Providers should note that these places are specifically targeted at the
unemployed.**

All applications will be dealt with equitably and on their own merits. In considering applications, the Department will also have regard to the following factors:

- Current and previous demand from individual providers
- Current and previous uptake (enrolment trends)
- Current allocations to individual providers
- The overall number of places available

**Applications should be sent by e-mail only to plc@education.gov.ie
by 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 May 2011.**

**Any queries should be addressed by e-mail to plc@education.gov.ie
or by telephone to 090 648 4258/090 648 4257.**

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