

6th Year Parents' CAO 2024 Information Talk

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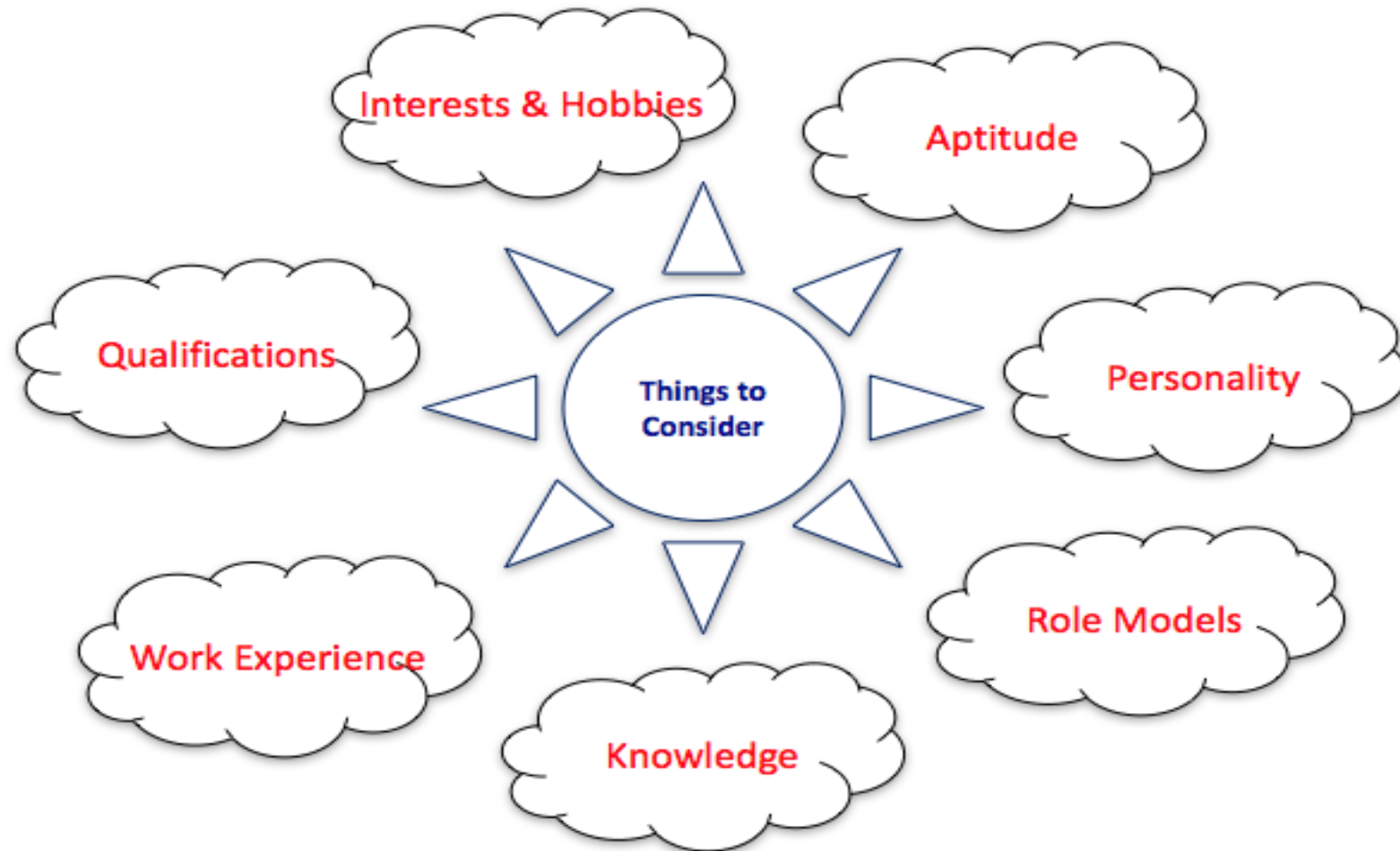
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Decision Making



The National Framework of Qualifications



Your role as a parent/guardian

Help your child to research their courses



Encourage your child to apply early



Make sure your child lists their courses in Genuine order of preference



Watch out for important deadlines



Remind your child to review all CAO correspondence carefully



Return offer acceptance notices on time



Helping your child to choose their higher education courses

- Courses are listed in the HEI prospectuses, the CAO Handbook and can also be searched for using the 'Courses' facility at www.cao.ie
- Make sure to check for minimum entry requirements.
- Watch out for restrictions – [see page 3](#) of the CAO Handbook.
- Talk to family members and friends, especially those who have attended the institution or who have studied the course of interest.
- **Research course content, number of contact hours, assessment etc. on college website.**
- Consider the financial implications - the cost of accommodation, food, and travel expenses for every year of study



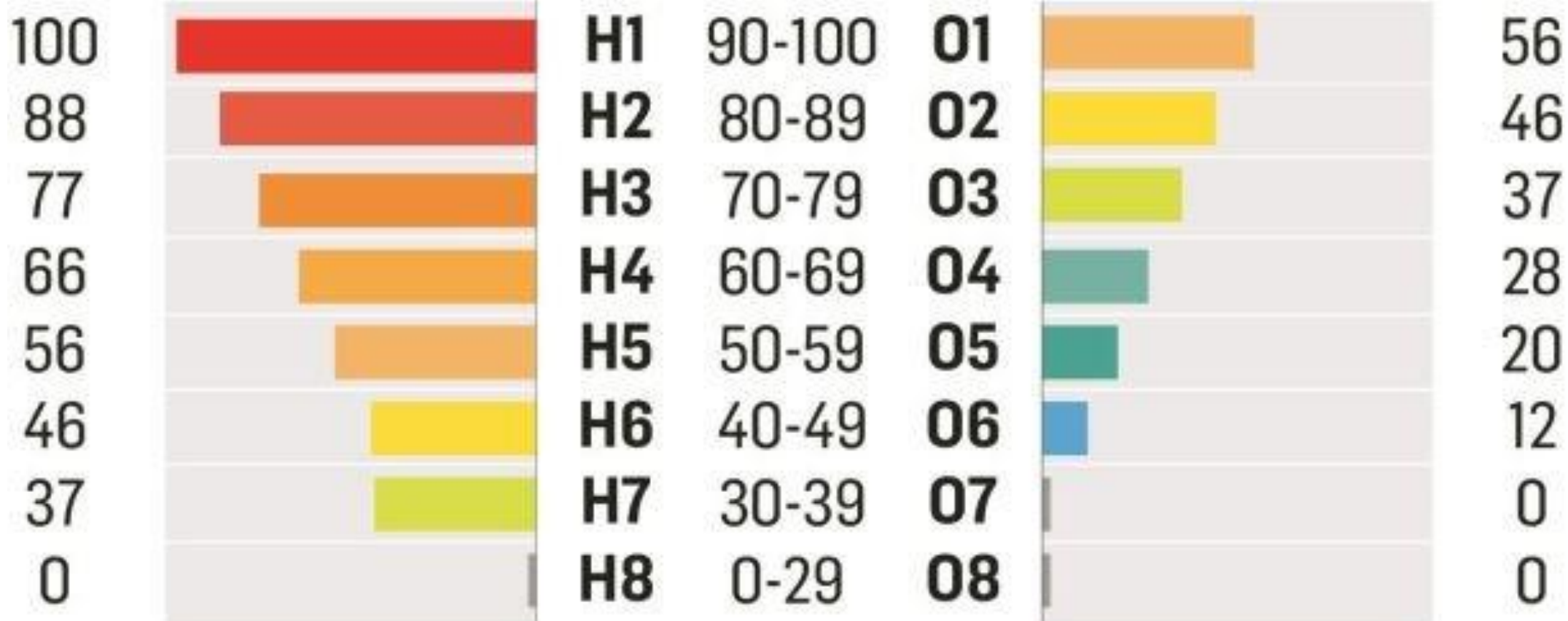

Points

Higher

Your % marks

Ordinary


Points




+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules

 Distinction 66

 Merit 46

 Pass 28

What is required to get a College Place

What You Need For Third Level

College Requirements

Faculty Requirements

Points

College Requirements are
Level 8 = 2 H5 & 4 O6's.
(Trinity = 3 H5's & 3 O6's)
Level 7 = 5 O6's minimum

Faculty Requirements

E.g.

