



**PARENT'S EVENING**  
**GOING TO THIRD LEVEL**  
**ST. BRENDAN'S COLLEGE**

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# COURSE OF STUDY -- SENIOR CYCLE

- Established Leaving Certificate
  - 7/8 Subjects
  - Hon, Ordinary, Foundation
  - Exam June
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)
  - mix of trad subjects and link modules
  - Portfolio Project (April) -- exam May
- LCA Leaving Certificate Applied
  - Module based -- core and choice modules



## GUIDANCE IN CHOOSING COURSES:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Year -- weekly career classes.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> year -- Individual Vocational Guidance Interviews (VGI's).
  - Search Engines: [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie),  
[www.careerdirections.ie](http://www.careerdirections.ie), [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie),  
[www.careersportal](http://www.careersportal), [www.careersfair.ie](http://www.careersfair.ie).
  - CAO handbook, be familiar with all the courses on offer.--- Distributed in September
  - Discuss options with family, friends, past pupils, college staff.
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# GUEST SPEAKERS

UCC --Business & Law

UCC-- B.I.S

Tralee I.T – STEM Courses

Shannon College of Hotel Management

U.C.C. Humanities Dept.

U.C.C Food and Nutritional Science

Health & Leisure–Tralee I.T

UL Engineering

Army Reserve



# OPEN DAYS

Kerry I.G.C. Careers Fair

Palleskenry Agric College

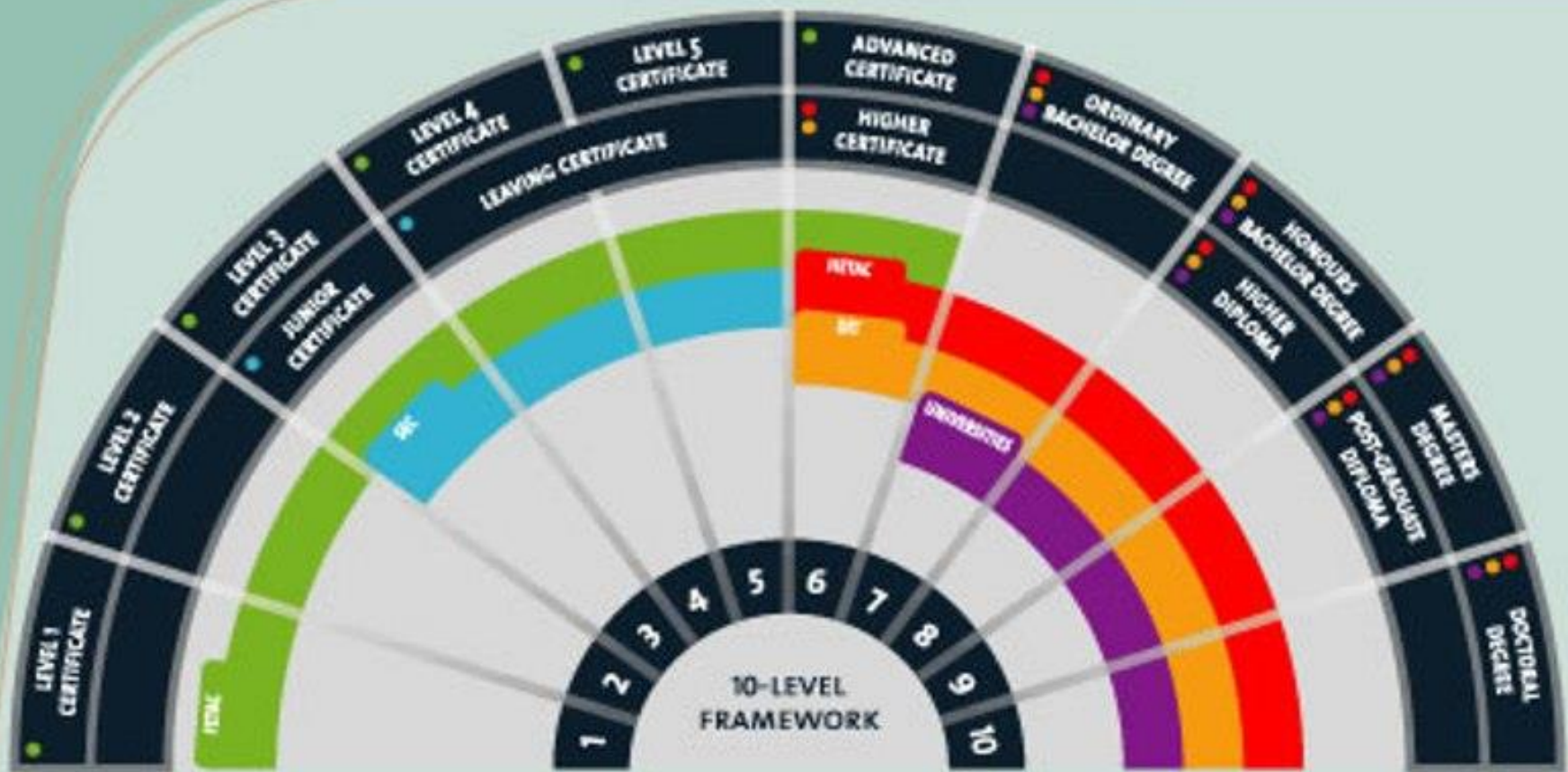
University College Cork

University of Limerick (UL), Limerick  
Institute of Technology (LIT) & Mary  
Immaculate College.

Cork Institute of technology

Institute of Technology Tralee





## KEY

- FETAC - Further Education and Training Awards Council
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (*Department of Education & Science*)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Awards Council
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities

# National Framework of Qualifications

INITIAL MAJOR AWARD-TYPES AND AWARING BODIES

## LEVEL 8 HONOURS DEGREE

- Offered in both Universities and Institutes of Technologies (ITs).
- Length: 3-4 years in Universities; 4 years in ITs.
- Points are generally higher than Level 6/7 courses.
- Graduate with an Hons Degree: Pass, 2.2 Hons, 2.1 Hons, 1.1 Hons.
- Do not need to achieve a certain merit from year to year in order to progress.
- Must complete the full term of years before being rewarded.





## LEVEL 7 ORDINARY DEGREE

- Offered in Institutes of Technologies only.
- Length: 3 years
- Points are generally lower than Level 8 courses.
- Graduate with an Ordinary Degree.
- Some ITs offer a progression into a Level 8.
- A certain grade needs to be achieved to make this progression.
- A minority of colleges offer a reward of a Higher Certificate after 2 years.

