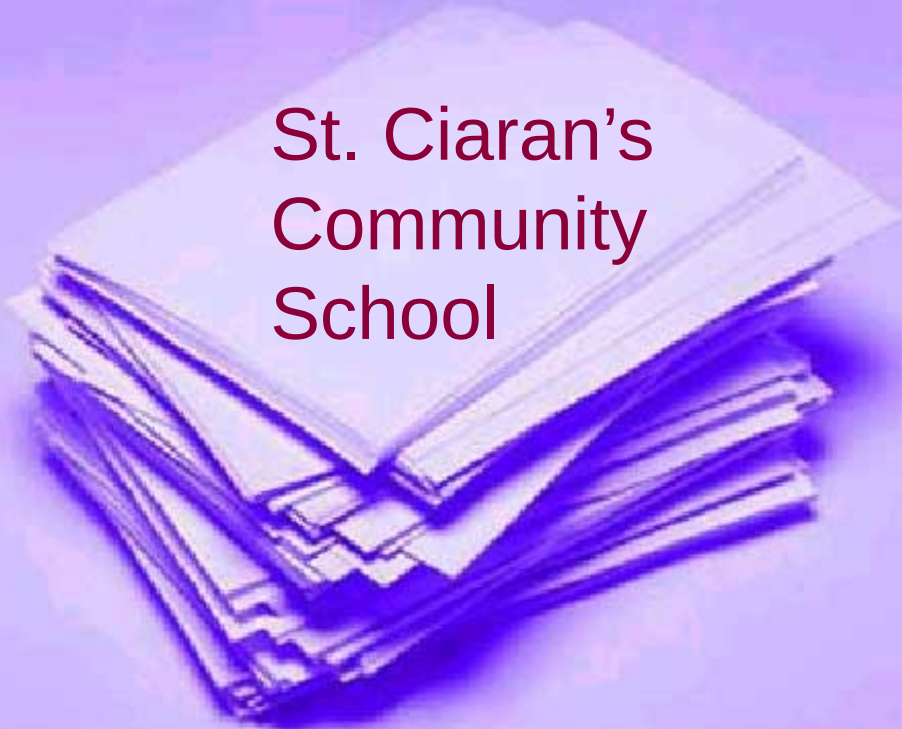


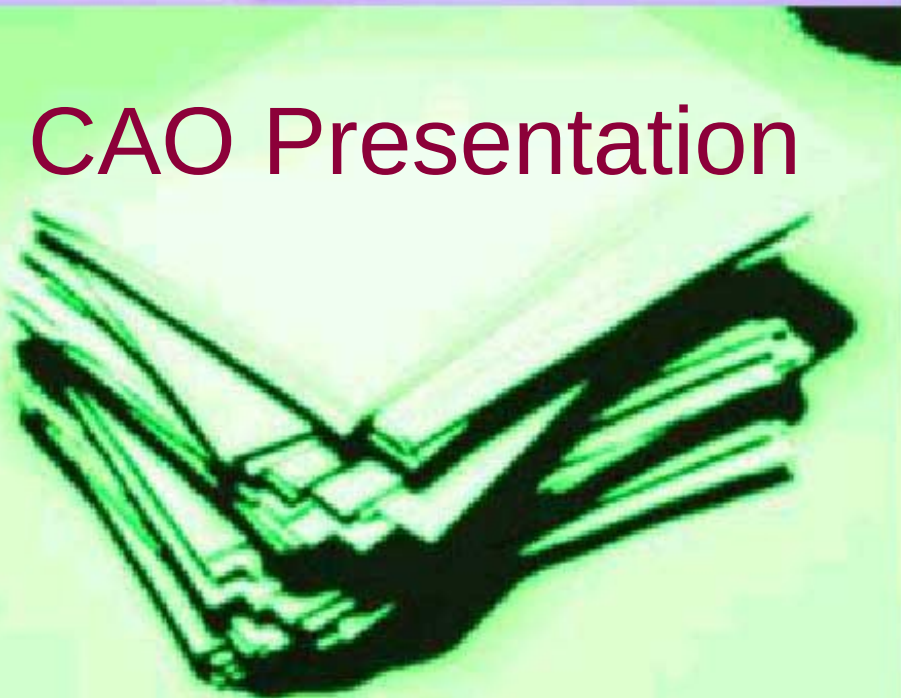
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2018



CAO Presentation



**DON'T PANIC**



# Agenda

- Timetable
- Applicants Responsibilities
- General points regarding the CAO
- Entry Requirements and the Points System
- Making an application
- How places are allocated by CAO
- After submitting the application
- Questions





# Applying to CAO 2017

Go to [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

## Important Dates

### Nov - Feb

4th November: CAO online application facility opens at noon

20th January (5:15pm): Closing date for discounted application fee of €25

1st February (5:15pm): Normal closing date for CAO applications

6th February: Change of Course Choices facility opens at noon - used for introducing restricted courses or by restricted-category applicants

### March - June

1st March: Change of Course Choices facility closes at 5:15pm

1st March (5:15pm): Closing date for completion of HEAR/DARE application forms

1st April: HEAR/DARE supporting documents to be received by CAO by 5:15pm

5th May: Change of Mind facility opens at noon - restrictions apply

### July - Oct

1st July: Change of Mind facility closes at 5:15pm

Early July: Round A offers issued

Early August: Round 0 offers issued

21st August: Round One offers available online at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) from 6am

28th August (5:15pm): Round One offers reply date

Offers are issued on a weekly basis until mid-October, or until all places have been filled

For a list of all deadlines and important dates go to [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) and read the CAO Handbook.



# Applicants Responsibilities

“It became apparent that at least some students and parents believe that the Guidance Counsellor has some role to play in the completion of the CAO application form, and indeed some responsibility for its accurate completion. May I make it clear that we find such an idea to be outlandish.”  
(C.A.O.)

