

End of Course Exam Entry Policy

All non-EEA students studying on courses of 25 weeks or more which appear on the Interim List of Eligible Programmes are required to do an external examination at the end of their course. Although Louth English offer and administrate these end-of-programme exit exams to all non-EEA students, all exams are run by an external examiner approved by the Department of Justice and Equality Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service and grades are authenticated by the approved external examiner.

All non-EEA students enrolled on our Full Time English programmes at Louth English pay an Examination Registration fee of €180. This is automatically added to your invoice and must be paid in full, in advance, together with your tuition fees.

This examination registration fee covers the following exams: Trinity ISE - all levels.

Prior to arrival you will be asked to take an online level test. The results of this combined with an in-person speaking test and needs analysis will confirm your entry level for the programme. This will be confirmed to you on your first day of school by our Academic staff, who will also advise you on the best external exit exam for your level and requirements. You must decide which exam you will take by the end of your first week.

Once you have chosen your exit examination you will be required to sign an agreement with Louth English to confirm your entry and exit level and chosen exam. A copy of this agreement will be held by Louth English and can be inspected at any time by the Garda National Immigration Bureau.

Our Director of Studies will register you for your exam and pay your fee on your behalf. You can contact the Director of Studies via email at info@louthenglish.ie.

8 weeks prior to the exam date, your teacher will discuss your level and which exit examination level you should sit. For example, if you have progressed very quickly from your Entry Level and you are capable of doing an examination at a higher exit level, you will be advised accordingly.

The result of the exit exam will be recorded on your file and on a separate External Examination Excel Sheet, held by the Academic Department. Under your visa conditions, Louth English may share the result of your External Examination with Louth English staff, the Garda National Immigration Bureau and with Inspectors from INIS/QQI.