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# Options after the Leaving Certificate

By Ms O'Neill

# Options after the Leaving Cert



- CAO
- UCAS
- ENUICAS
- Post Leaving Certificate Courses (P.L.C.'s)
- Defence Forces - [www.military.ie](http://www.military.ie)
- Apprenticeships
- GAP Year
- Employment
- Repeat

# 3 Key Considerations

1. Interest

2. Personal Characteristics

3. Aptitude



# 1<sup>st</sup> Destination Course Area



Area	Numbers
Science (incl Medicine & Forestry)	21
Arts	11
Education	10
Care (incl OT, Nursing, Social Care)	8
Creative (Art & Music)	7
Engineering	4
Business	3
Apprenticeships	2
Agriculture	1

# Choosing a College

- Course always before College
- **Find out about the course/college**
  - Prospectus
  - Website
  - Open days
  - Speak to students
  - Summer Schools



# 1<sup>st</sup> Destination



Location	#
Galway	20
Dublin	17
Westmeath	11
Cavan	5
Maynooth	6
Limerick	5
Sligo	1

22 Different  
Colleges &  
Institutions  
NVIG 18 Students

# How to get a course in College?

- Minimum Entry Requirements
  - NUI Exemptions
    - You need to send in application
- Specific Entry Requirements
- Supply & Demand = points!



# Level 6

## Higher Certificate Programmes (Level 6)

The standard minimum entry requirement for first year admission to a higher certificate

Five Grades at O6 **or** H7 in Leaving Certificate

**AND** Mathematics Grade F2, O6 **or** H7

**AND** English Grade O6 **or** H7

**OR** Irish Grade O6 **or** H7

# Level 7

## Ordinary Degree Programmes (Level 7)

The standard minimum entry requirement for first year admission to three-year bachelor ordinary degree,

Six Grades at O6 **or** H7 in Leaving Certificate

**INCLUDING** At least one H5 Grade,

**OR** Minimum Points Score of 200

**AND** Mathematics Grade F2, O6 **or** H7

**AND** English Grade O6 **or** H7

**OR** Irish Grade O6 **or** H7

# Level 8

## Honours Degree Programmes (Level 8)

The standard minimum entry requirement for first year admission to honours degree programmes