## Advice for the student



It is YOUR choice

It is YOUR responsibility

NOT the Guidance Counsellor

NOT your parents

NOT your friends

*This is **YOUR** life*



# H.E.I.s in the C.A.O.

- Universities
- Institutes of Technology
- Teacher Training Colleges
- N.C.A.D.
- Incorporated Religious Institutes
- N.C.I.
- Private Colleges





**SUBJECT AREAS**

marketing  
architecture  
religious studies  
optometry  
humanities  
business studies  
advertising  
art and design  
economics  
computing  
engineering  
sport science  
psychology  
broadcasting  
media production  
healthcare  
mathematics  
social work  
dentistry  
performing arts  
science  
history  
nursing  
physiotherapy  
journalism  
teaching and education  
tourism  
law  
music  
finance  
accountancy  
languages  
medicine



# Choice

1977 – 5 Colleges with 69 courses

2018 – 49 Colleges with 1418 courses

The Internet of Things, Cloud Computing, Bioveterinary Science, Forensic Toxicology, Smart Technology for Business, Citizenship & Community Studies, Pilot Studies, Aero Engineering, Digital Marketing, Sport & Exercise (Rugby), Popular Music (Electric Bass Guitar), Building Energy Systems, Marine Electrotechnology, Craft Technology, Crimology, Government, Law (Clinical), Public Health, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Theology & Psychology, Film Studies, Global Business (USA), Genetics & Cell Biology, Law & Society, Marketing, Innovation & Technology, Politics & Media, Nutraceuticals in Health & Nutrition, Timber Product Technology, Baking & Pastry Arts Management, Animation, Web Engineering, Cyber Security, DNA & Forensic Analysis, Visual Culture, Political Science & Geography, Ancient & Medieval History & Culture, NanoScience, Business Studies & Polish ...



# For Comparison

Leaving Certificate points statistics for **1995**:

Total candidates presenting LCE : 68,463

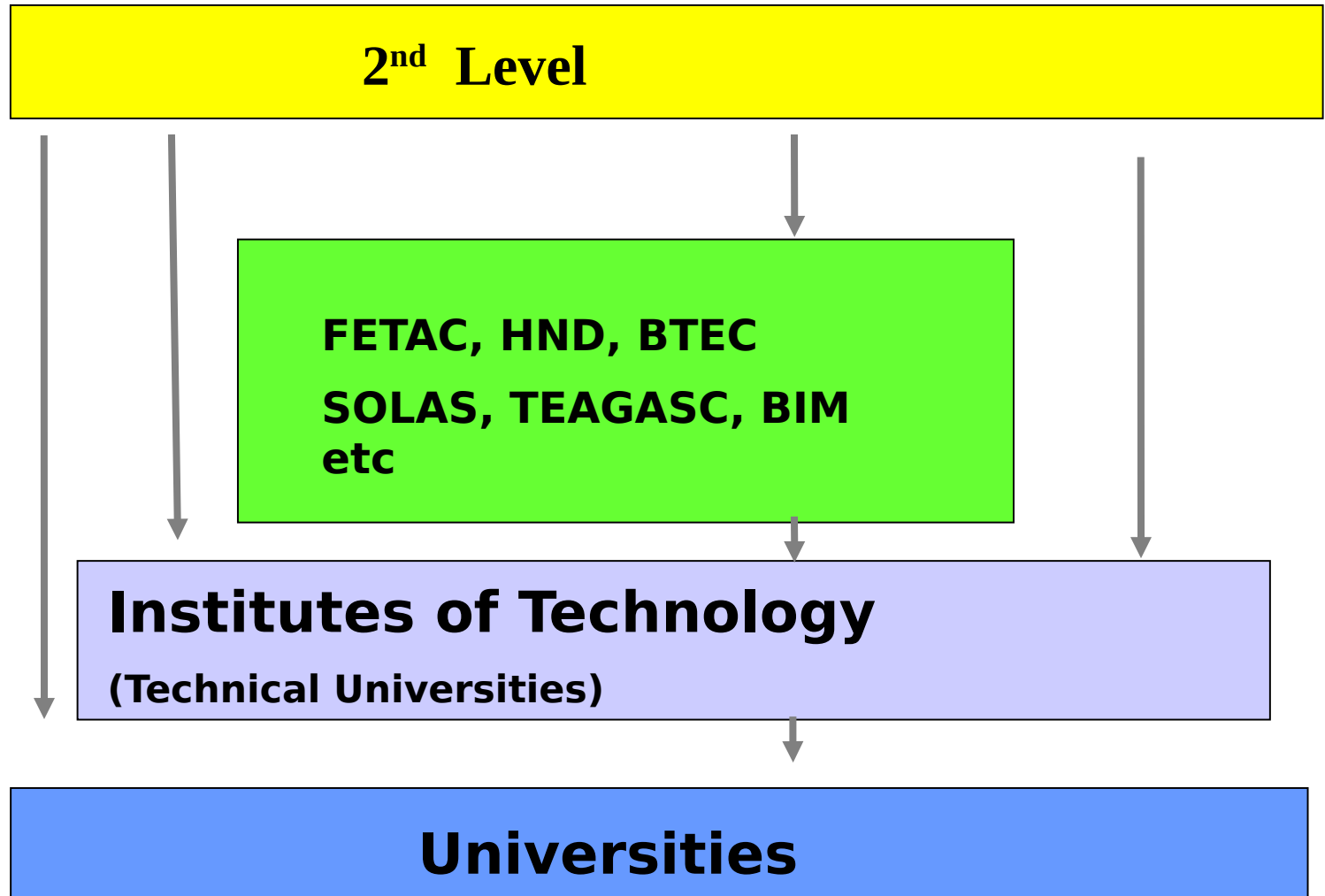
Candidates scoring 600 points	: 31	( 0.0%)
Candidates scoring from 500 - 599	: 2,594	( 3.8%)
Candidates scoring from 400 - 499	: 10,631	( 15.5%)
Candidates scoring from 300 - 399	: 15,003	( 21.9%)
Candidates scoring from 200 - 299	: 13,467	( 19.7%)
Candidates scoring from 100 - 199	: 13,121	( 19.2%)
Candidates scoring less than 100	: 13,616	(19.9%)

Leaving Certificate points statistics for **2017**:

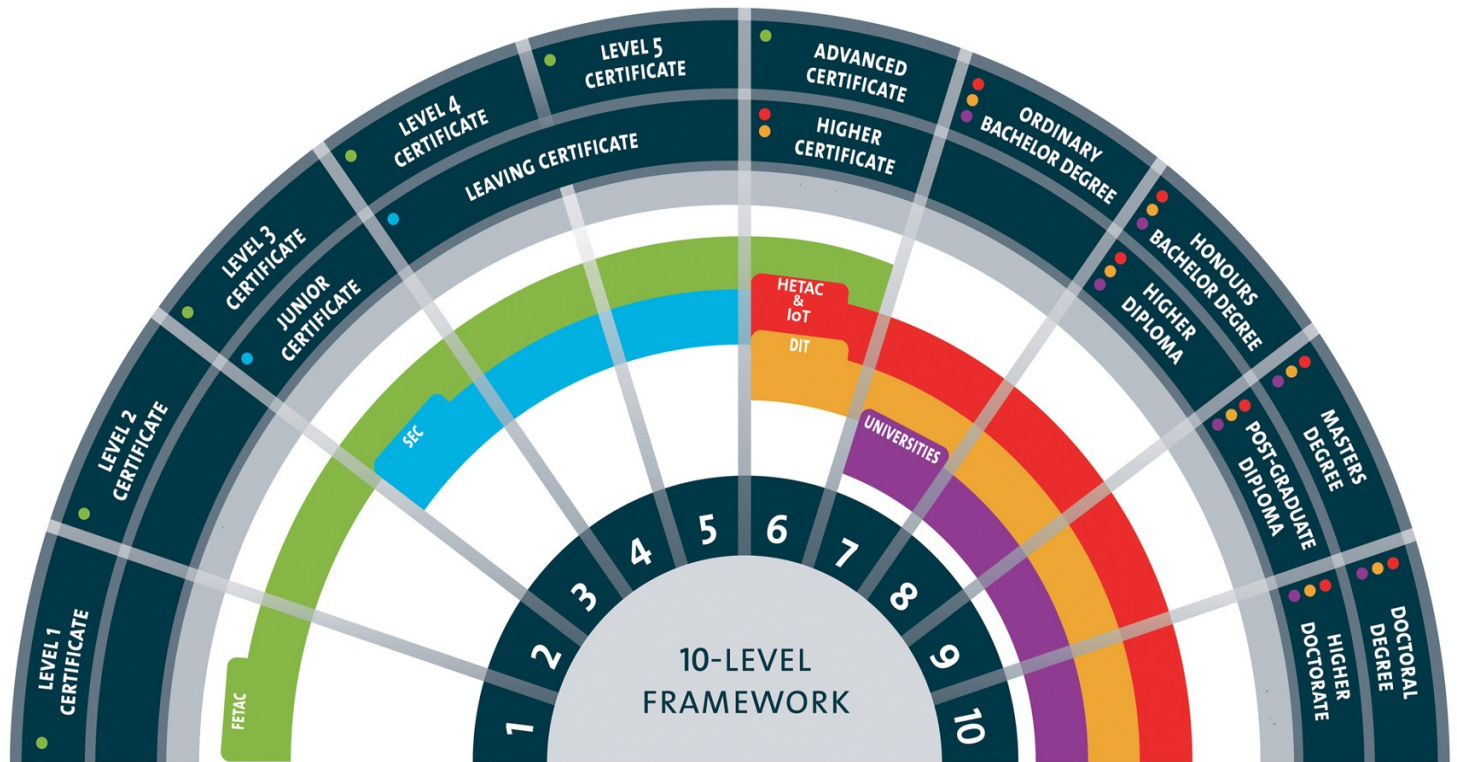
Total candidates presenting LCE : 55,770

Candidates scoring 625 points	: 157	( 0.3%)
Candidates scoring from 600 - 624	: 476	( 0.9%)
Candidates scoring from 500 - 599	: 6,162	( 11%)
Candidates scoring from 400 - 499	: 13,394	( 24%)
Candidates scoring from 300 - 399	: 14,201	( 25.5%)
Candidates scoring from 200 - 299	: 10,964	( 19.7%)
Candidates scoring from 100 - 199	: 6,656	( 11.9%)
Candidates scoring less than 100	: 3,760	( 6.7%)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Level in Ireland



# The Framework







Level 10

**Doctorate:** Several years of self-directed study and research.

Level 9

**Masters:** A 1-2 year course taken after a Level 8.  
**Post-graduate Diploma:** A 1 year course taken after a Level 8.

Level 8

**Higher Diploma:** A 1-year course taken after a bachelor degree.  
**Honours Bachelor Degree:** Usually a 3/4-year course in college.

Level 7

**Ordinary Bachelor Degree:** Usually three years of study in college.

Level 6

**Higher Certificate:** Leads to employment or higher education.  
**Advanced Certificate:** Training in work-specific skills.

Level 5

**Level 5 Certificate:** Two years of study, usually aimed at employment.

**Leaving Certificate:** A general education award placed at Levels 4 and 5.

Level 4

**Level 4 Certificate:** Training in personal or work related skills.

Level 3

**Junior Certificate:** A general education award placed at Level 3.  
**Level 3 Certificate:** Training in specific personal/practical skills and knowledge.

Level 2

**Level 2 Certificate:** Training in basic literacy, numeracy, and general education.

Level 1

**Level 1 Certificate:** Training in fundamental literacy and numeracy.



## DANGER

- Do the Research!
- Points patterns
- Beware of -
  - College snobbery
  - Trendy courses
  - Family tradition
- Awareness of future employment trends
- Look outside of county/ country boundaries (Scotland & the E.U.)
- Have a safety net!