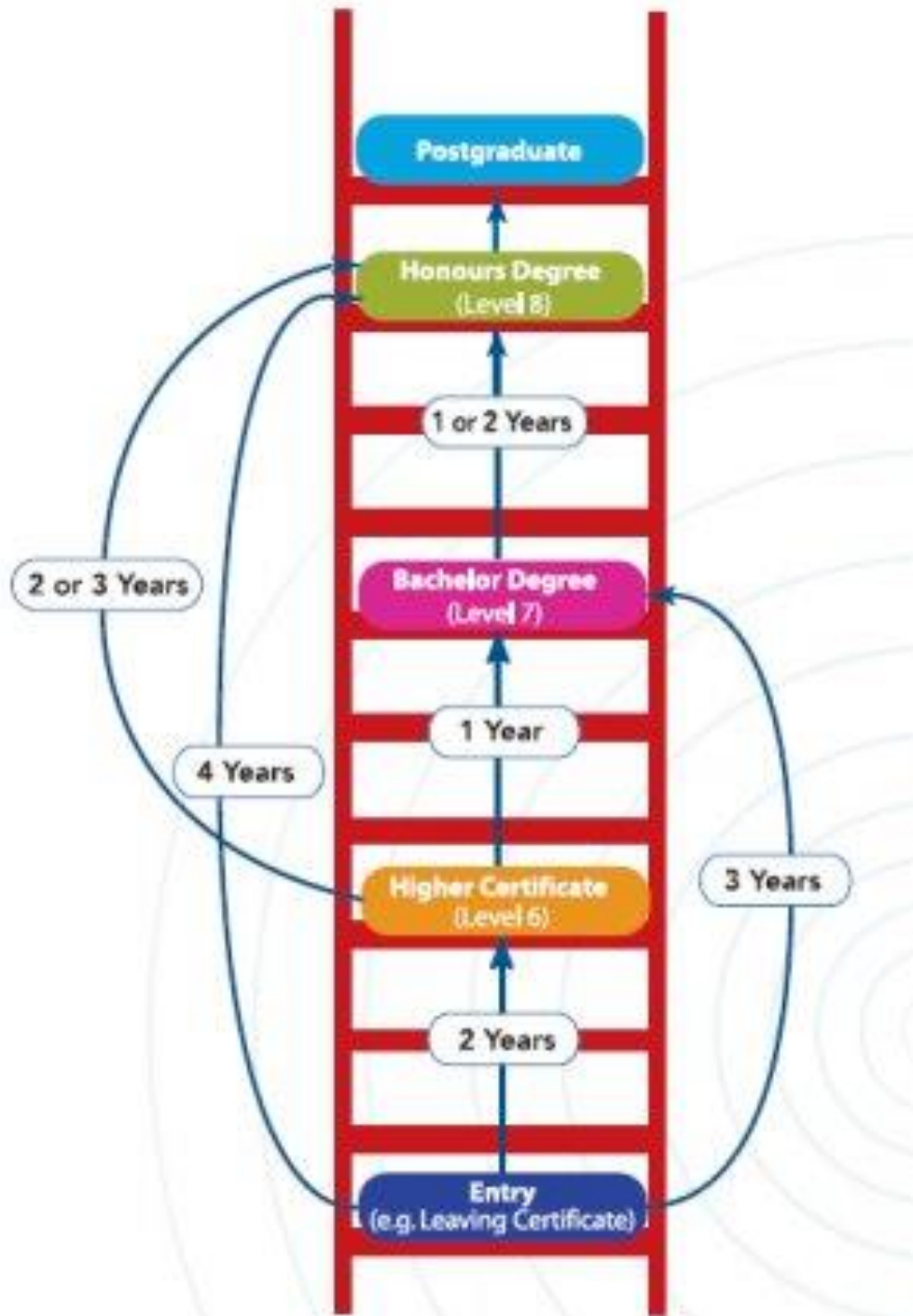


# LEVEL 6 HIGHER CERTIFICATE

- Offered in Institutes of Technologies only.
- Length: 2 years
- Points are generally lower than Level 7 and 8 courses.
- Graduate with a Higher Certificate.
- Most colleges offer a progression into Level 7 and, then, Level 8 courses.
- A merit or distinction grade is currently needed in order to make these progressions.



# LADDER SYSTEM



# C.A.O

## CENTRAL APPLICATIONS OFFICE

- Process Applications
- Offers are issued and accepted
- Decisions on admissions made by HEI's



# MAKING AN APPLICATION

- Apply online [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- Form is Self Explanatory
  - Personal Details
  - Educational Details (School (s))
  - Examination Details



# DEADLINE

- In order to be Fair to all Candidates..closing dates are STRICT..

Online Facility Opens	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Discounted Application Fee (€25)	Up to 20 <sup>th</sup> January 12 @ 5.15 pm
Online Change of Course Choices (Free)	Closes 31 <sup>st</sup> January @ 5.15pm
Normal Closing Date (€40)	1 <sup>st</sup> February @ 5.15pm
Late Application (€50)	1 <sup>st</sup> May @5.15 pm
Change of Mind (Free)	5 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> July @5.15pm



# RESTRICTIONS

- Restricted Courses
- HEAR
- DARE
  
- Applications must be made by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>
- Consult CAO book