- Primary Teaching need H4 in Irish
- Level 8 Engineering need H4 in Maths
- A science subject for Science/nursing
- Chemistry for Human Nutrition in TUD or Veterinary Medicine UCD

Important application deadlines

Date	Deadline
Early November	Online application facility opens
Apply by 20 January 5:15 PM	Discounted online application fee deadline – €30 fee
Apply between 21 January and 1 February 5.15PM	Normal closing date for online and paper applications - €45 fee
Change of Mind Facility between 5 May and 1 July	No fee

Restrictions- cannot be added after February 1st

RESTRICTED COURSES

Restricted courses are those that have an audition, interview or portfolio component- mainly in art, design, music or drama.

Interviews/auditions take place in April time

These points are added to CAO points

E.g. Graphic Design NCAD- #694

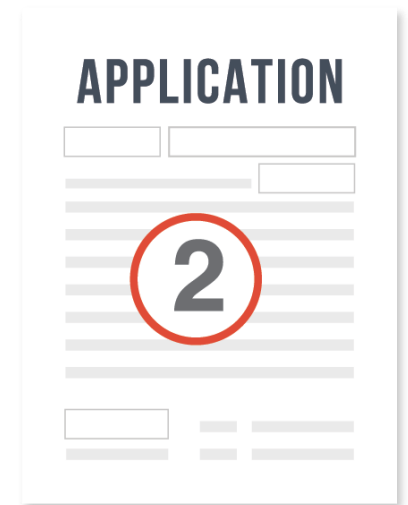
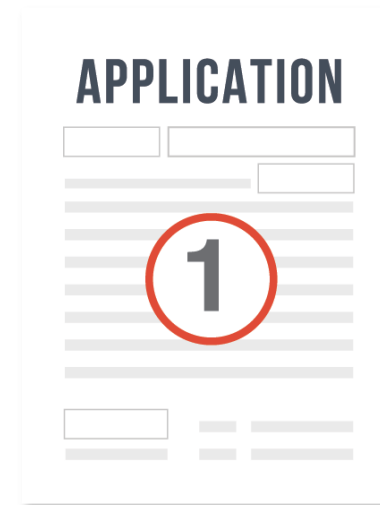
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DARE DISABILITIES/SLD

Applications must be made by 1 February at 5:15 PM. Consult CAO Handbook for full details.

THE CAO - 2 Applications in 1

- There are two course choice lists (Level 8 and Level 7/6) and applicants may make up to 10 course choices on each list.
- Your choices on one list do not in any way affect your choices on the other list. They may be considered two separate applications on one form.
- It is possible to receive an offer on both lists. You may then decide to accept either your Level 7/6 or your Level 8 offer.
- Alternatively, you might not wish to accept either offer.

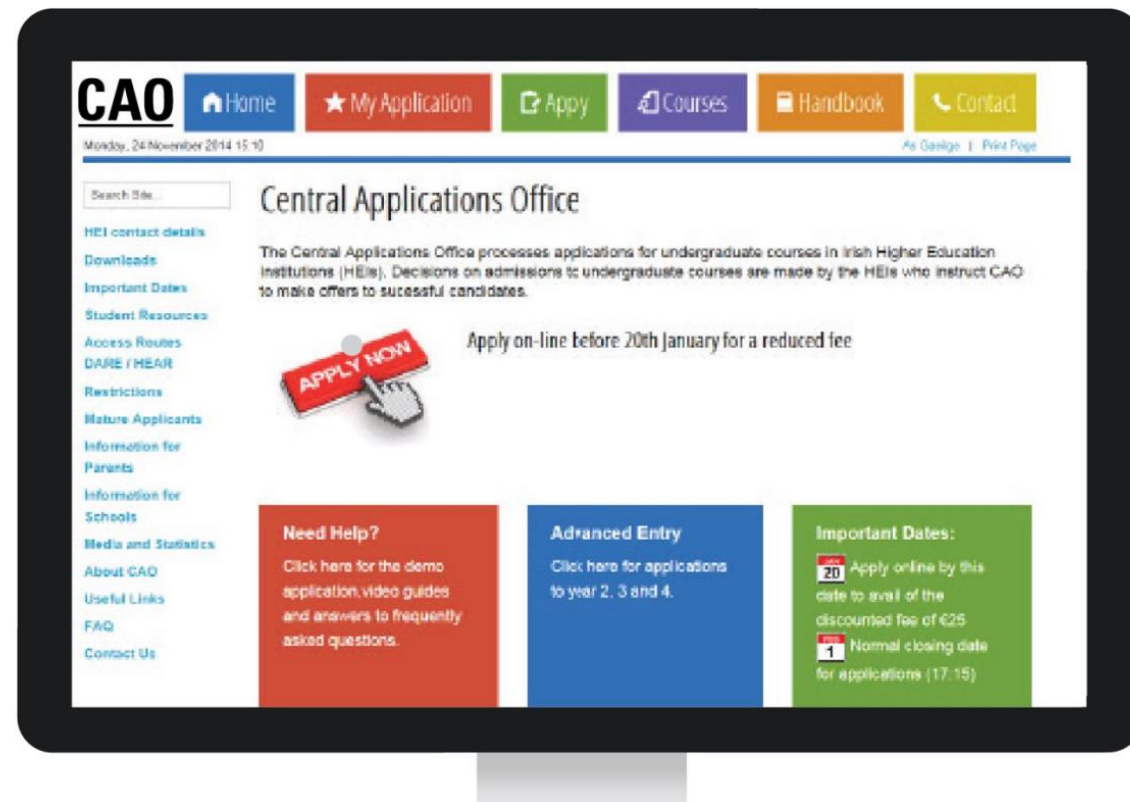


Making an application

Applicants apply online at
www.cao.ie/apply

Carefully enter details such as your name, address, date of birth, schools attended, examination information, etc.

Make sure you inform CAO about all relevant qualifications and exemptions – select the relevant section(s) on the application form.



