

Loreto College

CAO Application

2018



CAO

**MAPPING
YOUR FUTURE**

INTRODUCTION



- CAO Application & Offer Process
- Restrictions - Medicine
- DARE/ HEAR
- Course Research & Choice
- UCAS
- PLC Courses





APPLICATION DATES & FEES

Application	Fee	Closing Date
Early Application	€30	20 th January 2018
Normal Application	€45	1st February 2018
Late Application	€60	1 st May 2018
Change of Mind	<i>Free</i>	5 th May – 1st July 2018

All Fees are non-refundable

CAO HANDBOOK



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- Timetable of Events
- Major Stages of CAO Application
- Colleges Course Lists

Changes: Alert Lists

CAO CHANGES



- **Trinity** – No more common entry into Science; movement between streams??? (Biological & Biomedical / Chemical / Geography & Geosciences / Physical)
- **Trinity** – will begin 2 weeks earlier (10th September)
- Additional tickbox to indicate you wish to apply for an **NUI Language Exemption**



CAO CHANGES



- No **postal confirmation** of: Change of Mind or Acceptance of Offer (*Statement of Application Record & Offer confirmations are still posted*)
- **Veterinary Medicine (UCD)** – upload proof of 60 hours practical experience





CAO Courses

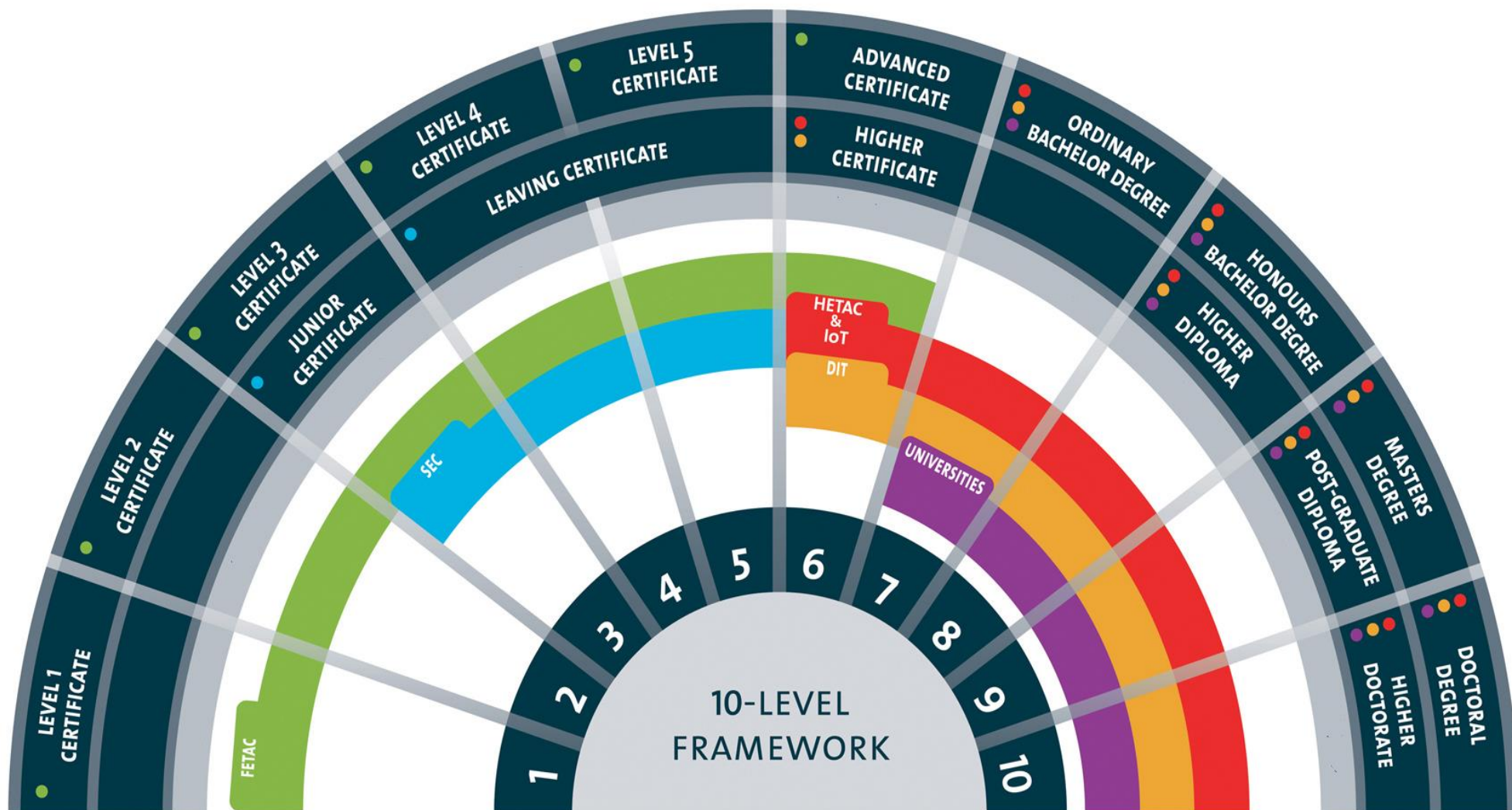


Honours Bachelor Degrees –
Level 8 – HD

Ordinary Bachelor Degrees –
Level 7 – DG

Higher Certificates –
Level 6 - HC

National Framework of Qualifications



2 APPLICATIONS IN 1



Level 8	
Pref.	Course Code
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Level 7 & 6	
Pref.	Course Code
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RESTRICTIONS



**RESTRICTED
COURSES**

**RESTRICTED
CATEGORIES
OF APPLICANT**

**HEAR
SOCIO
ECONOMIC
DISADVANTAGE**

**DARE
DISABILITIES
/SLD**

Applications must be made by February 1st.
Consult CAO Handbook for full details.



Restricted-Application Courses:

- Certain courses are Restricted. They have early assessment procedures – which may start as early as February – and, therefore, must be mentioned by the 1st of February