# CAO HANDBOOK

# 2018

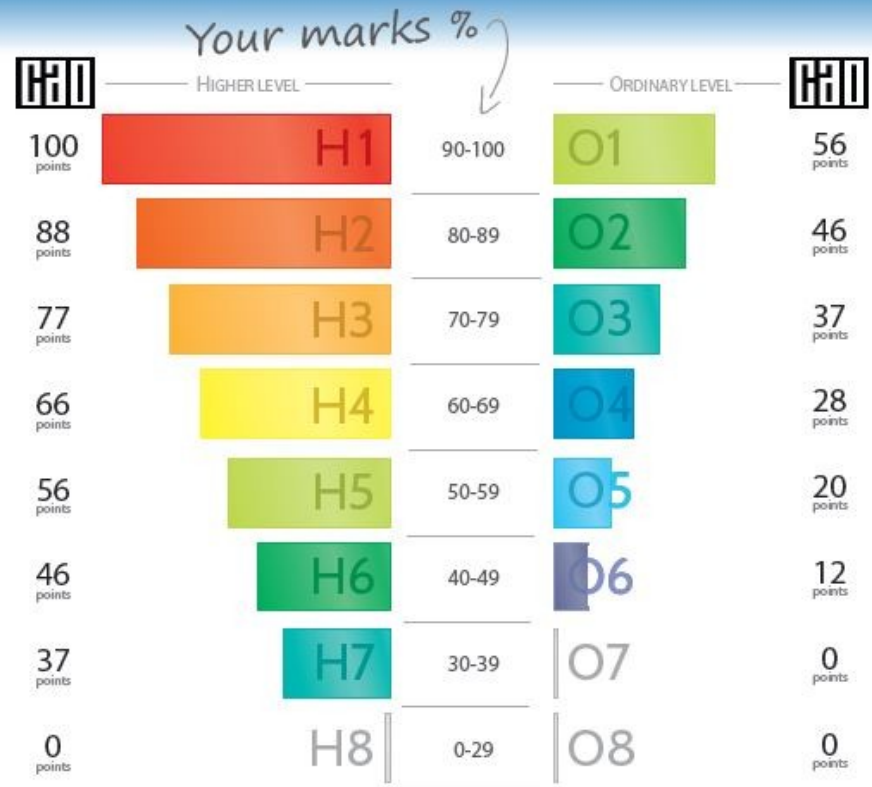
*This Handbook (which is supplied free of charge) gives information on application and admission procedures only.*

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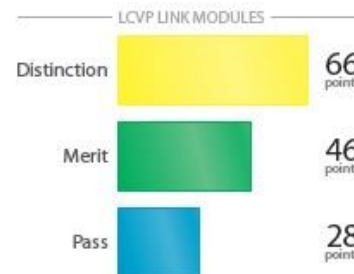
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# Points 2017- Now Second Year!



+25 Bonus Points for H1-H6 Maths



CAO Points Calculators

FREE!

Use online or get the App!



Above details refer to students sitting the Leaving Certificate from 2017 onwards only. Students who sat the Leaving Certificate before 2017 will be awarded 15 points for an E grade (50-59%) at Higher Level under the new grading scheme.





**SAMPLE:**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Irish</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O3</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H3</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O2</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Biology</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H3</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>D.C.G.</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H2</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>German</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H3</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>O2</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>LCVP</b>	<b>Common</b>	<b>Merit</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Add the best 6 scores shown in red.</b>	<b>Points = 411</b>		

# Accompanying Conditions:

- Bonus points for Leaving Certificate Higher Level Mathematics will be awarded in 2012. The scheme is to be introduced for a four year pilot period commencing Leaving Certificate 2012 and will be reviewed in 2017.
- The six best results, in recognised subjects, in one Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points computation.
- One sitting only of the Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points purposes.
- In the case of certain subjects, e.g. Alternative Ordinary Level Mathematics, or Foundation Level Irish, some HEIs may not award the points shown above. However some of the I.T's are now awarding some points for Foundation Level Maths. If in any doubt, check with the Admissions Office of the appropriate HEIs.
- LCVP points awarded: Distinction - 70, Merit - 50, Pass - 30 (Not acceptable for some courses please check!)



# NEW MEDICAL ENTRY SYSTEM

- You must now register for and sit the 'hpat-Ireland' test.
- Register by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018. (Late fee up to February 1<sup>st</sup>.)
- Cost is €130, date of test 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018.
- All medical programmes are now restricted entry.



# Restricted Application Courses

- Some courses have Interviews/ Assessments / Portfolios / Auditions
- Medicine – HPAT Test
- Application must be made by the 1<sup>st</sup> February.
- Details of all restricted entry courses are in the CAO Handbook





# How does the allocation work?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DN077	TR032	DN074	LM067	DT025	LC019	CR105	DN003	CK602	DC193
607	560	595	560	600	570	600	540	600	555
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450	405	440	405	445	405	440	410	440	405
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7 round one places not accepted

□ Last place to be filled - Round 1

□ Last place to be filled - Round 2

Round 2 cut off points - 455

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310

**ROUND 2**

3 round one places not accepted

□ Last place to be filled - Round 1

□ Last place to be filled - Round 2

Round 2 cut off points - 460

# Random Selection

## EXAMPLE

LIST BEFORE BEING RE-ORDERED ACCORDING  
TO RANDOM NUMBER

Applicant	Position of applicants in points order	Random number (relevant only for last available places)
1	600	---
2	595	---
3	590	---
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198	360	342
199	360	123
200	360	765
201	360	417
202	360	561

LIST AFTER BEING RE-ORDERED ACCORDING  
TO RANDOM NUMBER

Applicant	Position of applicants in points order AND THEN IN RANDOM NUMBER ORDER	Random number (relevant only for last available places)
1	600	---
2	595	---
3	590	---
---	---	---
---	---	---
198	360	765
199	360	561
200	360	417
201	360	342
202	360	123



# DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

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## Honours Bachelor Degrees - Level 8 (HD)

Apply by inserting the Codes below in the Level 8 Section of the Application Form.

Code	Title (NOT to be entered on Application Form) Honours Bachelor Degrees - Level 8
DC 001	Education - Early Childhood Education
DC 002	Education - Primary Teaching
DC 003	Education - Primary Teaching - <i>Gaeltacht Applicants</i>
DC 004	Education - Primary Teaching – CIC (Church of Ireland Centre formerly CICE) <span style="float: right;"><i>(Restricted - see page 3)</i></span>
DC 009	Arts (Joint Honours) - Humanities Students must choose <b>two</b> subjects from the list below: English, Gaelige, Human Development, French <b>or</b> Geography <b>or</b> Theology & Religious Studies History <b>or</b> Mathematics <b>or</b> Music <b><i>(Please note that the subject Music is restricted entry – see page 3)</i></b>
DC 010	Post Primary Teacher Education - Religious Education and English
DC 011	Post Primary Teacher Education - Religious Education and History
DC 012	Post Primary Teacher Education - Religious Education and Music <span style="float: right;"><i>(Restricted - see page 3)</i></span>
DC 110	Business Studies International
DC 111	Business Studies
DC 112	Global Business (France)
DC 113	Global Business (Germany)
DC 114	Global Business (Spain)
DC 115	Accounting and Finance
DC 116	Global Business (USA)
DC 117	Aviation Management / Aviation Management with Pilot Studies
DC 118	Gnó agus Gaeilge / Business and Irish
DC 119	Global Business (Canada)
DC 120	Enterprise Computing
DC 121	Computer Applications
DC 122	Computational Problem-Solving and Software Development <span style="float: right;"><i>(Restricted - see page 3)</i></span>
DC 123	Data Science
DC 126	Actuarial Mathematics
DC 127	Common Entry into Actuarial and Financial Mathematics