CAO Application Number

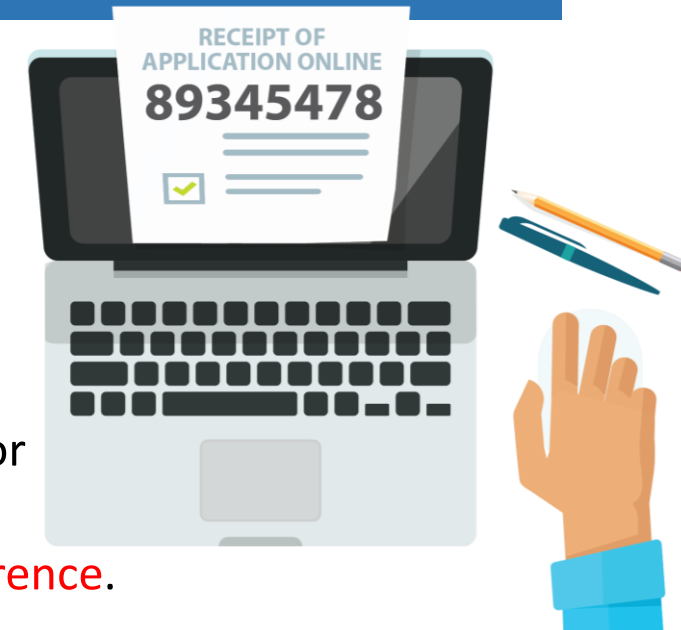
- **When you apply online your application number will appear on screen. You will also receive an email containing your CAO application number and an email verification code.**
- **Your application number is private, and it will be used in every correspondence between you and the CAO for the rest of the year.**
- **You will require your CAO application number, date of birth and password when you log in to your account via the 'My Application' facility to update your application.**



Completing the application form

Use the Demo Application facility in the Student Resources section of the website to become more familiar with the process before starting an application.

- Apply online via www.cao.ie
- Enter personal details carefully, particularly **date of birth** and **email address**.
- Once registered on the system, applicants will receive an **application number** which must be kept safe. This number will be needed for all future correspondence with CAO.
- Applicants should check emails regularly for correspondence from CAO and/or the HEIs.
- Applicants must remember to place course choices in **genuine order of preference**.



Important correspondence from CAO

- All correspondence from CAO should be treated as **extremely important** and checked carefully to make sure that the information held on file by CAO is correct.
- When your child applies online their first correspondence with CAO will be in the form of an automated email which will contain your child's application number and a verification code.
- Before the end of May, all applicants will receive a **Statement of Application Record** in the post. This is an extremely important document and must be carefully reviewed and any errors or omissions must be noted on this form and returned to CAO immediately.
- At the offers stage your child will either receive an Offer or another Statement of Application Record (by email).
- If they receive a Statement of Application Record this is because they have not been deemed eligible for an offer in this round. You must ensure that your child checks that all of the information that CAO currently holds on file is correct, including their examination details.



Statement of Application

**If you do not
receive a
Statement by**



**contact CAO
immediately.**

Before the end of May you will be sent a Statement of Application Record. The purpose of this e-mail is to instruct you to log in and verify that all of your information has been recorded completely and correctly on your CAO account. There may be very serious consequences for your application if you do not follow these instructions immediately.

Check the following carefully, and if there is any error or omission amend the Statement and return it to CAO.

Are your exam numbers correct? (do not assume that they are)

Are all exams mentioned?

Are all exemptions listed?

Are all the courses shown and in the correct order?

Making amendments to a CAO application

Date	Deadline
Early November - 1st February	Change of Course Choices facility available online (FREE)
Early February - 1st March 5:15 PM	Online facility to amend course choices available (FEE: €10)
Early May – 1st July 5:15 PM	Change of Mind facility available (FREE)

- It is important to note that there are restrictions on introducing courses using the Change of Mind facility - page 3 of the CAO Handbook outlines these restrictions
- There are a number of deadlines that must be noted when your child is making amendments to their CAO application. Changes to some personal information cannot be carried out online (e.g. name or date of birth) and your child will have to post the amendment with their CAO application number to CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway (please obtain and keep a certificate of postage).



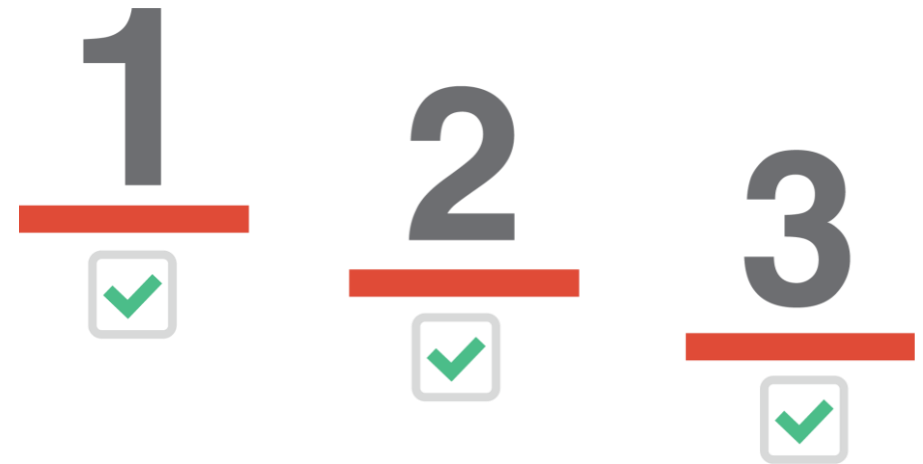
The offers stage

- There are three main rounds of offers: **Round A, Round Zero, and Round One**.
- If your child is applying on the basis of school leaving examination results, regardless of the year completed, they may receive an offer in **Round One**.
- Round One offers will be issued as soon as possible after the Leaving Certificate results become available.
- After Round One offers have been accepted, CAO then issues Round Two offers for remaining places.
- Subsequent offers are issued by CAO as necessary until October to fill any vacancies that may arise.



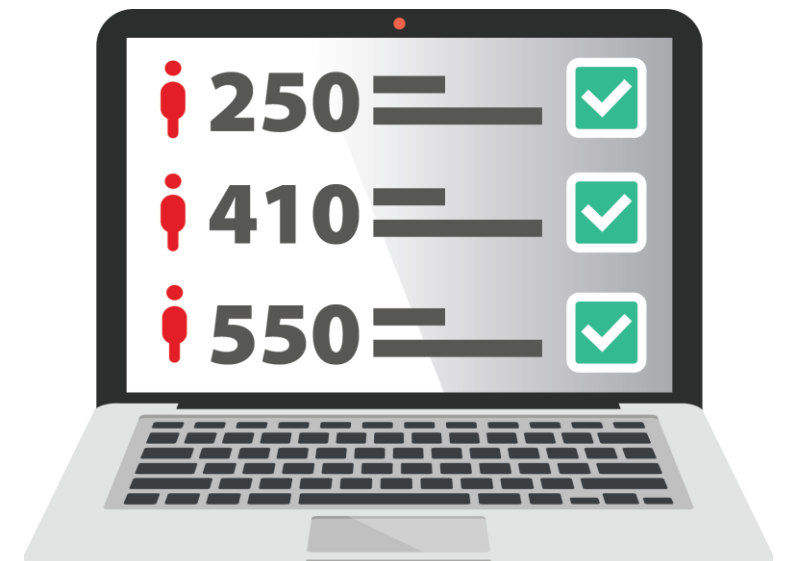
How offers are issued

- After the release of the Leaving Certificate results, the examination results are input into the CAO computer and for each course that your child applied for the CAO will first check that they meet the minimum entry requirements.
- If your child meets the eligibility criteria for the course(s) that they have applied for, the system then calculates a points score.