- Check the relevant College prospectus and websites for details. They will also be marked ‘restricted’ in the CAO handbook.



Restricted-Application Courses:

- In the lists of courses in the CAO Handbook, these courses are identified by the words "(Restricted - see page 3)". You can also search for restricted courses by choosing the restricted filter on:
 - <https://www.cao.ie/courses.php>



Honours Bachelor Degrees- Level 8 (HD)

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Code	Title	
DT501	Music	<i>(Restricted – see page 3)</i>
DT529	Drama (Performance)	<i>(Restricted – see page 3)</i>

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Ordinary Bachelor Degrees- Level 7 (DG)
Higher Certificates – Level 6 (HC)

Code	Title	Qualification
DT259	Biosciences	DG + HD
DT303	Marketing	HC + HD
DT432	Culinary Arts (Professional Culinary Practice	HC + DG + HD

NOTE: In the CAO handbook, under the Qualification column for Level 7 degrees, DG + HD indicates Degree + Higher Degree, meaning the student has an opportunity to progress to the 4th year of the course and achieve a Level 8 degree after successful completion of the 3 year Level 7 degree.

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ON-LINE APPLICATION

- Part 1 Apply
 - Part 2 Confirm & Log-in
 - Part 3 School & Exam Details
 - Part 4 Application – Courses, DARE, Grant
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- Online Courses must first be submitted by 1st February
 - Final Course Decisions 1st July

ORDER OF PREFERENCE



If you learn nothing else from this presentation let it be this...

**PLACE YOUR COURSE
CHOICES IN GENUINE
ORDER OF PREFERENCE!**

To do otherwise is a grave mistake.

GENUINE ORDER



Students do not need to guess what the points are going to be for the courses they are interested in.

Simply list courses in Genuine Order of Preference from the **highest preference 1, to the lowest preference 10.**

If students are entitled to an offer, they will be offered the highest preference that you are entitled to.