**SUBJECT OPTION CODES FOR THE TR001 (Level 8 - TWO-SUBJECT MODERATORSHIP) COURSE**

Please ignore this section unless you are applying for TR001

(Use a ruler as an aid in selecting codes from this page)

	AH	CT	CC	CL	DR	EI	EC	EN	FS	FR	GG	GE	HS	AR	IT	JS	MT	MI	MU	PH	PS	RU	SC	SP	WR
AH	-	-	-	224	-	-	-	106	-	107	-	-	112	113	115	547	-	-	-	-	-	121	-	123	102
CT	-	-	-	-	-	186	-	-	-	-	-	-	187	-	189	-	-	188	-	190	-	-	-	-	-
CC	-	-	-	225	185	-	-	166	-	167	-	-	172	173	175	548	-	174	-	179	-	181	-	183	133
CL	224	-	225	-	226	227	-	228	-	229	-	-	230	231	232	233	-	234	-	235	-	236	-	237	238
DR	-	-	185	226	-	-	-	276	311	306	-	366	-	485	545	-	-	515	635	-	-	725	755	785	-
EI	-	186	-	227	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	456	486	-	549	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	156
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FS	-	-	-	-	311	-	-	312	-	313	-	314	-	-	316	319	-	315	320	-	-	317	-	318	310
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MI	-	188	174	234	515	-	-	264	315	294	-	354	444	-	505	556	-	-	508	509	-	511	512	513	144
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AH Ancient History and Archaeology

CT Catholic Theological Studies

CC Classical Civilisation

CL Classical Languages (Greek/Latin)

DR Drama Studies

EI Early Irish

EC Economics

EN English Literature

FS Film Studies

FR French

GG Geography

GE German

HS History

AR History of Art and Architecture

IT Italian

JS Jewish and Islamic Civilisations

MT Mathematics

MI Modern Irish

MU Music

PH Philosophy

PS Psychology

RU Russian

SC Sociology

SP Spanish

WR World Religions and Theology

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**Note 1** You can apply only **ONCE** for **DN500**. See UCD Prospectus for further information on subject choice.  
You **must** select **ONE** of the options from the table below which represents your two-subject preference (e.g. Archaeology and Italian is DN500 AIT)

These Subject Preference codes are for DN500 courses only.

	Archaeology	Art History	Celtic Civilization	Drama Studies	Economics	English	French	Geography	German	Greek and Roman Civilization	History	Information and Social Computing	Irish	Irish Folklore	Irish Studies	Italian	Linguistics	Mathematics	Music	Philosophy	Politics and Intl Relations	Sociology	Spanish	Statistics
Archaeology	-	AAH	ACE	DAR	AEC	-	AFR	AGY	AGE	AGR	ACH	AIS	AIR	AIF	AID	AIT	ALI	AMA	AMU	APH	-	ASO	ASP	STA
Art History	AAH	-	AHC	DAH	-	AHN	AHF	RGY	RGE	-	AHH	RIS	RIR	-	AHD	RIT	-	RMA	RMU	RPH	RPO	RSO	RSP	AST
Celtic Civilization	ACE	AHC	-	-	CEC	CEN	-	OGE	CGR	CHY	CIS	CIR	CIF	CED	CIT	CLI	CMA	CMU	CPH	CPO	CSO	CSP	STC	
Drama Studies	DAR	DAH	-	-	DEC	DEN	-	DGE	DGR	DHY	DIS	DIR	DIF	DIS	DIT	DLI	DMA	DMU	DPH	DPI	DSO	DSP	DST	
Economics	AEC	-	CEC	DEC	-	EEN	EFR	EGY	EGE	-	EHY	EIS	EIR	-	EID	EIT	-	EMA	EMU	EPH	EPO	ESO	ESP	STE
English	-	AHN	CEN	DEN	EEN	-	ENF	NGY	NGE	NGR	ENH	NIS	NIR	NIF	END	NIT	NLI	NMA	NMU	NPH	-	NSO	NSP	EST
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Geography	AGY	RGY	-	-	EGY	NGY	-	GYG	GYZ	GYH	ISY	GYI	GYF	GYD	ITY	GYL	MAY	GYM	PHY	POY	SOY	SPY	STG	
German	AGE	RGE	OGE	DGE	EGE	NGE	FGE	GYG	-	GEZ	GEH	-	GEI	GIF	-	ITG	GEL	-	GEM	-	POG	SOG	-	GST
Greek and Roman Civilization	AGR	-	CGR	DGR	-	NGR	FGR	GYZ	GEZ	-	GRH	ISZ	GRI	-	GRD	ITZ	-	MAZ	GRM	PHZ	POZ	SOZ	SPZ	STZ
History	ACH	AHH	CHY	DHY	EHY	ENH	FHY	GYH	GEH	GRH	-	HIS	HIR	HIF	HID	HIT	HLI	HMA	-	HPH	HPO	HSO	HSP	-
Information and Social Computing	AIS	RIS	CIS	DIS	EIS	NIS	FIS	ISY	-	ISZ	HIS	-	IRS	IFS	-	ITS	LIS	-	MUS	-	POS	SIS	-	STI
Irish	AIR	RIR	CIR	DIR	EIR	NIR	FIR	GYI	GEI	GRI	HIR	IRS	-	IIF	IRD	-	ILI	IMA	IMU	IPH	IPO	-	ISP	IST
Irish Folklore	AIF	-	CIF	DIF	-	NIF	FIF	GYF	GIF	-	HIF	IFS	IIF	-	IFD	ITO	-	MAO	MUO	PHO	POO	SOO	SIF	IFT
Irish Studies	AID	AHD	CED	DIS	EID	END	FID	GYD	-	GRD	HID	-	IRD	IFD	-	ITD	LID	-	MUD	-	POD	SOD	-	IRT
Italian	AIT	RIT	CIT	DIT	EIT	NIT	FIT	ITY	ITG	ITZ	HIT	ITS	-	ITO	ITD	-	TLI	TMA	TMU	ITP	TPO	-	TSP	ITT
Linguistics	ALI	-	CLI	DLI	-	NLI	FLI	GYL	GEL	-	HLI	LIS	ILI	-	LID	TLI	-	LMA	LMU	LPH	LPO	LSO	LSP	STL
Mathematics	AMA	RMA	CMA	DMA	EMA	NMA	FMA	MAY	-	MAZ	HMA	-	IMA	MAO	-	TMA	LMA	-	MUM	-	POM	SOM	-	STM
Music	AMU	RMU	CMU	DMU	EMU	NMU	FMU	GYM	GEM	GRM	-	MUS	IMU	MUO	MUD	TMU	LMU	MUM	-	PHU	POU	SOU	SPU	-
Philosophy	APH	RPH	CPH	DPH	EPH	NPH	FPH	PHY	-	PHZ	HPH	-	IPH	PHO	-	ITP	LPH	-	PHU	-	PHP	PHS	-	STP
Politics and Intl Relations	-	RPO	CPO	DPI	EPO	-	FPO	POY	POG	POZ	HPO	POS	IPO	POO	POD	TPO	LPO	POM	POU	PHP	-	SOP	SPO	PST
Sociology	ASO	RSO	CSO	DSO	ESO	NSO	FSO	SOY	SOG	SOZ	HSO	SIS	-	SOO	SOD	-	LSO	SOM	SOU	PHS	SOP	-	SPS	STS
Spanish	ASP	RSP	CSP	DSP	ESP	NSP	FSP	SPY	-	SPZ	HSP	-	ISP	SIF	-	TSP	LSP	-	SPU	SPO	SPS	-	SPT	
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The Central Applications Office processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Decisions on admissions to undergraduate courses are made by the HEIs who instruct CAO to make offers to successful candidates.