How offers are issued

- Your child will then be placed on a list in **order of merit** for each course that they are eligible for e.g. if your child has the highest points score she goes to the top of the list and the child with the second-highest points score goes second on the list, and so on.
- The HEI then instructs CAO on how many offers to make for each course. If your child was in 20th position for a chosen course, and the institution instructs CAO to offer 25 places, then your child will receive an offer of a place on that course (unless they have received an offer of a course higher up on their preference list). The points score of the applicant in 25th place will be published as the cut-off points for that course in that round.






Sample CAO Application – Course Lists

	LEVEL 8		LEVEL 7/6	
1-3 DREAM	1	MI008 (552)	1	BN030 (230)
	2	MI005 (466)	2	DT315 (350)
	3	DC002 (462)	3	DT303 (330)
4-7 REALISTIC	4	CM001 (451)	4	DT360 (300)
	5	MH001 (485)	5	DL701 (200)
	6	DC203 (444)	6	TA111 (185)
	7	GY109 (403)	7	TA113 (175)
8-10 BACKUP	8	DC204 (487)	8	TA114 (170)
	9	DN500 (326)	9	TA103 (175)
	10	DT572 (380)	10	BN014 (185)

- Courses are ranked in genuine order of preference
- Example 1: the student scores a total of 550 points in her Leaving Certificate
- Example 2: the student scores a total of 330 points in her Leaving Certificate

ROUND ONE

CAO Computer	Course	College Requirements	Faculty Requirements	Points Requirements	Criteria Met	Offers
	Course 1	C				
	Course 2	C	F	P	★	OFFER 2
	Course 3	C	F			
	Course 4	C	F			
	Course 5	C	F	P	★	OFFER 1
	Course 6	C	F	P	★	
	Course 7	C	F			
	Course 8	C				
	Course 9		F			
	Course 10	C	F			

Deleted

Courses Below Offer Are Deleted From CAO Computer

Accepting an offer

- If your child decides to accept an offer, they can accept the offer online up to the reply date.
- If they receive an offer from both lists they must choose between them; they can only accept one offer from either their Level 8 or their Level 7/6 list.



Accepting an offer in Round One does not mean that your child will be prevented from receiving an offer of a higher preference course in subsequent offer rounds. Should a place become available in a later round, and if your child is entitled to this place, they may receive an offer which they can choose to accept or ignore. Accepting the new offer will automatically cancel the previous acceptance.

What steps can I take if I don't receive an offer

- **Check is there a mistake- is the exam number entered correctly? Did you meet the point requirements, the college requirements and the Faculty requirements?**
- **If not, consider- The Available places facility. In August, any places that are not filled are listed on the CAO website under 'Available Places'. If you meet the minimum entry requirements, you can add this course to your CAO at this stage and be offered in the next offer round.**
- **Recheck your results and appeal if relevant and you may receive an offer in a later round**
- **Would you consider a PLC course which would then link to a Level 7 or 8 course?**
- **Would you repeat the Leaving Cert? Or repeat a particular subject if its an issue with a faculty entry requirement?**

Deferring a place

- If your child decides to defer an offer of a place they must write or e-mail immediately to the Admissions Office of the appropriate HEI.
- They must give their name as it appears on their CAO application, quote their CAO application number and the course code of the offer they wish to defer, and set out the reason(s) for the request. They must mark “**DEFERRED ENTRY**” in the Subject Line of their e-mail.
- The e-mail must arrive in the Admissions Office at least two days before the “**Reply Date**” shown on the Offer Notice.
- The HEI will communicate their decision to your child. If the deferral is not granted, your child may then accept the offer for the current year providing they record the acceptance by the reply date.

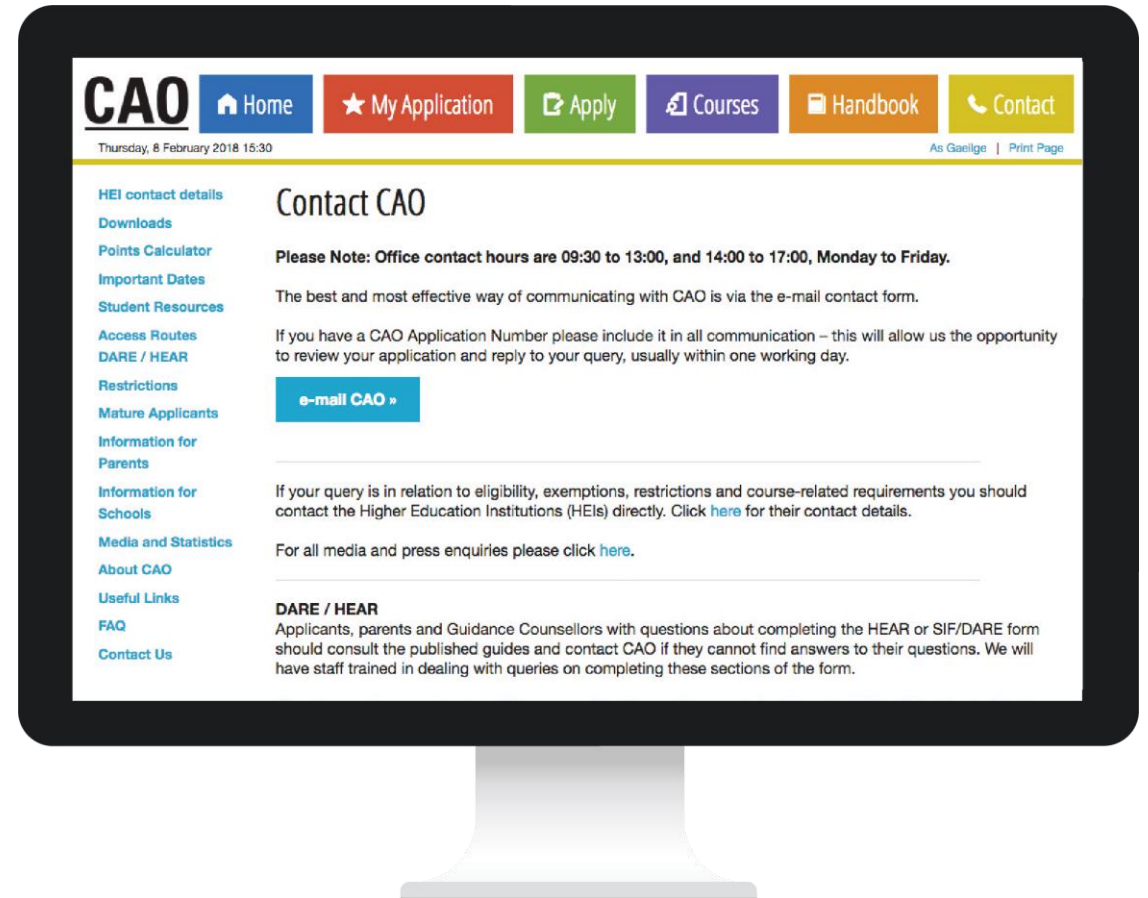
The recheck process

- If your child has requested to have some of their Leaving Certificate examinations rechecked, and if the recheck discovers that your child deserved a higher mark and thus obtains a higher points score, their position on the Order of Merit list will be altered to reflect their new points score.
- The decision to offer a place to a recheck applicant is made by the HEI in question and not the CAO.



