

HEAR

Higher Education Access Route

School
Presentation
2019



Would
YOU
like to
go to
college?

Where
would
YOU
like to
go?

How do
I
get
there?

How do
I
apply?

Have you
heard of
HEAR?

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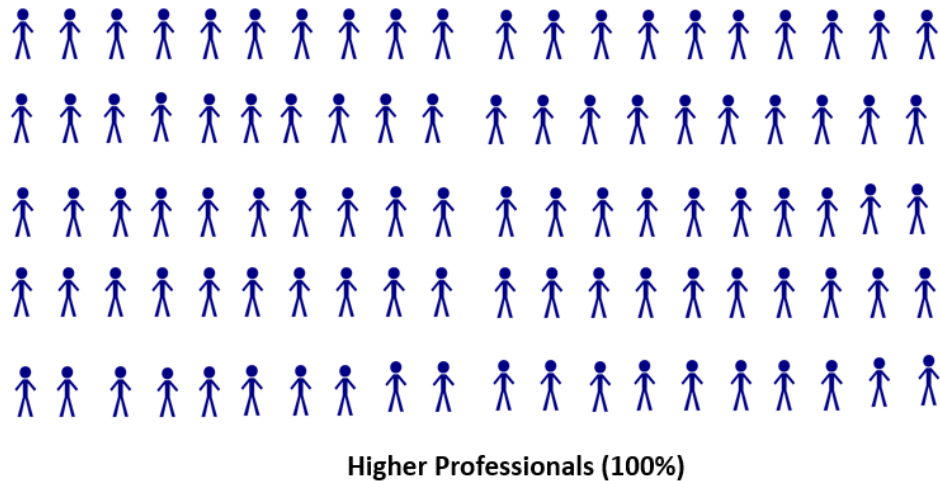
What is HEAR?

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.

Understanding Socio Economic Group (SEG)

In a typical Leaving Cert Class, the children of Higher Professionals are significantly more likely to go to college than other socio economic groups.



Higher Professionals (100%)



Non Manual Workers (c. 23%)

Understanding Area Profile



**Dublin 6
(99%)**



**Dublin 17
(15%)**

**99% of Students
in Dublin 6
go to College
compared to
15% in Dublin
17**

Where can I go to college?

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

- Athlone Institute of Technology

- Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- NUI Galway

- Limerick Institute of Technology
- Mary Immaculate College
- University of Limerick

- Institute of Technology, Tralee

- Maynooth University
- Pontifical University

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

- Cork Institute of Technology
- University College Cork

Where can I go to college?



There is
something
for **YOU**
in college.



Arts...

Science...

Business...

Engineering...

Health Sciences...

Medicine...

IT...

Clubs & Societies...

Athletics.....Gaelic
Football....

Mountaineering.....Drama....

Film....Dance...

**Volunteer...Make a
difference.**

Applying for a grant

HEAR is **NOT**
the SUSI grant.

If you apply to 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** (Class - Dependent/Independent)
less than €54,240/ €59,595/ €64,700 less than €39,875/
€43,810/ €47,575 less than €23,500

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 2019
- **Return requested documentation:** complete and on time
 - **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

Contact SUSI

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.

Benefits of HEAR

Reduced Points

- An example: If the Leaving Certificate points for a course are 366 points, an eligible HEAR 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 HEAR 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 HEAR places on the course
 - The number of HEAR eligible applicants competing for these reserved places.
- The reduction in points for HEAR places can vary every year.

Should I apply?

1. Was your household income on or below €45,790 in 2017?
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 2017?
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?