Closing Date for Applications is the 1st February at 17:15.

### Need Help?

Click here for demonstration videos, guides and answers to frequently asked questions.

### Demo Application

Try the online Demo Application to become more familiar with the application process.

### Important Dates:

**JAN 20** Apply online by this date to avail of the discounted fee of €25

**FEB 1** Normal closing date for applications (17:15)

### 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

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

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Home address

Rep. of Ireland

Other Country

Address Line 1

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

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Telephone Number

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Select International dialling code: ▼

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Do you wish to receive sms text messages from CAO?

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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Country of Birth

Nationality

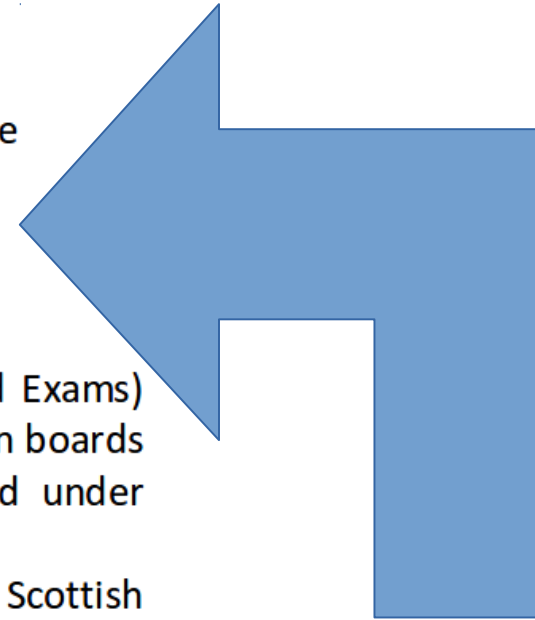
E-mail address

Confirm e-mail

### Qualifications & Assessments Summary:

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

1.  Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985 – 2017)
2.  2002 – 2017 QQI FET/FETAC Level 5/6 Exams
3.  2001 or earlier FETAC Level 5/6 (NCVA Level 2/3)
4.  GCE/GCSE (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland Exams)  
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 (e.g. Baccalaureate, Scottish Exams, pre-1985 Irish & UK exams, Leaving Exams outside of UK & Ireland, Leaving Cert Applied, GNVQs, VCEs, Irish Matric., etc.)
6.  Further Education
7.  Third-Level Higher Education (required regardless of whether you passed, failed or did not take examinations)
8.  Mature Applicants (those 23 years of age on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017)



Select your category

Payment Options :

Credit or Debit Card   

Fee Payment Form



(Republic of Ireland applicants only)

Terms & Conditions :

TERMS & CONDITIONS WILL APPEAR HERE ON THE REAL FORM

I understand this form is for practice only and that no details will be sent to CAO.

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.

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

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

# Application Number

- You Are Now Given An Application Number
- Keep This Carefully (Sent Instantly By Email And Text)
- You Will Need It To Log In To Your Account
- You Can Change Your Mind Online Free Of Charge Until 1<sup>st</sup> February
- After That Changes Can Be Made from 5<sup>th</sup> May until 1<sup>st</sup> July



[www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie)



So – what is the best way to fill in the courses?



- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10



Dream Courses

Realistic Courses

Safety Net

**Genuine  
Order of  
Preference**

# After Completing the Application

- Receive CAO number and Statement of Course Choices.
- Receive Statement of Application Record.
- Some students may be asked to attend extra assessments.
- Change of Mind facility becomes available.
- Leaving Cert. Results are sent to CAO.
- Places are allocated and offered by post and online.
- Students accept, reject or defer offered places.
- Further rounds of offers are made until all course places are filled.