# CAO FORM





## Applicant's Personal Details

**Surname**

**Other names**

**Title**

(Mr, Ms, Mrs, etc.)

**Date of Birth**

dd	mm	yyyy
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**Sex**

Male

Female

Please Note: You should enter your name, sex and date of birth as it appears on your Birth Certificate or Passport.

As stated in the CAO Handbook, an applicant may only present one application in any one year (either on or paper). There will be no refunds given to applicants who make more than one application.

**Home address**

Rep. of Ireland

Other Country

**Address Line 1**

**Address Line 2**

**Address Line 3**

**Address Line 4**

**Postal Code**

(e.g. H91 X25V)

**Postal Address:** (created from name and address entered above)

Tick the following box if the postal address looks correct.  
Otherwise, change your name and address above.

**The postal address is correct.**

**Telephone Number**

Parent mobile or Landline

**Mobile Phone**

Select International dialling code: ▼

Country Code:

Mobile Prefix:

Mobile Number:

country code

mobile prefix

mobile number

**Do you wish to receive sms text messages from CAO?** *Tick YES*

Yes

No

**Do you wish to receive sms text messages from the HEIs you apply to?**

*Tick Yes*

Yes

No

**Country of Birth**

▼

**Nationality**

▼

**E-mail address**

*Current email*

**Confirm e-mail**

## Qualifications & Assessment Summary :

Please tick the qualification/assessment section(s) that are relevant to you.