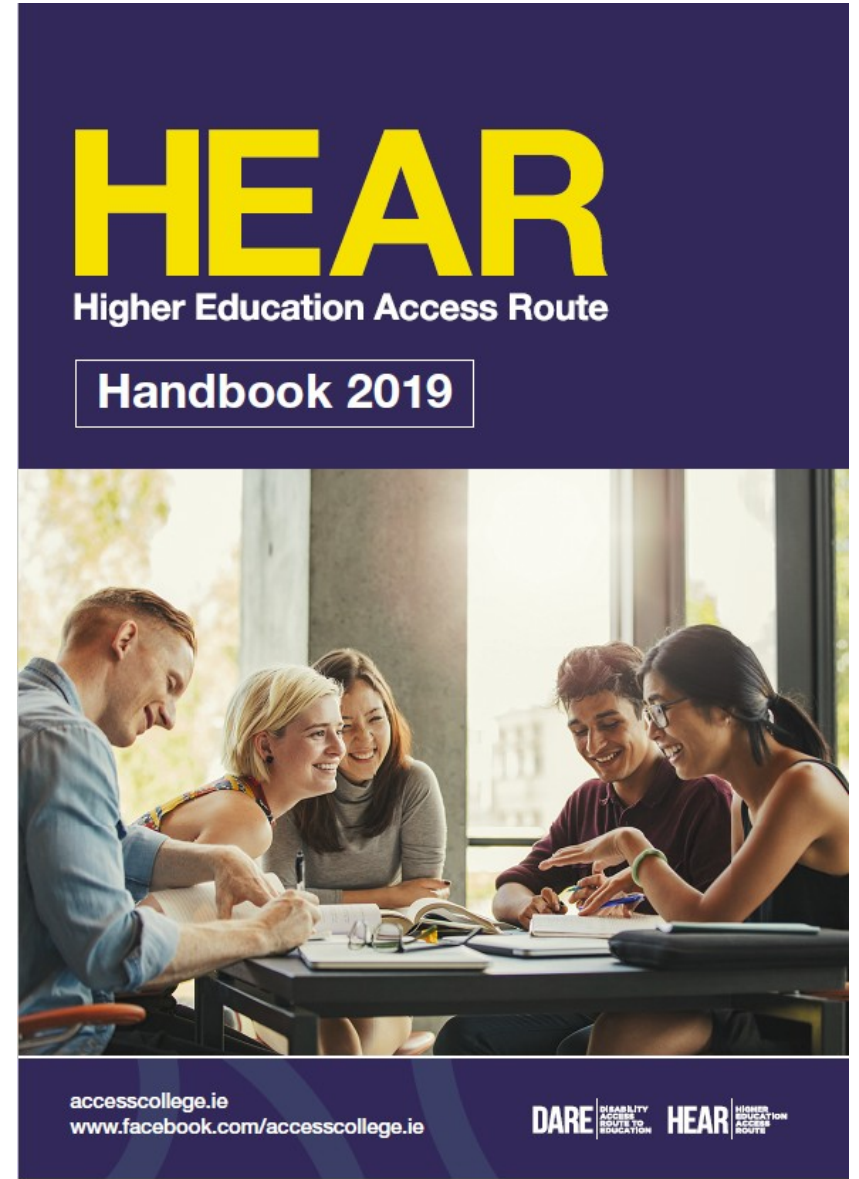


Talk to your
Parent /
Guardian.

You must meet the
HEAR income limit
plus
the **right combination**
of **2 other indicators to be eligible**

How do I apply?

1. Apply to CAO at www.cao.ie by **1 February 2019**.
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 2019**.
4. Submit clear copies of supporting documents requested on your checklist to CAO by **1 April 2019**.



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Handbook 2019

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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 1 March**.
4. Send in **all** documents on checklist to make a complete application before **1 April 2019**.

How do I know what documents I need?

- You can start your application as soon as the CAO opens on 5 November 2018.
- Do not leave it too late to start looking for the documents you need for your application –
- **you should start gathering the documents you need before 1 March 2019**

Sample Supporting Documents

- **P21 or Self Assessment Letter - Chapter 4 for 2017**
- **Social Welfare Form for 2017** Signed and Stamped by Social Welfare official
- **RP50 Notification of Redundancy** or
- **Retirement Lump Sum Letter for 2017**
- **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.
- Deadlines!

DARE

**DISABILITY
ACCESS
ROUTE TO
EDUCATION**

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 2019**.

