

New cert courses for RTC

THE National Council for Education Awards has approved two new National Certificate courses at Limerick RTC.

They are in automotive technology and manufacturing engineering.

Referring to the certificate course in automobile technology, a spokesman for the National Council for Academic Awards said: "Basically, we are responding to the needs of the automobile industry

"This course is being offered at National

Certificate level."

A statement from the council points out: "Automobile technology is becoming increasingly complex.

"The equipment being used in large garages for the repair and maintenance of cars — and heavy goods vehicles — requires highly skilled manpower.

"The new course will address those needs."

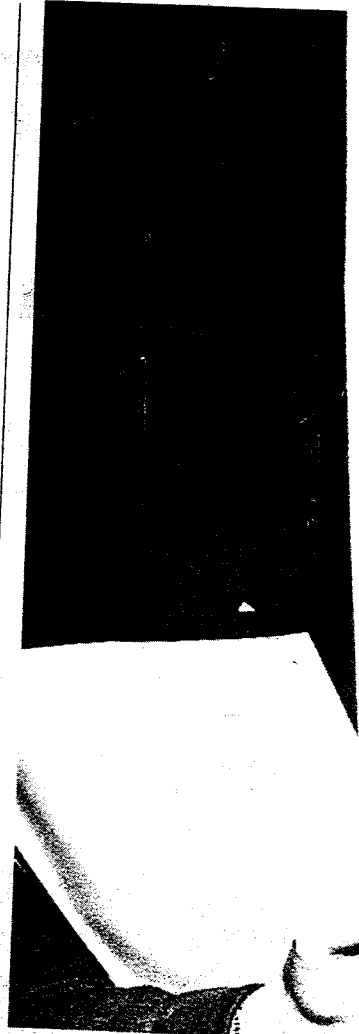
The spokesman told the Limerick Leader that it was now a matter for Limerick's RTC to seek approval and resourcing from the Department of Education for the two new Certificate

courses for the coming academic year.

The National Council for Educational Awards, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, is the national authority for validating and awarding certificate, diploma and degree courses in the extra-university third level sector.

There are 42 NCEA-designated colleges in the country, including the RTC's, the DIT, the Garda and Military Colleges, the IML, the IPA, the major religious seminaries and other private colleges.

To date, it has awarded 124,000 parchments.



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Homeless man gets suspended sentence

A HOMELESS young man who was found by Gardai in a house in Castletroy told Limerick District Court that he knew nothing about the disappearance of a valuable watch.

Gerard Manning, Cartionfree, Kilcogy, County Cavan, was before the court on charges of trespassing at 424 Alder Close, Elm Park, Castletroy, on the night of January 29.

He was also charged with criminal damage to a window and door and with stealing £11 and two watches — one watch was valued at £40 and the other at £300.

The court was told that the most valuable watch — used as a heart monitor — was still missing.

Solicitor, Ted McCarthy told Judge Murrough Connellan that Mr

Manning was an 18-year-old man who came to Limerick to work with a friend and hoped to become a jockey. He was unable to secure a job here and had to find a place to stay and was caught in a house with another man, who had absconded, he said.

"Mr Manning has no knowledge of the missing watch," said McCarthy. "He has broken his

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