Six Grades at O6 **or** H7 in Leaving Certificate

**INCLUDING** At least two H5 Grades

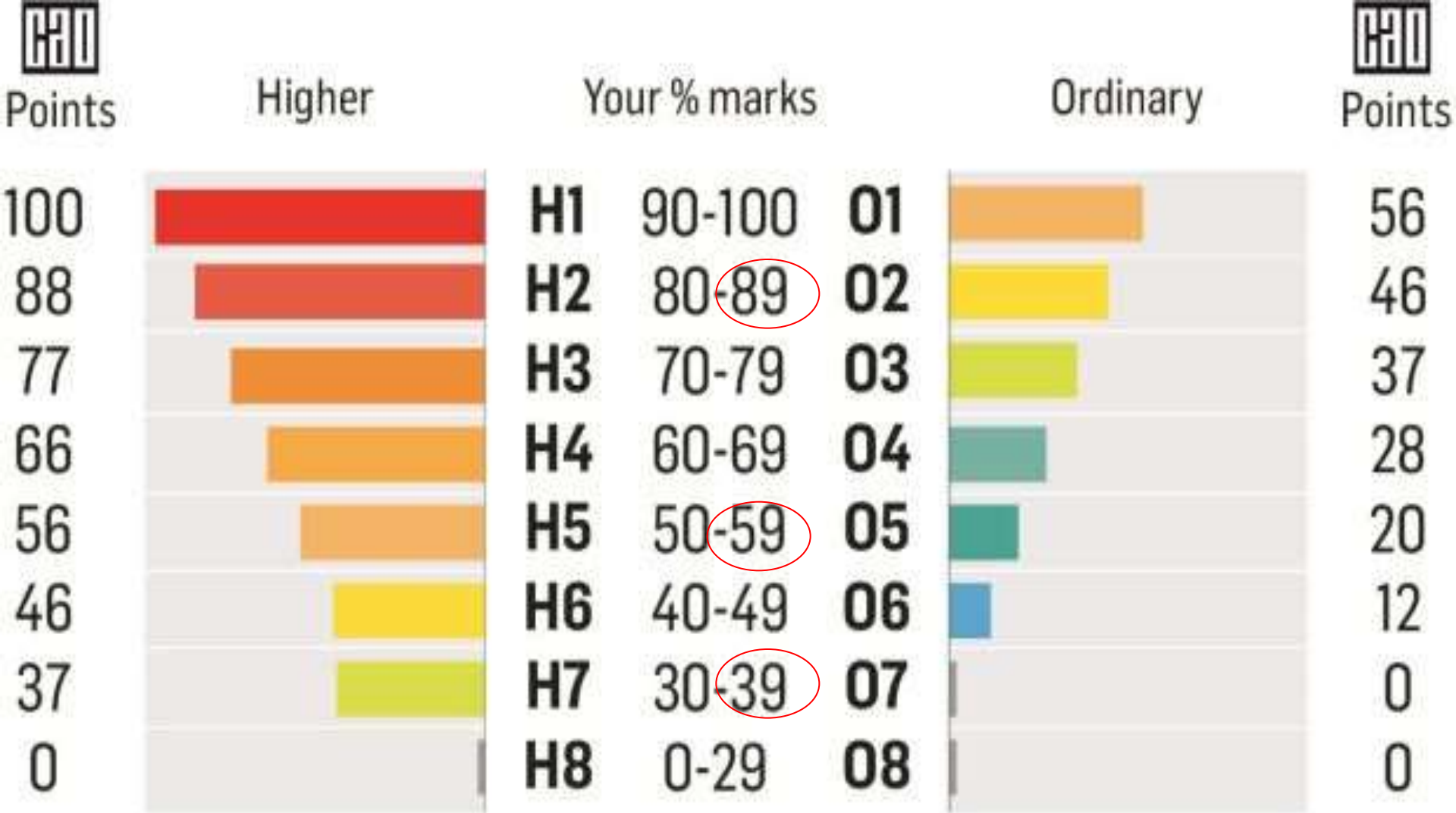
**AND** Mathematics Grade O6 **or** H7

**AND** English Grade O6 **or** H7

**OR** Irish Grade O6 **or** H7

**AND** Minimum Points Score of 300.





**+25** Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules      Distinction 66      Merit 46      Pass 28

# Points

- Points are based on top 6 subjects
- It can include any subject
- You do not have to include certain subjects
- LCVP can be used as one of your top subjects
- Convert grades to points, add 25 points to your Maths (H6+), then add up your top six
- Max Points with HL is
  - 625
  - 336 Ordinary Level (or 402 with LCVP)



# Points for LCVP Link Modules

**Grade**

**Points**

Distinction

66

Merit

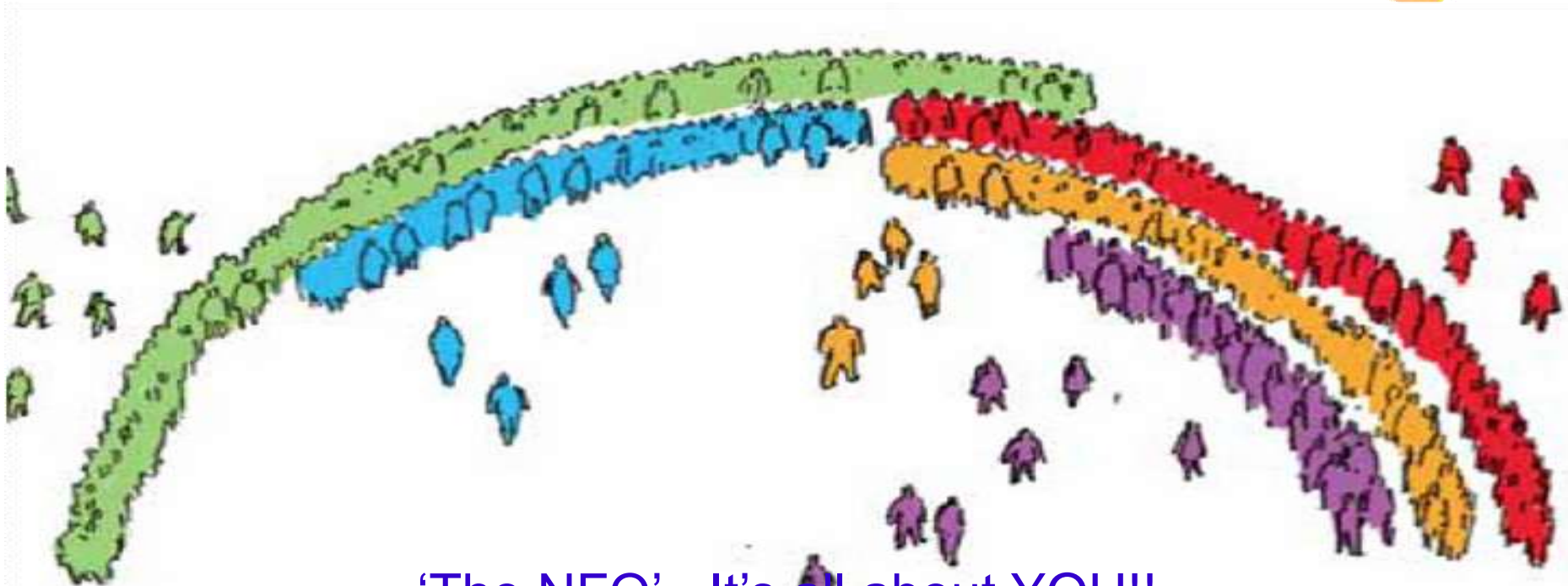
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Pass