1.  Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985-2017) **Tick No 1**
2.  2002-2017 QQI FET/FETAC Level 5/6 Exams
3.  2001 or earlier FETAC Level 5/6 (NCVA Level 2/3) Exams [Help?](#)
4.  GCE/GCSE (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland Exams) [Help?](#)  
CCEA, UCLES, WJEC, OCR, EDEXCEL, AQA, AEB examination boards only.  
GCE/GCSE from OTHER boards MUST be entered under "Other School Leaving Exams"
5.  Other School Leaving Exams [Help?](#)  
(e.g. Baccalaureate, Scottish Exams, pre-1985 Irish & UK exams, Leaving Exams outside of UK & Ireland, Leaving Cert Applied, GNVQs, VCEs, Irish Matric Exams, etc.)
6.  Further Education [Help?](#)
7.  Third-Level Higher Education [Help?](#)  
(required regardless of whether you passed, failed, or did not take examinations)
8.  Mature Applicants [Help?](#)  
(those 23 years of age on or before the 1st of January 2017)

## Payment Options :

- Credit or Debit Card**   **Suggested Option**
- Fee Payment Form** 

(Republic of Ireland applicants only)

## Password you will remember

Create Account Password :

Account Password

Confirm Password

Your Account Password must be between 8 and 20 characters long.  
Please choose a password that you will remember easily.

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After clicking 'Proceed with Application' please be patient, as the payment request may take some time.

[Proceed with Demo \(No Details Sent\) »](#)



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## Payment Details

Secured By 256bit SSL Cert 

**Central Applications Office**

**DEMO - No charge**

**Do not enter details. Simply click on image to continue,**

### Card Number



### Expiry(mm/yy)

 / 

### Security Code

### Cardholder Name

**Pay Now**

Securely Processed by



## Demo Application Receipt

N.B. At this point in your real application, you should take note of your CAO application number.

You will need your application number to log on to your online CAO application account.  
You must quote your application number in all communications with CAO.

For demonstration purposes, sample applicant details are shown below.

<b>CAO Application No.:</b>	17999999
<b>Name :</b>	David Smith
<b>Sex :</b>	male
<b>Date of Birth :</b>	20/10/1998
<b>Address :</b>	12 Tower House The Crescent Old Dublin Road Cork
<b>Telephone Number :</b>	055-22557
<b>Mobile Number :</b>	353-83-771188
<b>Country of Birth :</b>	Ireland
<b>Country of Nationality :</b>	United Kingdom
<b>e-mail address :</b>	smithyd@mail.com

**SELECTED Qualification/Assessment sections:**

Irish Leaving Cert (1985-2017)  
2002-2017 QQI FET/FETAC exams

**Log-in below to enter your Course Choices and Qualification/Assessment Details.**



# Demo "My Application" Log-in

For demonstration purposes, the log-in details have been entered below:

**CAO Application No.**

[Help?](#)

**Date of Birth**

**Account Password**

**Demo Log In »**





CAO Application No.: 17999999  
Name : David Smith

1. Enter the required information below.
2. Mature applicants and applicants with qualifications other than 1985-2017 Irish Leaving Cert and/or 2002-2017 QQI FET/FETAC Level 5/6 are classified as **Non-Standard Applicants**.
3. Non-Standard Applicants must post all supporting documents to arrive in CAO within 7 days of submitting an online application (Certified copies of results of 2017 examinations must be provided to CAO immediately they become available).

**N.B.** All documents must be clearly marked with your name and CAO Number.

Applicants wishing to receive an acknowledgement of receipt of their postal documents must include a **stamped self-addressed postcard**.

Please read [here](#) (or page 12 of the 2017 CAO Handbook) for further instructions.

**If you have attended 2 secondary schools  
Current one First**

**Second-level school(s) attended and years attended (latest first):**

(if none attended please tick the following box)

	School Name & Address	Country	From (yyyy)	To (yyyy)
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="▼"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="▼"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="▼"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Irish Leaving Certificate Examinations:

Tick the following box if you are sitting Leaving Cert exams in 2017.

**2017 Leaving Certificate**    *First time Leaving Cert Student & Repeat*

Enter previous Leaving Certificate Exam Details, if any (1985 onwards) :

	Year (e.g. 16)	Exam Number
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



*A repeat student only*

[Continue with Demo \(No details sent\) »](#)

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## Demo Application

**Notes:**

1. Please enter your course choices.

**CAO Application No.:** 17999999  
**Name :** Ms Jane Smith

[Log Out](#)

**Personal Details** (stored on the CAO computer)

**Date of Birth :** 20/10/1998  
**Sex :** female  
**Address :** 12 Tower House  
The Crescent  
Old Dublin Road  
Cork

**Telephone Number :** 055-22557  
**Mobile Number :** 353-83-771188  
**Country of Birth :** Ireland  
**Country of Nationality :** United Kingdom  
**e-mail address :** smithyd@mail.com

[Change Personal Details »](#)

## Course Choices (stored on the CAO computer)

### Entry to 1st Year

**N.B.** An application should not be made for any course without first consulting the information literature of the institution offering that course.

