

Ireland's State Examinations Commission Funds AI-Assisted Marking Research and Tightens Leaving Cert AI-Integrity Rules

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Facing rising coursework weight and undetectable generative-AI misuse, Ireland's exams body tendered a €100,000, one-year contract (2025) to research AI-assisted marking and AI-use detection, plus new rules forfeiting marks for undeclared AI-generated coursework.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	3/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[State Examinations Commission \(SEC\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[The Irish Times: State Examinations Commission explores use of AI to mark Leaving Cert](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

[TheJournal.ie: Leaving Cert examiners offer €100,000 contract to research how AI can be used to correct papers](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

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