ORDER OF PREFERENCE



Level 8	
Pref.	Course Code
1.	Dream Course
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10	Safety Course

Level 7 & 6	
Pref.	Course Code
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CAO OFFER PROCESS

Offer Based on:



1. Meeting Entry Requirements
2. Course Order of Preference
3. Points - Order of Merit

Minimum Entry Requirements



- Students must meet Minimum Entry Requirements before they may be considered for entry to their chosen courses.
- Consult prospectus/ college website for details and information before applying for any course.
- Regardless of the points you achieve, you will not be accepted by a HEI if they do not meet their Minimum Entry Requirements.
- Minimum Subject Requirements + Specific Subject Requirements.

Minimum Entry Requirements:



- **NUI Colleges:** UCD, UCC, Maynooth University, NUIG, RCSI, St. Angela's College and Shannon College Require:

- 2 H5 + 4 O6 - English, Irish, Maths & 3rd Language (Except Science, Social Science, Engineering and Nursing)
No Maths requirement- Arts, most Law courses.

- **Trinity College**

- 3 H5 + 3 O6 – English, Maths & 2nd Language

- **DCU**

- 2 H5 + 4 O6 – English or Irish, Maths

- **I.T's Level 8** = 2 H5 + 4 O6 English or Irish, Maths

- **I.T's Level 6/7** = 5 O6 English or Irish, Maths



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Specific Subject Requirements

- Primary Teaching – H5 in Irish (H4 in 2019)
- Engineering (Level 8) – H4 Mathematics
- Veterinary Medicine – H5 Chemistry
- Human Nutrition/Dietetics – H5 Chemistry
- Pharmacy – H5 Chemistry



POINTS System:



- Calculated from **ONE** sitting of the Leaving Certificate.
 - **SIX** best subjects
- Bonus points awarded for Honours Maths (25 points for H6 and over)
- Entry Requirements can be satisfied over more than one sitting of the LC (except for Medicine).

Higher Level Maths Bonus Points



Rachel's results:

- Irish H3 77
- English H3 77
- Maths H6 $46+25 = 71$
- French H3 77
- Biology H1 100
- Geography H1 100
- History H3 77

- = 508 points

For Rachel, there is no benefit from the bonus, i.e. even after adding 25 points to the Maths score, it is still not one of her best six scores.

POINTS System:



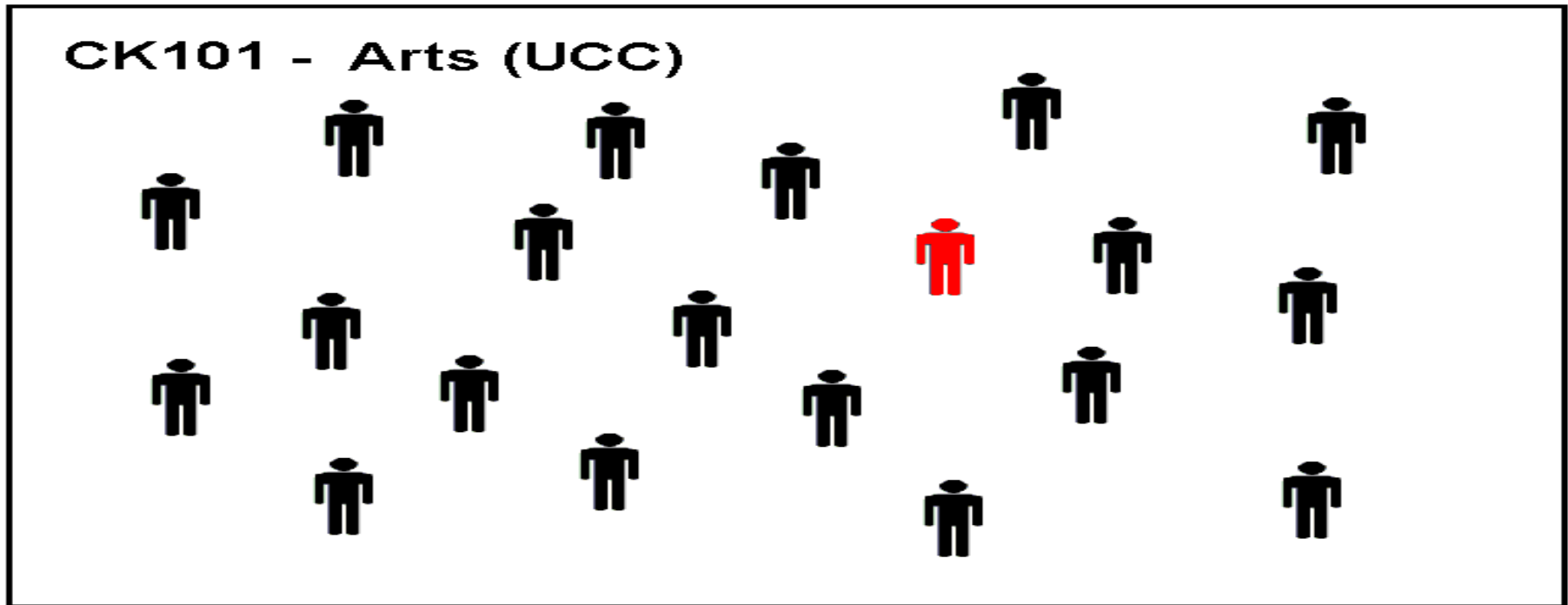
Percentage Score	H. Level Grade	H. Level CAO Points	H. Level Maths CAO Points	O. Level Grade	O. Level CAO Points
90% - 100%	H1	100	125	O1	56
80% < 90%	H2	88	113	O2	46
70% < 80%	H3	77	102	O3	37
60% < 70%	H4	66	91	O4	28
50% < 60%	H5	56	81	O5	20
40% < 50%	H6	46	71	O6	12
30% < 40%	H7	37	37	O7	0
0% < 30%	H8	0	0	O8	0

CAO Offer Process



- Students will be offered a place in the highest of their course preferences to which they are entitled (if any) **on both Level 8 and Level 6/7 Course Choices.**
- Students are automatically excluded from all lower preferences.
- Even if they have accepted their first offer they may subsequently be offered and accept a higher preference, if it becomes available in Round 2, 3, etc.

How places are allocated



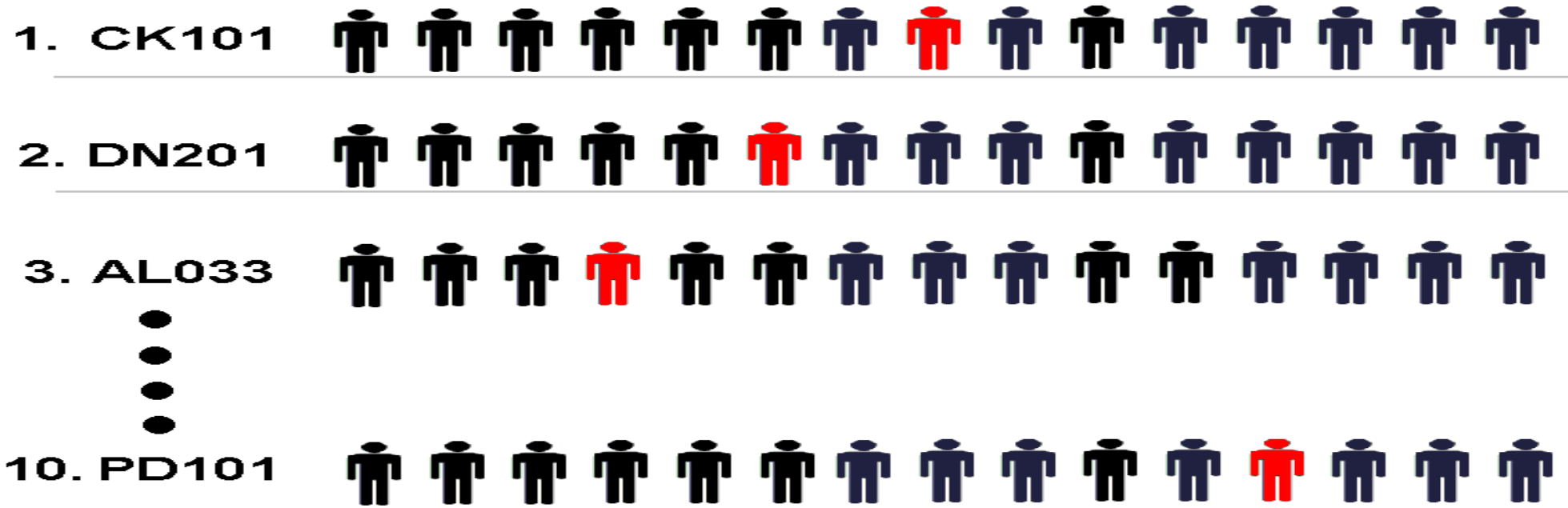
These are the applicants for CK101 Arts in UCC.