#### Level 8 Course Choices:

None Selected.

[Add Level 8 Course Choices »](#)

#### Level 7/6 Course Choices:

None Selected.

[Add Level 7/6 Course Choices »](#)

## SUSI - Maintenance/Fee Grant Application ([Further Information](#))

All new student Maintenance/Fee Grant applications will be made online to SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) through their website at [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) (see also [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)).

If you wish to apply for a grant, you may indicate this on your CAO online application. CAO will then provide your Identification, Contact and Offer/Acceptance details to the grant authority (SUSI).

[Modify Maintenance/Fee Grant Application Status »](#)



## Qualifications and Assessment Section (stored on the CAO computer)

### Secondary Level Schools Attended:

1.	St. Mary's College, Co Wexford, Rep. of Ireland	From 2012 to 2017
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### Irish Leaving Certificate Examinations:

2017 Leaving Certificate Exams.

[Modify Qualification & Assessment Details »](#)

### Disability/Specific Learning Difficulty

If you wish to disclose a disability or specific learning difficulty or apply to the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) click on the 'Modify Disability/SLD (& DARE Application) Status' button below.

[Modify Disability/SLD \(& DARE Application\) Status »](#)

### Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) ([Further Information](#) ⓘ)

(for school-leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds)

The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a third level admissions scheme for school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

[HEAR Application »](#)

Once you are satisfied with the details above - click 'Log Out' to exit.  
All details listed above have been submitted to CAO.

[Log Out](#)



# COURSE CHOICE LIST

- 2 Applications in 1
- Up to 10 courses on each list
- Your choice on one list does not in anyway effect your choices on the other list
- Treat them as 2 Seperate applications on one form
- It is possible to receive an offer on both lists.
- Place your course choices in Genuine Order of Preference



# LEVEL 8

## New Choices

Enter your new list below

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

Reset

# LEVEL 7/6

## New Choices

Enter your new list below

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

Reset



# STATEMENT OF APPLICATION

- Before the end of May you will receive
  - Statement of Application Record
  - Final Acknowledgment
- Any errors omissions amend statement and return
- Verify:
  - Personal Details
  - Course Code
  - Course Choice
  - Exam numbers





# THE OFFER PROCESS

Offer dates (expected)	Acceptance by (expected)
Round 1.....21 <sup>st</sup> August	28 <sup>th</sup> August
Round 2 .....31 <sup>st</sup> August	6 <sup>th</sup> September



# DEFERRED PLACES

- Must seek agreement of HEI
- Write **IMMEDIATELY** to the Admissions Office of the appropriate HEI, setting out the reason(s) for the request. Mark "**DEFERRED ENTRY**" clearly on the envelope.
- **You must** attach to the letter the appropriate part of the Offer Notice, i.e. that which shows the offer you wish to be deferred.



## DEFERRED ENTRY CONT:

- The letter **must** arrive in the Admissions Office **at least two days** before the "Reply Date" shown on the Offer Notice.
- The HEI will communicate the decision to you.
- If the deferral is **not** granted, you may then accept the offer for the current year.
- You must send **all communications** about deferral to the appropriate **Admissions Office** and **NOT to CAO.**



## DEFERRED PLACE CONT:

### Taking up a deferral:

- In order to take up a deferred place, **you must re-apply through CAO in the succeeding year, pay the appropriate application fee and place the deferred course as your only preference on the application form.**
- You will breach the conditions of your deferred place if you enter more than the single deferred course code on your application.



## VACANT PLACES

- Where there are Available Places/Vacant Places in specific courses, HEIs will advertise these on the CAO website, [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) under the heading of **“Available/Vacant Places”**.
- Persons who have not applied already may make an Available Place/Vacant Place application online upon payment of a fee of €40



## VACANT PLACES

- Persons who have applied already (whether placed or not) may apply for an Available Place/Vacant Place course, **free of charge**. Such existing applicants may submit an online application or, if necessary, they may request the appropriate paper documentation from CAO.



## VACANT PLACES

- Applicants for Available Places/Vacant Places must meet the normal minimum entry requirements for the course(s) in question. Previously published points in an earlier round of offers should not be taken as an indication of the points required for entry to Available Places/Vacant Places.
- Acceptance of an offer of an Available Place/Vacant Place course automatically cancels and supersedes any previous offer(s) and acceptance(s).



# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Alert Lists
  
- ACCESS schemes:
  - DARE
  - HEAR





# ALERT LISTS

- Changes have occurred since the publication of the Handbook – students will be informed of these changes but if uncertain they are displayed on the careers notice board – also available from the CAO website: [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- It is pivotal that students update their handbook with any relevant changes.