Communicating with CAO

- If you do not have your child's application number CAO cannot communicate any information about your child's application to you.
- The best method of communication for you or your child is via the CAO website www.cao.ie.
- Using the online '**Contact**' facility and quoting the application number will allow CAO time to review your child's file and revert with an answer to the query in writing within one working day



Useful resources

Please visit www.cao.ie and click on the 'Information for Parents' page to view some of the useful resources available, including:

- The Demo Application Facility

- Video Guides

- A guide to the CAO for parents and guardians

- Timetable of Events

- The CAO Handbook

- HEI Alert Lists

Irish / Modern Language Exemptions

- If your son is not sitting Irish and/or a Third Language for her Leaving Certificate because he has an exemption she must make a supplementary exemption application.
- If he is applying to any of the **NUI colleges** (UCD, UCC, NUI Galway, Maynooth, RCSI, NCAD etc.) and not presenting Irish and/or another language. See further information at www.nui.ie and download and complete the relevant application form.
- If he is applying to **Trinity College Dublin** and is not presenting any language. See further information at <https://www.tcd.ie/study/assets/PDF/tcd-language-waiver-application-form.pdf> and download and complete the relevant application form.
- If he is applying to the **University of Limerick** and is not presenting any language. See further information at <https://ulsites.ul.ie/admissions/ul-language-exemption> and download and complete the relevant application form.

Places in Medicine

- Medicine is a Restricted entry course.
- To be eligible a student must have the following:

Min. subject entry requirements + Min. 480 LC points + HPAT score.

After 550 points, every 5 points = 1 point with a maximum points allocation of 565 for LC
- Students can register for the HPAT test online at www.hpat-ireland.acer.edu.au when they have acquired their CAO number.
- Registration deadline is 19th of January, 5.15pm and the fee is €156.80
- The HPAT test must be sat in the same year that the applicant wishes to apply to study Medicine.

The DARE & HEAR Schemes



Participating Colleges

- St. Angela's College, Sligo.
- Letterkenny Institute of Technology
- TUS Sligo

- Technological University of Shannon (athlone)

- Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- NUI Galway

- Mary Immaculate College
- University of Limerick
- TUS Limerick

SETU (Carlow)

South East Technological University (Waterford)

- Munster Technological University, Tralee

- Dundalk Institute of Technology

- Maynooth University
- Pontifical University

- Dublin City University
- Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dún Laoghaire
- Marino Institute of Education
- National College of Ireland
- RCSI
- Trinity College, Dublin
- TU Dublin – City Campus
- TU Dublin – Blanchardstown Campus
- TU Dublin – Tallaght Campus
- University College Dublin

- Munster Technological University, Cork
- University College Cork

What is DARE?

The **Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)** is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school-leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education.

DARE offers reduced points places to school leavers who as a result of having a disability have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education.

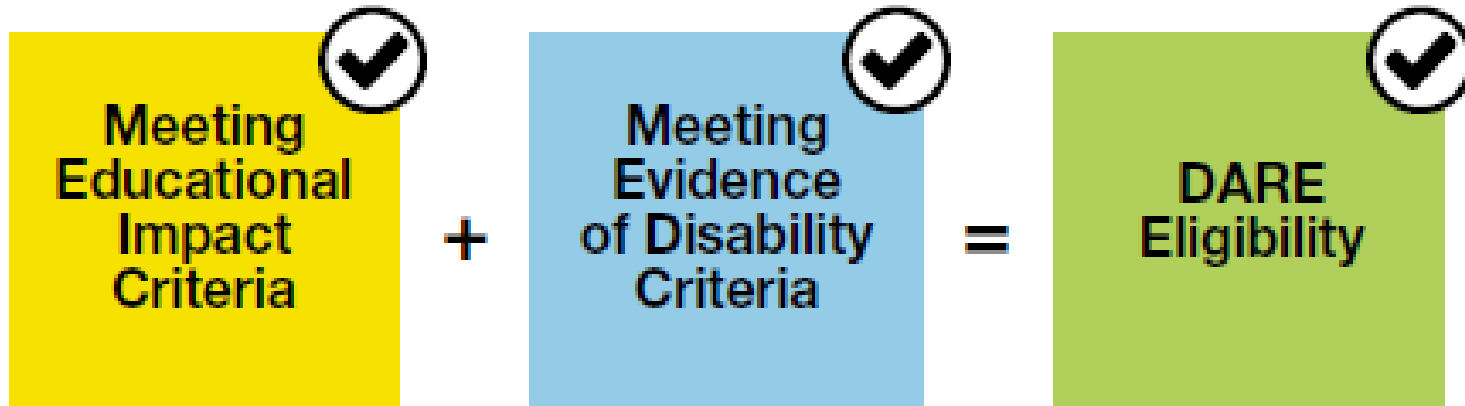
Should I apply?

- If your disability has had a negative impact on your educational performance in school.
- You may not be able to meet the points for your preferred course due to the impact of your disability.
- You are under 23 years of age as at **1 January 2025**.

Disabilities eligible for consideration

- Autistic Spectrum Disorders (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- ADD / ADHD
- Blind / Vision Impaired
- Deaf / Hard of Hearing
- DCD – Dyspraxia
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (Incl. Brain Injury & Epilepsy)
- Speech & Language Communication Disorder
- Significant Ongoing Illness
- Physical Disability
- Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia & Dyscalculia)

DARE Eligibility Criteria



- To be eligible for DARE you must meet **both** the DARE **educational impact** criteria and **DARE evidence of disability criteria**.

Applicants must provide the required evidence of their disability and provide an Educational Impact Statement from their school to be considered for DARE.

Benefits of DARE

Reduced Points

- An example: If the Leaving Certificate points for a course are 366 points, an eligible DARE applicant could be offered a place with a lower points score e.g. 356 points.
- Applicants need to **meet entry** and **programme requirements** to be **considered for a DARE reduced points offer**.
- The amount of points a particular course is reduced by is dependent on:
 - The overall number of places on the course
 - The number of reserved DARE places on the course
 - The number of DARE eligible applicants competing for these reserved places.
- The reduction in points for DARE places can vary every year.