Disabilities eligible for consideration

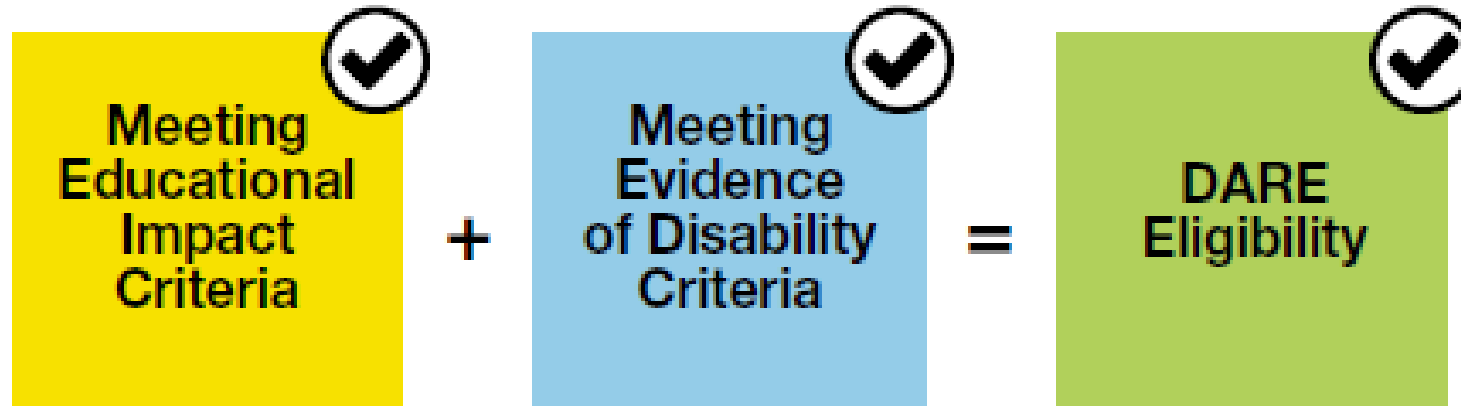
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- ADD / ADHD
- Blind / Vision Impaired
- Deaf / Hard of Hearing
- DCD – Dyspraxia
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (Incl. Brain Injury & Epilepsy)
- Speech & Language Communication Disorder
- Significant Ongoing Illness
-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

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**?

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.

How do I apply?

1. Apply to CAO at www.cao.ie by **1 February 2019**.
2. Review your DARE Handbook with your parents or guardians.
3. Complete Section A of the Supplementary Information Form and apply to DARE by answering **Yes to Question 1** by **1 March 2019**.
4. Submit the Education Disability to CAO by **1 April 2019**.



DARE and HEAR Timelines

DARE & HEAR closing date	○	1 March 2019
Supporting documents closing date	○	1 April 2019
Notification of eligibility	○	Late June 2019
Review and Appeals Application	○	July 2019
HEAR/DARE offers	○	August 2019
College Orientation	○	Late Aug /Early Sept 2019

Remember



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 Submit

it!

 Check

 Send it! 