# *CAO Offer Timetable*

- Mature/ deferrals in July / early Aug
- Leaving Certificate results – Aug 8th, 2018
- Round One Offers - August 13th
- Each list separate. (Can accept on-line.)
- Offers each week thereafter
- Can only move up list, never down
- Can accept or ignore subsequent offers
- Available Place application ([www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie))
- Random Selection (Leaving Cert Pts)





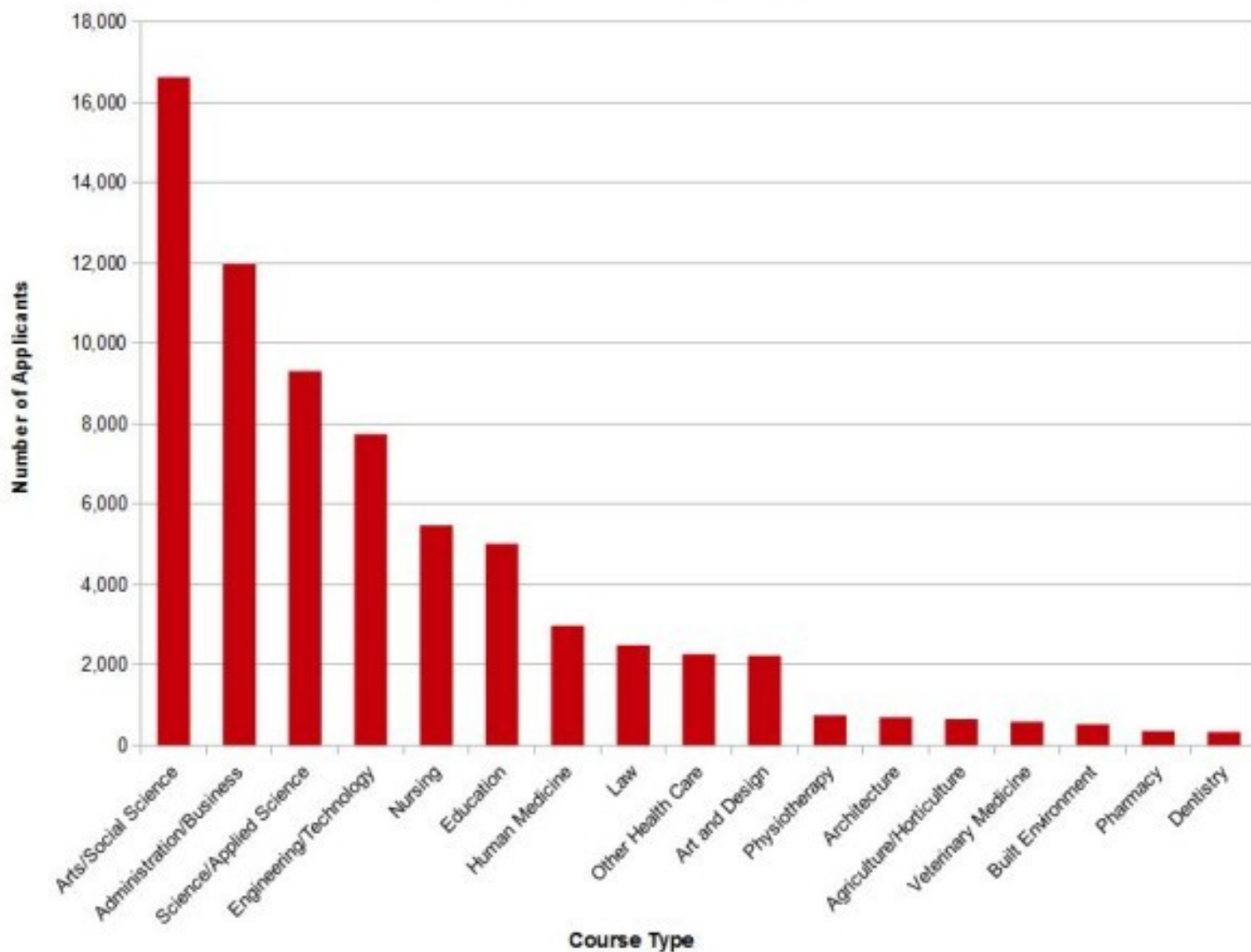
Total Applications		78,199
Leaving Cert applying to CAO		44,967
All Leaving Cert regardless of years.		67,932
Matures		14,910
FETAC		11,711
GCE		1,913
Non-Eu not LCE,GCE or FETAC		3,516
Acceptances for Applicants with	previous HE	9,797
Acceptances for Applicants with	previous FE	4,877
HEAR Applicants		8,399
HEAR Applicants who received an offer		4,901
HEAR Applicants who got a HEAR offer below the points cutoff		682
DARE Applicants		2,309
DARE Applicants who received an offer		1,401

Leaving Certs who received an offer:  
29,937





Degree Courses - First Preferences



## St. Ciaran's Degree List 2016

College	Course	Numbers
Athlone I.T.	Software Design - Game Development or Cloud Computing	1
Athlone I.T.	Biotechnology	1
Dublin City University	Sciences - Chemical & Pharmaceutical Sciences	1
Dublin City University	Engineering - Common Entry	1
Dundalk Institute of Technology	Business Studies	1
Dundalk Institute of Technology	Computing in Games Development	1
Dundalk Institute of Technology	Film & Television Production	1
Dublin Institute of Technology	Business Analytics	1
Dublin Institute of Technology	Business Computing	1
Dublin Institute of Technology	Logistics & Supply Chain Management	1
Institute of Technology Blanchardstown	Creative Digital Media	1
Institute of Technology Carlow	Science - Sport Science	1
Institute of Technology Carlow	Strength & Conditioning	2
Maynooth University	Arts	3
Maynooth University	Music Technology	1
Maynooth University	Science	1
Maynooth University	Physics with Astrophysics	1
Maynooth University	Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Chemistry	1
Maynooth University	Product Design	1
Maynooth University	Robotics & Intelligent Devices	1
University College Dub.	Commerce	1
University of Limerick	Applied Physics	1
University of Limerick	Materials & Architectural Technology with concurrent Teacher Education - Second Level Teaching	1
University College Galway	Commerce	1
University College Galway	Civil Law	1

## College Numbers

College	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Carlow College		1			1	1						
Colaiste Mhuire						1						
D.I.T.	9	7	4	3	7	5	6	7	8	8	4	4
D.L.I.A.D.T.				2	2							
Dublin Business School					1	1	1		1			
Dublin City University	4	1	4	4	5	7	2	6	6	9	3	5
Griffith College		3						1		1		1
I.T. Athlone	2	1		1	1	2		2	2	4	1	2
I.T. Blanchardstown	3		1	1	3		1		4		1	5
I.T. Carlow		3							2	1		3
I.T. Dundalk	10	13	15	16	18	8	12	2	15	7	6	11
I.T. Galway / Mayo		2	1			3	6		3	2	2	2
I.T. Letterkenny	2			1		1				3		
I.T. Tallaght				1					1		1	
I.T. Sligo		1	1	5	2	3	1	1	3	3		
Limerick I.T.					1					1		
I.T. Waterford	1						1		3	1		
Mater Dei								1				
Mary Immaculate										1		
Maynooth University	2	2	6	6	7	3	9	3	9	11	2	9
N.C.I.	1				2	3				2	1	
Pontifical University Maynooth							1					
R.C.S.I.					1	1						
St. Patrick's Drumcondra	1		2		2	1		1	1	4		
Tralee I.T.									2	1		
Trinity College Dublin	1	6			6	4	3	8	1		1	3
University College Galway		1		2		5	3	1	2	5	3	2
University College Dublin	2	3	1	4	3	4	4	3	2	6	3	1
University College Cork							1					
Tipperary Institute												
University of Limerick	1			1	2	4	3	2			1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>51</b>