# ACCESS PROGRAMMES TO HEI'S

## ○ DARE

The Disability Access Route to Education is a supplementary admissions scheme for school leavers with **disabilities** which operates on a reduced points basis.

## ○ HEAR

The Higher Education Access Route is the third level admissions scheme for school leavers from **socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds** which also operates on a reduced points basis.



## 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 the disability.
- Applicants who meet the subject and minimum entry requirements of the institutions to which they apply.



# DARE – ELIGIBLE DISABILITIES:

- Aspergers Syndrome/Autism
- ADD/ADHD
- Blind/Vision impaired
- Deaf/Hearing impaired
- Dyspraxia
- Specific Learning Difficulty (incl Dyslexia)
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Conditions (incl. brain injury , speech and language difficulty)
- Ongoing medical condition
- Physical disability
- Other disabilities



# DARE – PARTICIPATING HEI'S

- Athlone I.T
- Dublin City University
- Dublin Institute of Technology
- Mater Dei Institute of Education
- National College of Ireland
- NUI Galway
- NUI Maynooth
- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Dublin
- University College Cork
- University of Limerick



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## DARE – HOW TO APPLY:

- Apply as part of the CAO application – tick the appropriate box on the application form – by **1 February 2016**.
- Applicants will then be directed to a **separate online application** from which will ask them to provide additional information about their disability or SLD.
- Applicants must support their application with evidence from an appropriate medical consultant – [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie) - must be submitted by **1 April**. A report from an **educational psychologist** must be less than three years old i.e. must be dated after **1<sup>st</sup> February 2013**.



## DISABILITY NON - DARE

- Applying to HEI's outside of DARE Scheme.
- Encouraged to tick the relevant box on the application form.
- Forewarned to put in place any extra supports needed by the student.





## HEAR --WHO IS IT FOR

- School leavers who have the ability to benefit from and succeed in higher education and who come from socio-economic groups in Irish society that are under-represented in third level.
- Students who also meet the minimum entry requirements and subject requirements of the HEIs their applying to.



# HEAR – POST ENTRY SUPPORT

- An orientation programme to introduce students to university/college.
- Extra tuition if required, study skills, exam preparation.
- One-to-one meetings with student advisors, social gatherings, mentoring.
- A bursary when available, advice regarding grants and scholarships.



# HEAR – ELIGIBLE CRITERIA

## 1. **Income:**

parent(s)/guardian(s) income within the thresholds for eligibility for the Higher Education Grants Scheme.(31 Dec 2014)

**2. Medical Card:** Student, parent(s) or guardian(s) has a Medical Care/GP Visit Card valid on **31 Dec 15.**

**3. Social Welfare Payment:** Parent(s)/guardian(s) are in receipt of means-tested social assistance payment for a minimum of 26 continuous weeks in the year ending 31 Dec 14.

## 4. **Socio-economic group:**

Student comes from a socio-economic groups that is under-represented in higher education (i.e. non-manual, semi&unskilled, agricultural workers).

**5. School:** Student has completed 5 years in a DEIS school.

**6. Area:** Applicant is living in an urban or rural area of concentrated disadvantage and social exclusion.



# HEAR - ELIGIBILITY

- Indicator 1 + 2 plus 4,5 or 6
- Indicator 1 + 3 plus 4, 5 or 6
- Indicator 1 + 4 plus 5 or 6



## HEAR – PARTICIPATING HEI'S

- DCU
- DIT
- NUI Galway
- NUI Maynooth
- Trinity College Dublin
- UCD
- UCC
- UL
- Marino Institute of Education
- Church of Ireland College of Education
- Froebel College of Education
- Mary Immaculate College
- Mater Dei Institute of Education
- St. Angela's College
- St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra



## HEAR -APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Apply online at **www.cao.ie** as part of the CAO application process by **Feb 1 2016**.
- Indicate their wish to be considered for HEAR in the appropriate section of the application form by Feb 1.
- Applicant will then be directed to a separate online HEAR application form.