The examination results have not yet been released, so these applicants are in no particular order.

How places are allocated



- When examination results are released in August they are entered into the CAO computer.
- For each course the applicant has applied for, the computer first determines if the applicant has the **Minimum Entry Requirements** for the course.
- If the applicant meets the Minimum Entry Requirements for the course, the applicant's points are calculated for this course choice.
- All eligible applicants are then placed in a list, in order of academic merit (highest points to lowest) for each course that they applied for.



Applicants are placed in a queue for each course they applied for, their position in the queue is determined by their points. The applicant with the highest points is placed at the top of the queue. The points achieved by the applicant in red determines her position in the queue for each course she applied to.

How places are allocated



- NB: The admissions officers of the Higher Education Institutions tell CAO how many places are to be offered on each course.
- CAO then makes offers to the required number of applicants on each course starting with the applicant with the highest points and working down until enough places have been offered.

The applicants marked in green have enough points to be offered places. The applicant marked in red has enough points for her second preference.



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Offer Clarification

**Mary & Alice both met UCD's minimum entry requirements*

Let's say we have two CAO applicants:

Mary achieved 499 points

1st choice: Engineering UCD 499pts

2nd choice: Engineering TCD 470pts

3rd choice: Engineering DCU 381pts

Alice achieved 499 points

1st choice: Law & Business TCD 589pts

2nd choice: Business & Law UCD 529pts

3rd choice: Engineering UCD 499pts

Mary was offered her 1st choice, because she achieved the number of points required for her first choice. She will not receive another offer in a later round.

Alice was offered her 3rd choice because she achieved the number of points required for her third choice, but not enough for her first two choices. She could potentially get her first or second choice in later offer rounds.

If random selection were to be applied for Engineering in UCD, Mary would not be given priority over Alice just because she had the course down as her 1st preference vs. 3rd, since Mary and Alice achieved the same points.

MEDICINE



To compete for entry to undergraduate medicine students must:

- (1) achieve a minimum of 480 points
- (2) meet the Minimum Entry Requirements and
- (3) sit the **HPAT Ireland** test.

Adjusted Leaving Cert. Scale – (Max. 565)

- The points and the minimum entry requirements must be achieved in ONE sitting of the Leaving Cert.
- The HPAT test results is valid for 1 year.

Table 3: Moderated Leaving Certificate points from 550 points

Normal LCE points	Moderated LCE points
551-555	551
556-560	552
561-565	553
566-570	554
571-575	555
576-580	556
581-585	557
586-590	558
591-595	559
596-600	560
601-605	561
606-610	562
611-615	563
616-620	564
621-625	565

*6 Year Medicine programmes in UCD, NUI-Galway & RCSI only require one Science subject



HPAT-Ireland:

- Health Professions Admission Test (Max.300) (2014: 155 – 230)
- $\text{Max } 300 + 565 = \text{Total Score Max. } 865$
- 2.5 hour Multiple Choice paper-based test.
- Students must first apply to the CAO – www.cao.ie– to get their CAO number.
- Then they must apply directly to ACER. This is done online - €135 and includes test papers.