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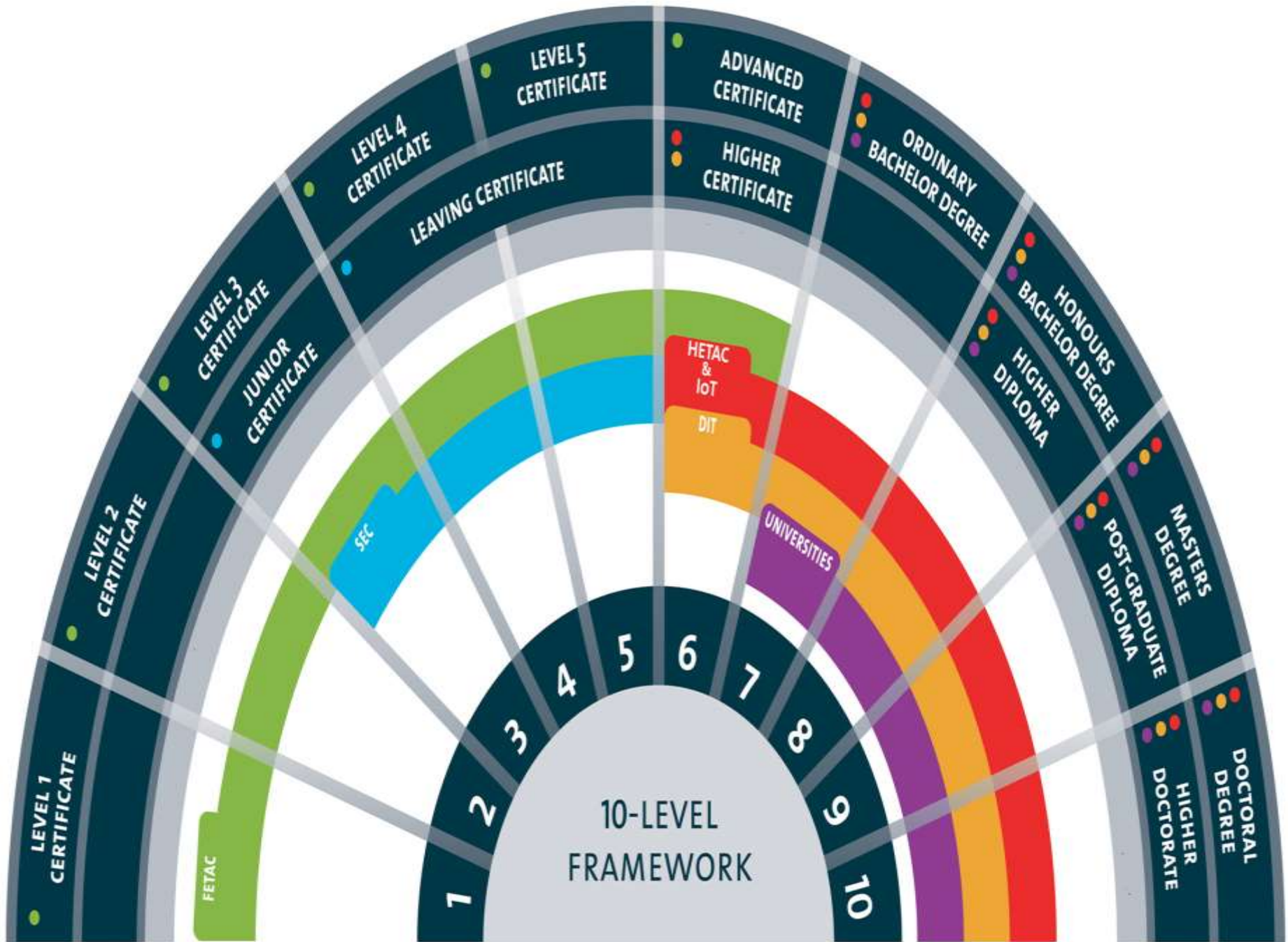