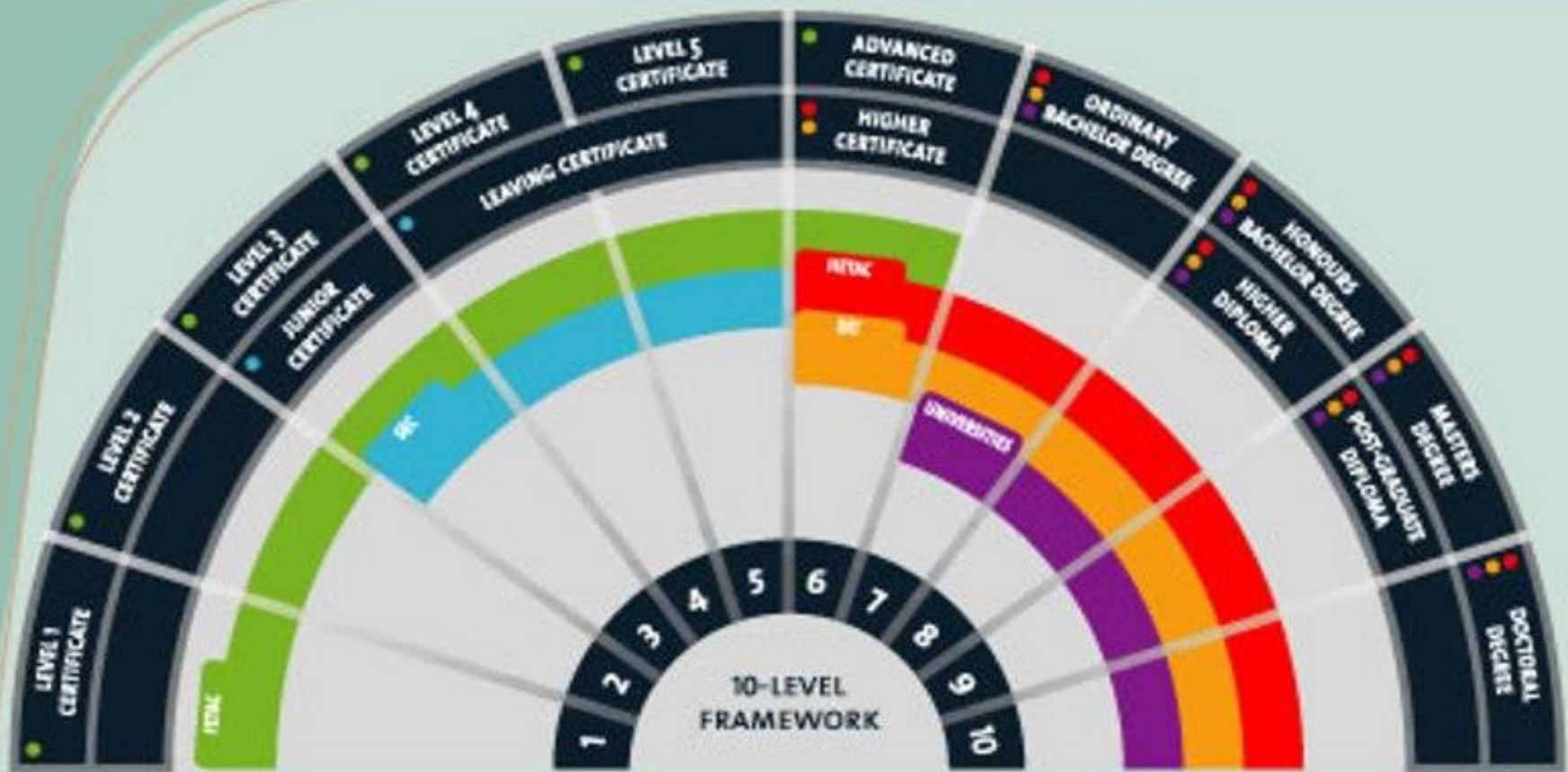


## CONT.

- Complete a number of additional questions relating to: his/her family's financial situation; employment status of parents; school(s) attended.
- Submit supporting documentation (e.g. P21, Notice of Assessment etc.) by **1 April 2016**.

Applications for HEAR can only be made online.





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# National Framework of Qualifications

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# NON CAO: POST LEAVING CERTIFICATE COLLEGES

- A route way that is available for Leaving Certificate Applied Students and established leaving certificate.
- Direct Application
- FETAC level 5,6 .. 1 or 2 years



## PLC CONT..

- Mallow College of Further Education, McEgan College, College of Commerce Cork, Colaiste Stiofan Naofa, St. John's College, Tralee Community College, Killarney Community College
- Be sure to choose a course that is accepted into the Level 6 /7 or 8 courses the student wishes to progress onto.
- [www.fetac.ie](http://www.fetac.ie) or [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) for further details.