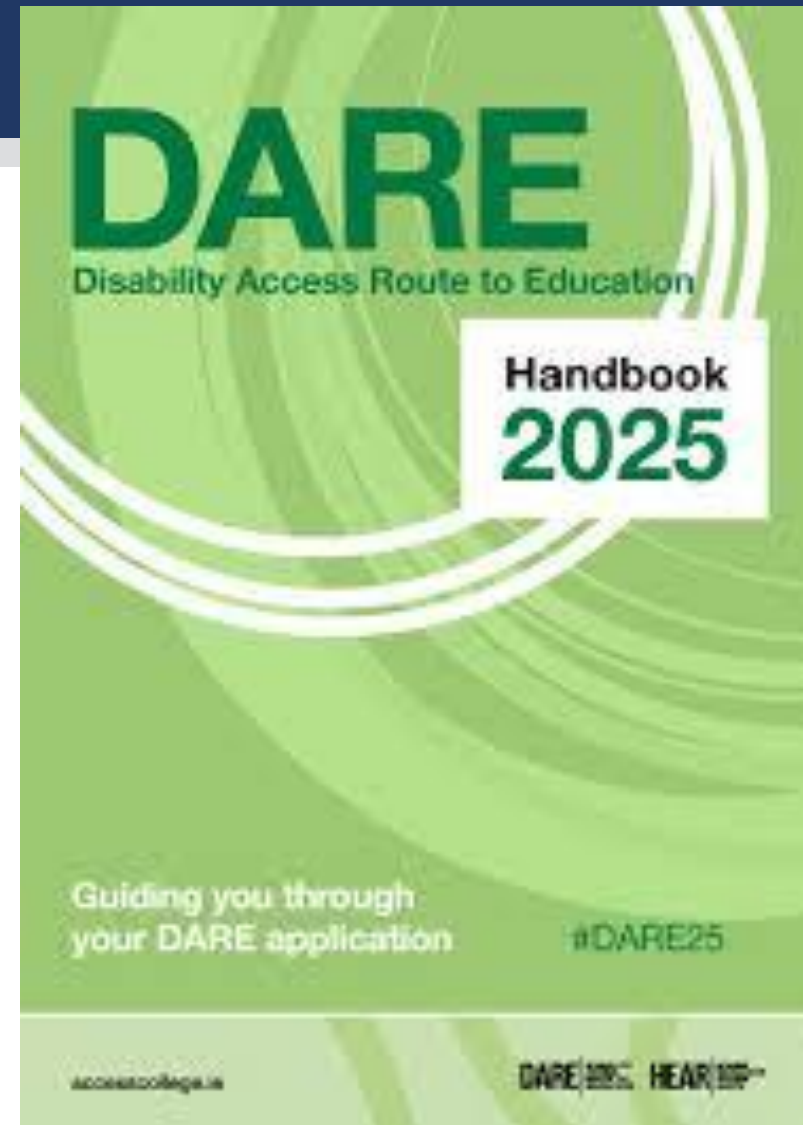
Benefits of DARE

- Orientation Programmes
- Learning Support
- Assistive Technology
- Library Support
- Exam Accommodations
- Educational Support Worker
- Academic Tuition

- You don't have to be eligible for DARE to get support in college.
- A needs assessment is conducted to identify your specific support requirements.

How do I apply?

1. Apply to CAO at www.cao.ie by **1 February 2025**.
2. Review your DARE Handbook with your parents or guardians.
3. Complete Section A of the Supplementary Info Form and apply to DARE by answering **Yes** to **Question 1** by **1 March 2025**.
4. You should start gathering your documentation in a timely fashion, i.e. before 1 March.
5. Submit the Educational Impact Statement and Evidence of Disability to CAO by **15 March 2025**.



Sec A:- Supplementary Information Form

Section A: Applicant Information

- Completed by you by **17:15** on **1 March 2025**.
- Answer **Yes to Q1** to apply to DARE and fully complete Questions 1-5. **OR**
 - Answer Yes to Q1(b) to apply to carry forward your DARE eligibility.

Section B: Educational Impact Statement

- School Statement completed by your school.
- Send to CAO by **15 March 2025**.

Section C: Evidence of a Disability

- Completed by the appropriate professional.
- Send to CAO by **15 March 2025**.

Section B: Educational Impact Statement

This form needs to be completed by either your:

- Guidance Counsellor
 - Learning Support Teacher
 - Year Head
 - Visiting Teacher or
 - Principal/Deputy Principal
- The form **MUST BE** signed and stamped by school Principal/Deputy Principal.
 - You must return to the CAO by **15 March 2025**.

Educational Impact

Has your disability impacted on a combination of the following?

1. Have you received **intervention or supports** in post-primary school?
2. Has it **impacted on your attendance** or regularly disrupted your school day?
3. Has it affected your **school experience and well-being**?
4. Has it impacted on **your learning or exam results**?
5. Has it caused any **other educational impact**?
6. Required for applicants with a Specific Learning Difficulty: is it severely impacting on your **literacy or numeracy skills**?

Section C: Evidence of Disability

Provides verification of your disability and helps to determine 3rd level supports.

- You can provide an **existing report** **OR**
- Complete Section C **Evidence of Disability Form 2025**.

Get the form **completed, signed** and **stamped** by the **appropriate professional** or accompanied by their **business card** or **headed paper**.

Applicants with a specific learning difficulty are asked to provide a full psychological assessment of any age completed by an appropriately qualified psychologist instead of the Section C Evidence of Disability form.

GP Verification

Your GP may be in a position to complete Section C Evidence of Disability, if they have the appropriate information on file from the Consultant/Specialist.

Section C: Evidence of Disability

Age of Reports

It is important to note that applicants applying under the following disability categories must **provide a report that is less than 3 years old**, i.e. dated after **1 February 2022**.

- ADD / ADHD
- Mental Health Condition
- Significant Ongoing Illness

Section C: Evidence of Disability

Psychological Assessment

Applicants with a

- **Specific Learning Difficulty** (including dyslexia and dyscalculia) must provide a full **Psychological Assessment Report of any age** completed by a psychologist

AND

MUST also have two literacy or two numeracy attainment scores at or below the 10th percentile (Standard Score of 81 or below).

These attainment scores can be from one (or a combination) of the following sources:

- 1) Scores from school-based attainment testing
- 2) Scores from attainment tests carried out by a psychologist.

Testing must have been carried out after **1 February 2022** and all applicants must submit an EIS completed by their school.

Helpful Tips

- Study the DARE Handbook carefully.
- Select **Yes to Question 1 on the SIF.**
- Ensure you speak to your Guidance Counsellor early about the Educational Impact Statement.
 - Request the required supporting documentation early.
 - Send good quality copies of all pages of the correct documents.
 - Submit all supporting documents requested.
- Keep proof of postage.

What is HEAR?

The **Higher Education Access Route** is an admissions route for school leavers who for **social, financial or cultural** reasons are **under-represented** in **third level education**.

It was set up to ensure that all Leaving Certificate students have a fair and equal opportunity to progress to third level education.

Why apply to HEAR?