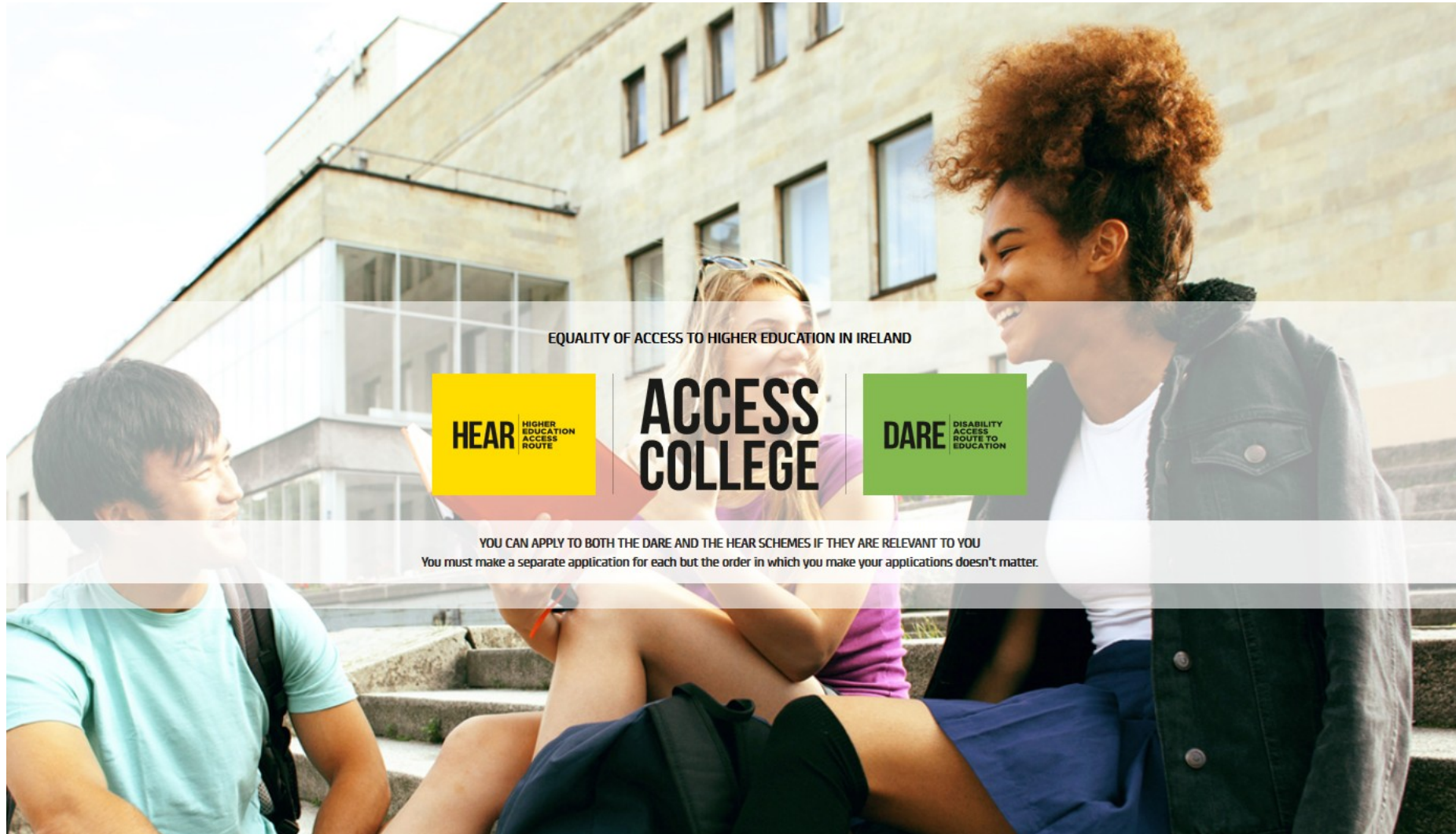
Remember

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

HEAR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS ROUTE

ACCESS COLLEGE

DARE DISABILITY ACCESS ROUTE TO EDUCATION

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.

Application

Advice Clinics

Saturday
19 January
2019
10am - 2pm

DARE and HEAR

Application Information Days

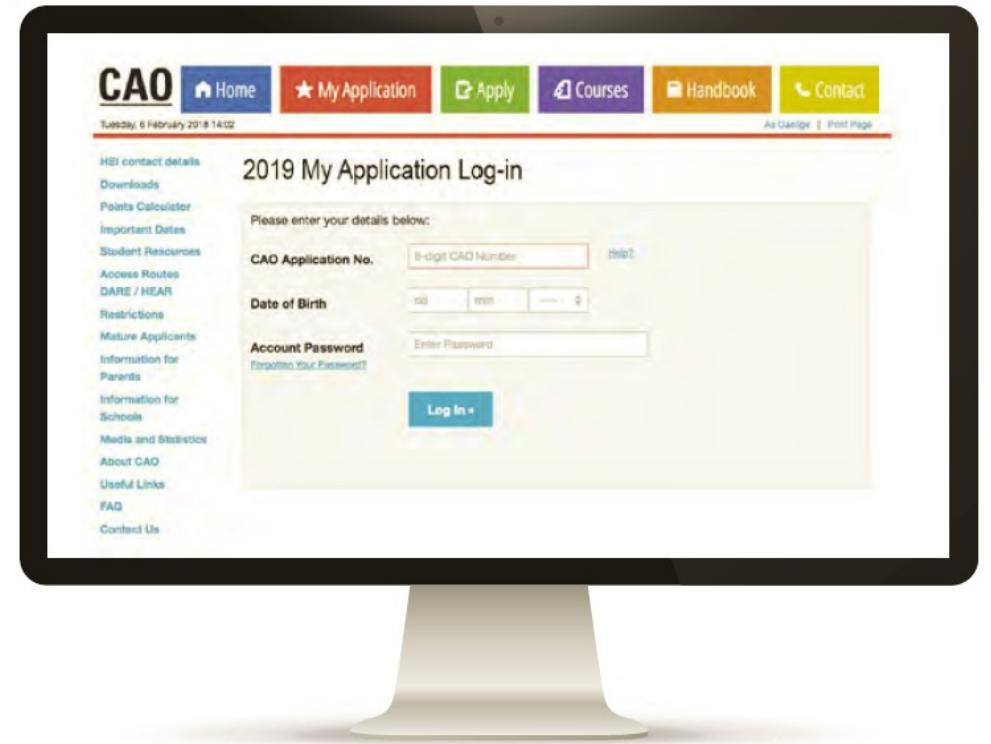


Additional
Kerry Rose Hotel Tralee Date: 22 January Time: 5-8pm
Waterford Woodlands Hotel Waterford Date: 24 January Time: 6-8pm

Full details and directions to all venues on www.accesscollege.ie

HEAR Application Outcome

From 24 June:
Log into your CAO application
to view your
HEAR Application Outcome.



Further Information



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