Medicine 2017

- The minimum combined score was 732.
- The minimum points at which anyone was admitted were 543 (which required HPAT of at least 191).
- The minimum HPAT score at which anyone was admitted was 172 (which required at least 606 points).

ACCESS ROUTES



DARE

DISABILITY ACCESS ROUTE TO
EDUCATION

HEAR

HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS
ROUTE

6,365 student have entered college via HEAR & DARE since 2010 (4111 H, 2254 D)

DARE SCHEME



**DISABILITY
ACCESS ROUTE TO
EDUCATION**

DARE – WHO IS IT FOR??



School leavers' who have the ability to benefit from and succeed in Higher Education but who may not be able to meet the points for their preferred course due to the impact of their disability.

Applicants who meet the Subject and Minimum Entry Requirements of the institutions to which they apply.

DARE – WHO IS IT FOR??



Asperger's Syndrome

Autism

ADD/ADHD

Vision impaired

Hearing impaired

Dyspraxia

Specific Learning Difficulty

(incl. Dyslexia)

Mental Health Condition

Neurological Conditions

(incl. Brain injury, S&L)

Ongoing Medical Condition

Physical Disability

Other Disabilities

DARE – HOW TO APPLY



Apply to CAO by **1st February 2018**



Complete the Supplementary Information Form on www.cao.ie by **1st March 2018**

Submit Evidence of Disability documentation to CAO by **1st April 2018**

HEAR SCHEME



**HIGHER
EDUCATION
ACCESS ROUTE**

HEAR SCHEME



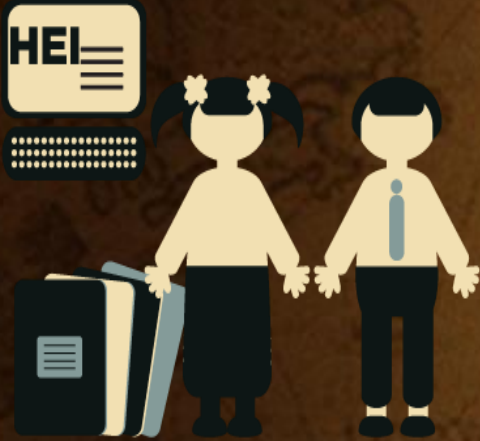
No. of dependent children in your family	HEAR Income Limit
Less than 4	45,790
4-7	50,325
More than 8	54,630

Add €4,670 to the total income for every sibling/parent enrolled in a full time college, university or post leaving certificate further education course.

CHOOSING COURSES



- Guidance Appointment
- Internet Research- Look through Courses on Websites
- CareersPortal REACH+ File
- Guest Speakers & Open Days
- Guidanceonthegreen.com