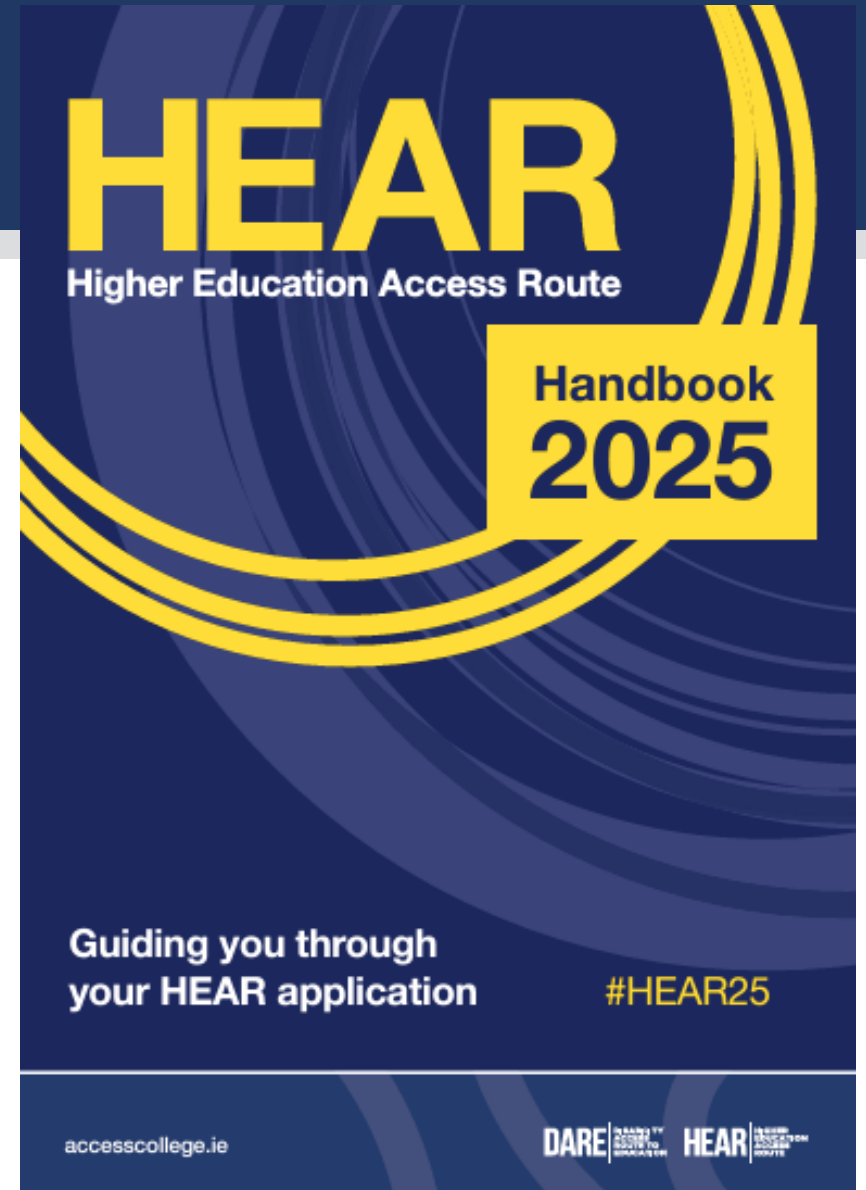
- **Reduced points CAO offers** in the participating colleges provided you meet the minimum entry requirements.
- **Post-entry supports** such as financial, academic, social and personal.

Should I apply?

1. Was your household income on or below €45,790 in 2023?
2. Do you or your family have a **Medical Card/GP Visit Card**?
3. Did your parents/guardians receive a **means-tested social welfare** payment for at least 26 weeks in 2023?
4. Is your parents' or guardians' **employment status under-represented** in Higher Education?
5. Have you attended a **DEIS** second level school for five years?
6. Do you live in an **area** of concentrated disadvantage?

How do I apply?

1. Apply to CAO at www.cao.ie by **1 February 2025**.
2. Review your HEAR Handbook with your parents or guardians.
3. Complete all elements of the online HEAR application form by **17:15** on **1 March 2025**.
4. Submit clear copies of supporting documents requested on your checklist to CAO by **15 March 2025**.



How do I know what documents I need?

1. When you fill in your online HEAR application you will receive a **checklist** at the end. This is based on the information you provided.
2. The **checklist** tells you what **documents** you need to fully complete your HEAR application.
3. You should start gathering your documentation in a timely fashion, i.e. **before 15 February.**
4. Send in **all** documents on checklist to make a complete application before **15 March 2025.**

Sample Supporting Documents

- **P21 or Self Assessment Letter – Chapter 4 for 2023**
- **Social Welfare Form for 2023** Signed and Stamped by Social Welfare official
- **RP50 Notification of Redundancy** or
- **Retirement Lump Sum Letter for 2023**
- **Letter from TUSLA** for Children in Care

Helpful Tips

- Study the HEAR Handbook carefully with your parents / guardians.
- Complete the online application accurately.
- Accurate description of Parental Occupation.
 - Request the required supporting documentation early.
 - Send good quality copies of all pages of the correct documents.
 - Submit all supporting documents requested.
- Keep proof of postage.

DARE and HEAR Timelines

DARE & HEAR closing date	○	1 March 2025 at 17:15
Supporting documents closing date	○	15 March 2025
Notification of eligibility	○	Late June 2025
Review and Appeals Application	○	July 2025
HEAR/DARE offers	○	August 2025
College Orientation	○	Late Aug /Early Sept 2025

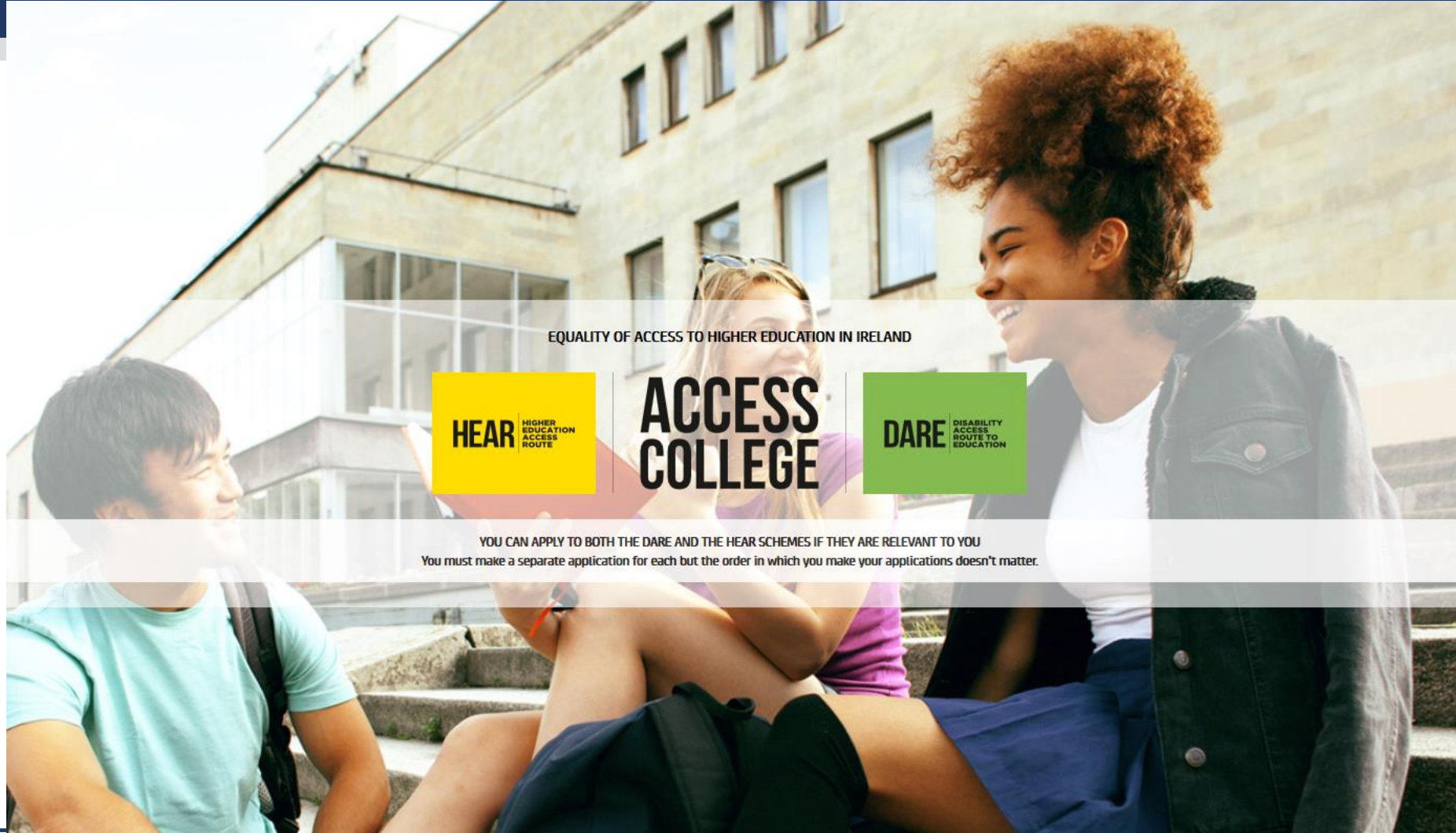
Remember

You can apply to both

DARE & HEAR

Applicants who are both DARE and HEAR eligible will be prioritised by colleges when allocating reduced points places.