# Non- CAO Options

- Apprenticeships (SOLAS)
- Defence Forces
- Gardaí
- Fáilte Ireland
- Teagasc
- Direct to Employment
- Post Leaving Certificate Courses
- Repeat Leaving Certificate
- Clearing House





O' Fiaich Institute of Further Education





# *General Costs of College*

## **Average monthly cost:**

Rent (Shared House/Flat)	€ 370
Light/Heat/Power	€ 40
Food	€ 186
Travel	€ 60
Books/Stationery	€ 48
Clothes/Laundry/Medical	€ 100
Social Life/Mobile/Misc	€ 150
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€ 954</b>

**Annual (8½ Months) Total: € 8,109**



## ***Comparative Costs of College***

<b>COST (Per month €)</b>	<b>DUBLIN*</b>	<b>GALWAY**</b>	<b>SLIGO***</b>
Accommodation	575	420	320
Travel (city)	113	42.50	17.50
Food	214	260	175
Electricity/Heat/Power	56.75	80	39.50
TV and Internet	30	20	15
Photocopy/Printing	25	25	15
Recreation/Socialising/ outdoor activities	220	180	180
Mobile	20	20	20
Medical	23	20	12
Clothes Laundry	20	60	12
Pint of beer	5.25	5	4.20

*\* Averages of cost of living figures – Source: University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin Institute of Technology and Dublin City University*

*\*\* Averages of cost of living figures – Source: National University College Galway and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology*

*\*\*\* Figures provided by IT Sligo*

## Welcome to studentfinance.ie!

This website is a convenient and user-friendly source of information on financial support for further and higher education. We hope you find it useful.

You will see as you browse through studentfinance.ie that there are several financial assistance schemes available in Ireland to help you to progress through further and higher education.

The Student Grant is the main source of financial assistance and anyone who is thinking of embarking on further study should investigate whether they are eligible, and, if so, submit an application. The Student Grant section of studentfinance.ie is the most comprehensive source of information on the available schemes that you will find anywhere in Ireland. It provides a handy step-by-step guide to eligibility in clear, plain English

We provide information on course fees and details on eligibility requirements for free fees. In addition, you will find out all you need to know about other sources of assistance for students, such as the Fund for Students with Disabilities, the Back to Education Allowance and the Student Assistance Fund. You can find answers to possible questions you may have by accessing our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section. Lastly, we provide details and links to a range of other organisations and websites that may be of interest and/or assistance.

We wish you every success in your studies!

**The Closing date to submit new applications for the 2014/2015 Academic year is 1st August 2014**



Open April 2018



# Transition to Third Level

- *Size of College (800 to 22,000)*
- *Size of Class (6 to 500)*
- *Class contact hours / schedule*
- *Choosing subjects*
- *Attendance Monitoring*
- *Budgeting / Part-time work*
- *Reduced Parental Involvement*
- *Change in Learning Style*
- *Shift in who takes responsibility*





# In Difficulty - ASK

- **Mentor**
  - **Lecturer**
  - **Tutor**
  - **Academic Advisor**
  - **Careers Advisers**
  - **Chaplaincy**
- Counsellors**
  - Student Advisers**
  - Class Rep**
  - Library Help Desk**
  - Admissions Office**
  - Registrar's Office**

Lots of people are willing to assist you in any way they can....just ask.



# *Sources of Information*

- CAO Handbook & its warning
- Publications
- Guidance Counsellors / teachers
- Current students / graduates / people doing that job
- Open Days - College visits
- Visitors to School
- Parents / older siblings
- Interweb & General Media



# Websites

- [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- [www.careersa-z.co.uk](http://www.careersa-z.co.uk)
- [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)
- [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie)
- [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- [www.guidanceoffice.info](http://www.guidanceoffice.info)



## Sector-specific skills requirements

Sector	Skills needs
Financial Services	Risk, compliance, accounting, business intelligence, ICT and data analytics. These skills can be found in engineering, mathematics, data analytics, business and law graduates.
ICT Sector	Core technology skills, e.g. software developers, cloud, security, networking and infrastructure and a combination of the technical skills with business/analytic/foreign language skills as the skills requirements become more complex
Manufacturing	Scientists with experience and engineers (including process engineers, bioprocess scientists, validation engineers, precision engineers, toolmakers, automation engineers), quality professionals, supply chain managers
Medical Devices	Mechanical, automation and validation engineers; polymer technicians, software engineers, quality engineers and regulatory compliance experts
Bio-Pharma	Technicians and senior process scientists, pharma co-vigilance personnel, biotechnologists, biochemists, engineers including precision engineering
Food & Beverages	R&D scientists, food technologists and technicians with new product development skills; international sales/marketing with languages for international trade
Leisure, Tourism & Hospitality	Chefs: commis, demi, pastry and chef de partie.
Freight, Transport & Logistics	Graduate-managers, planners and ICT staff; skilled warehouse staff and HGV drivers
Wholesale & Retail	Accountancy, supply chain management, retail marketing and data mining of retail data, finance and human resource management
Construction	Chartered surveyors; internationalisation and management capability; ICT, Building Information Modelling (BIM) systems, Green Economy skills, orbital welders and high-end electrical and plumbing skills for complex facility constructions (e.g. BioPharma, Food Processing, data centres, etc).



The largest proportion of Honours Bachelor Degree ICT (31%), Health & Welfare (28%) and Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction (26%) graduates are earning between

€29k & €33k.



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Overall, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries & Veterinary and ICT Honours Bachelor Degree graduates are the highest earners, with 29% and 27% of such graduates earning

€33k or over respectively.

Dublin remains the region with most employment opportunities for graduates, followed by the South-West region.



And Finally...

Any  
Questions?