# APPRENTICESHIPS

**Liebherr**

**Fitter Welder**

**Electrician**

**ESB**

**Engineers**

**Electrician**

**Bus Eireann**

**HGV Mechanics**

**Direct Application**



**Aptitude Test– Career Service**



**Interview**

# GRANTS

- To check eligibility go to [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)
- Apply online: [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) (May aprox)
- **Tick the SUSI box on your CAO.**
  - €45,790 less than 4
  - €50,325 between 4-7
  - €54,630 more than 8
- cheques forwarded to the University Finance Office for distribution to grant holders.
- These cheques are payable three times a year.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

- Schemes are available which are specifically targeted at students with limited means, students with disabilities and students who are part of Irelands new communities.
- [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie) has a comprehensive list of these.



# EXAMPLES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- Sports Scholarships
- SIPTU
- Women in Engineering Dell
- Architecture Foley Scholarship
- Scholarships to Agricultural and Horticultural Colleges
- All Ireland Scholarship Scheme – offered to 120 top performing Leaving Certificate students from disadvantaged background each year.
- Donogh O' Malley Scholarship Scheme.
- National University of Ireland Equal Educational Opportunities Scheme



# ACCOMMODATION

- University College Cork
- Digs: approx. €120 5 day a week, €130 for 7 days
- House Share: approx: €70-€90 single per wk, €55-€65 sharing
- On Campus: approx: €65-€120 depending on room location
- Contact: 021-4902479/021-4941295  
[www.ucc.ie/accomodations](http://www.ucc.ie/accomodations)





# ACCOMMODATION – TRALEE I.T

- Digs:€90-€110 per week
- House Share: €45-€65 per week
- Purpose built student apartments: €60-€80 per week plus bills
- Contact : 0667145600



# ACCOMMODATION – UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

- Shared Housing: from €65 per week
- Digs:€120-€130 per week for five days
- On Campus: approx: €3,400- €4,500 per annum
  
- Contact 061-202331
- [www.ul.ie/campuslife](http://www.ul.ie/campuslife)



# USEFUL WEBSITES

- [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- [www.fas.ie](http://www.fas.ie)
- [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie)
- [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie)
- [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)



# CONTACT DETAILS

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# POINTS SYSTEM

- Calculated from **ONE** sitting of the Leaving Certificate only.
- **SIX** best subjects
- Bonus points are awarded for Honours Maths\*
- Entry Requirements can be satisfied over more than one sitting of the LC (except for Medicine).
- Some ITs now accept and offer points for Foundation Level Maths for certain courses.  
*Please check prospectus carefully*



# HONOURS MATHS... BONUS POINTS

A bonus of 25 points will be allocated to students who achieve a grade H6 or above in Higher Level Maths in the following 3<sup>rd</sup> level institutions:

## 7 Universities:

UCD

DCU

NUI Galway

Trinity College Dublin

University College Cork

University of Limerick

NUI Maynooth

RCSI

D.I.T.



# POINTS SYSTEM

Grade	Higher	Grade	Ordinary
<b>H1 (90-100)</b>	<b>100</b>		
<b>H2 (80&lt;90)</b>	<b>88</b>		
<b>H3(70&lt;80)</b>	<b>77</b>		
<b>H4 (60&lt;70)</b>	<b>66</b>		
<b>H5 (50&lt;60)</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>O1 (90-100)</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>H6 (40&lt;50)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>O2 (80&lt;90)</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>H7 (30&lt;40)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>O3 (70&lt;80)</b>	<b>37</b>
		<b>O4 (60&lt;70)</b>	<b>28</b>
		<b>O5 (50&lt;60)</b>	<b>20</b>
		<b>O6 (40&lt;50)</b>	<b>12</b>
		<b>O7 (30&lt;40)</b>	<b>0</b>



# LEAVING CERT VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME (LCVP)

- All HEIs award points for results in LCVP in place of a Sixth Leaving Certificate subject:

Grade	Points
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	38





Course	College	2016	2015
Science	UCD	515	510
	Trinity	505*	510*
Nutrition and Health	U.C.C	510	510
	C.I.T	380	375
Engineering	UL	430	425
	C.I.T L.7 mechanical	305	305
	I.T.T L.7 mech & elec	240	250
Computer Science	C.I.T L.7	300	310
	UL	380	375
	UCD	485	475
Health & Leisure	I.T.T L.8	315	315
	I.T.T L.7	250	260
	C.I.T	320	335

Course	College	2016	2015
Veterinary Medicine	UCD	570	575*
Vet Nursing	UCD	465	475
Physiotherapy	UL	555*	560
	RCSI	535	535*
Prim. Teaching	Mary Imm	465*	470
	St. Pats DCU	465*	470
	Maynooth	495	500
Arts	UCC	355	350
	NUI Galway	300	300
	WIT	275	280
Bus	UL	425*	420
	I.T.T L 7	205	200
	WIT L.6	200	200