Further Information: www.accesscollege.ie



EQUALITY OF ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN IRELAND



**ACCESS
COLLEGE**



YOU CAN APPLY TO BOTH THE DARE AND THE HEAR SCHEMES IF THEY ARE RELEVANT TO YOU
You must make a separate application for each but the order in which you make your applications doesn't matter.

Applying for a grant

**DARE or HEAR is NOT
the SUSI grant.**

If you apply to DARE & HEAR,
you should also apply to SUSI
if you think you may be eligible.

SUSI: Key Eligibility Criteria



- **Nationality:** Irish, EU, EEA, Swiss nationals or have specific leave to remain in the State.
- **Residency:** 3 of last 5 years in Ireland, EU, EEA or Switzerland.
- **Progression** in education – NFQ levels 5-10.
- **Approved College/Course**
- **'Reckonable' Income** below a certain threshold

- **Check the below income limits-**
- [Full-Time Undergraduate Income Thresholds and Grant Award Rates | SUSI](#)

Fees Grant v's Maintenance Grant

The Fee grant is made up of the following three elements:

- Tuition Fee
- Student Contribution Charge
- Compulsory Field Trip Expenses

The Maintenance Grant is a contribution towards day-to-day living costs which is paid directly to eligible students through nine monthly instalments over the course of the academic year.

- Maintenance grants are paid at [adjacent and non-adjacent](#) rates. The adjacent rate is paid when a student's college is less than 30km from their normal residence. The non-adjacent rate is paid when a student's college is 30km or more from their normal residence.

Different Income Bands for 2025 (1-4 children)

Band 1 Full Maintenance + Field trip element +100% tuition fees or 100% student contribution Threshold	<i>Reckonable income must be under €40,875</i>
Band 2 Part Maintenance + Field trip element +100% tuition fees or 100% student contribution Threshold	<i>Reckonable income must be under €41,970</i>
Band 3 Part Maintenance + Field trip element +100% tuition fees or 100% student contribution Threshold	<i>Reckonable income must be under €44,380</i>
Band 4 Part Maintenance + Field trip element +100% tuition fees or 100% student contribution Threshold	<i>Reckonable income must be under €50,840</i>
No maintenance 50% tuition fees or 100% student contribution	<i>Reckonable income must be under €55,924</i>
No maintenance €500 Student Contribution	<i>Reckonable income must be under €100,000</i>

SUSI: Key Eligibility Criteria



- **Check the website:** www.susi.ie
(Use Eligibility Reckoner)
- **CAO form:** Tick the SUSI option to share your college acceptance
- **Apply early:** April 2025
- **Return requested documentation:** complete and on time

Contact SUSI

- **Website:** www.susi.ie
- **Email:** support@susi.ie
- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/susisupport](https://www.facebook.com/susisupport)
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/susihelpdesk
- **Telephone helpdesk:** 0761 087 874

Scholarships

- **Academic scholarships** are awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Some but not all are awarded automatically.
- **Other scholarships**, i.e. performing arts, sport and others must be applied for specifically and entry requirements and deadlines must be checked by individual institutions. Students apply directly to college in April time, check college websites.
- More info: <https://careersportal.ie> → **Guide to Scholarships**

Other Options after the Leaving Certificate

- Post Leaving Certificate Courses www.plccourses.ie
- Apprenticeships – www.apprenticeships.ie
- Public Jobs – www.publicjobs.ie
- Military – www.military.ie
- Guards – www.garda.ie

Student Support

- Suggested time of study/homework of 3.5 hours a day x 6 days= 21 hours/week
- Balance is key.....
E.g. good diet, adequate sleep, exercise, good study habits.
- If pressure seems to great or student is worried they wont get their course- remember there is a Plan A, but also a Plan B and C. Many back door routes available.
- School Supports – Deputy Principal, Year Head, Tutor, Guidance Counsellor, SEN Dept, Subject Teachers etc.
- Please book in a Careers Appointment with your Guidance Counsellor (via teams message)

UCAS

- Equivalent of CAO in the United Kingdom
- Must Register on UCAS website
- Can select up to 5 college course to apply for
- Must write a Personal Statement
- Will require Predicted Grades from your teachers
- Closing Date: 15 Jan (15 Oct for Cambridge/Oxford)
- Fees are applicable but Student Loans are available and are paid back once student is earning over a threshold
- Northern Ireland Colleges- some courses are fully funded by Department of Health E.g. radiography, dietetics, SLT, OT, physiotherapy, podiatry, nursing & paramedic science



- **European University Central Application System**
- **Why?**
- No fees for Irish students studying in the four Scandinavian countries, or Germany.
- Where there are fees, some countries offer Tuition Fee Loans, which cover these fees, with generous repayment terms.
- Those who are qualified for Maintenance Grants can take them with them.
- Courses such as medicine, physiotherapy, veterinary, dentistry, nursing etc. have lower entry requirements than similar courses in Ireland
- Experience of living abroad
- Processing fee of 38 euro to apply to EUNICAS

Useful Websites

- Course/Career Choice:
 - www.qualifax.ie
 - www.careersportal.ie
 - www.careerdirections.ie
- Study:
 - www.mocks.ie
 - www.betterexaminations.ie
 - www.skool.ie
 - www.studyclix.ie
- Support:
 - www.cao.ie
 - www.npcpp.ie/helpline.html
- DARE/HEAR:
 - www.ahead.ie
 - www.accesscollege.ie
 - www.cao.ie
- Finance:
 - www.studentfinance.ie
 - www.susi.ie
- Study Abroad:
 - www.eunicas.ie
 - www.intstudy.com
 - wwwucas.com
- Qualifications:
 - www.nfq.ie
 - www.qqi.ie

CAREERS NIGHT

2024

An evening to chat to lots of different professionals and find out what they do



Thursday
21st of November



When
7pm-9pm



Where? Gym in St.Pauls college

Thursday 21st of November- come and talk to professionals from a variety of Industries.

We will have a pilot, air traffic controller, psychologist, physiotherapist, electrician, engineer, paramedic, software engineer, Gardai, project manager, social care worker, barrister, IT worker, pharmaceuticals and many more careers areas.

Other Important Dates coming Up

- **6th Year Parent Teaching Meeting Tuesday 12th November**
- **'Christmas' Exams- 25th-29th of November, results issued in December, please use CAO points Calculator and see how far from the points you are aiming for.**
- **Open Days to come-**
- **UCD- Saturday 9th of November**
- **DCU- Sat 16th of November**
- **TUD- Sat Dec 7th**

Questions