CHOOSING COURSES



- Values
- Interests
- Personality
- Skills
- Aptitudes



CAO SUMMARY

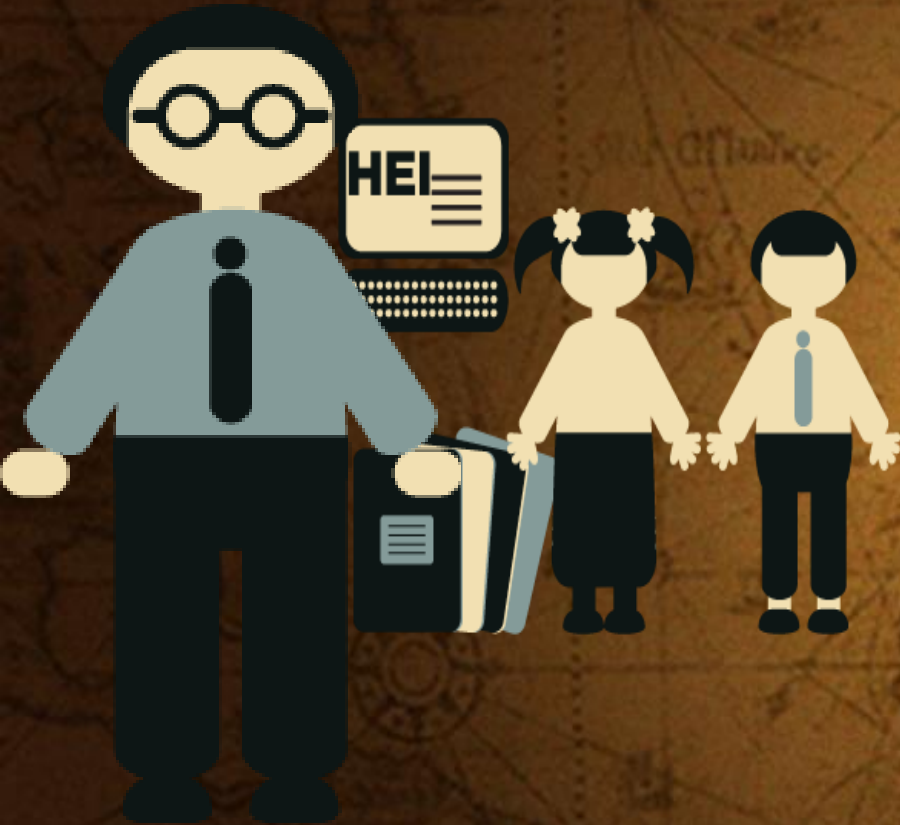
- Read all of the documents and instructions from CAO carefully.
- Put Courses down in Genuine Order of Preference.
- Dream courses first & put down safety net course
- 30 minutes each week on Career/ Course Research.



USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.guidanceonthegreen.com
- www.qualifax.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.cao.ie

OTHER OPTIONS



.UCAS

.PLC Courses

UCAS

Another option for students

15th October: Medicine, Veterinary
Medicine, Dentistry, Oxford &
Cambridge

15th January: All other courses

Apply at: www.ucas.com with school's buzzword from Ms. Weaver

Most Popular Degrees

- Actuarial Sciences
- Architecture
- Children's Nursing
- **Dentistry**
- *Diagnostic Radiography*
- *Dietetics*
- **Medicine**
- *Midwifery*
- *Occupational Therapy*
- *Optometry*
- *PE Teaching*
- *Physiotherapy*
- *Law*
- Primary Teaching
- Psychology
- *Speech & Language Therapy*
- Therapeutic Radiography
- **Veterinary Medicine**

UCAS Offers

Colleges make offers depending on all or a combination of:

- Junior Certificate results,
 - Predicted Leaving Certificate result,
 - Personal Statement
 - Academic Reference
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- For Example: L.C Grades (BBCCC) and/or Tariff Points (e.g. 260 Tariff Points)

IMPORTANT NOTE

- Please ensure to let Ms. Weaver know **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** (well before Christmas break) if you would like to apply for **DARE**, **HEAR** or **UCAS**.

PLC COURSES

PLC - Post Leaving Certificate

- FETAC Progression Route
- A college route that is available to all students.
- Usually one or two years duration.
- Hundreds of courses to choose from.
- PLC colleges available all over the country but all offer different course types.
- **Apply directly to the college offering the course.**
- Choose courses that are accepted for entry into desired Level 6/7 or 8 courses in HEI of choice.
- Interview or Portfolio

PLC Courses

- Business
- Administration
- Childcare
- Animation
- Sport
- Tourism
- Hair
- Beauty
- Animal Science

Interior Design

Web Design

Computers

Accounting Technician

I.T

Nursing Studies

Art

Laboratory Techniques

Agriculture



QUESTIONS?

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