# The National Framework of Qualifications

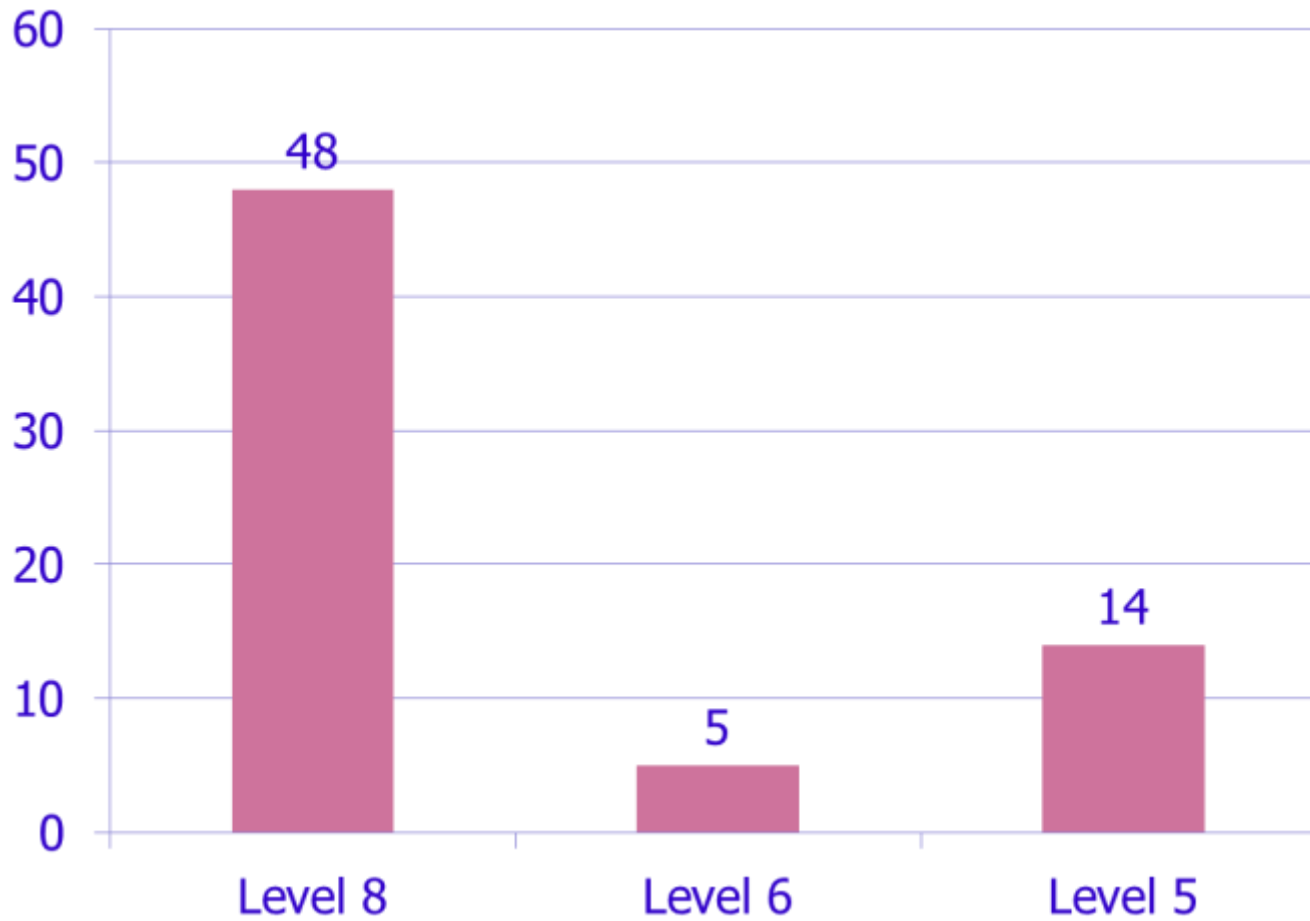


‘The NFQ’ - It’s all about YOU!!





# Level of Study







**MAPPING  
YOUR FUTURE**

# PURPOSE OF THE CAO



**CAO processes Applications**



**Offers are issued and  
acceptances are recorded  
by CAO**



# APPLICATION PROCESS



# CAO HANDBOOK



**Every applicant  
should be familiar  
with the contents  
of the CAO  
Handbook.**

**CHD**  
**HANDBOOK**

**2018**

# TIMELY ACTION



**CAO**

**DO NOT LEAVE  
EVERYTHING TO  
THE LAST  
MINUTE.**



**In order to be fair to all applicants, closing dates are strict and therefore action should be taken in good time.**



# CHOOSING COURSES



**At least 2  
meetings with  
Guidance  
Counsellor**

**Discuss options  
with family and  
friends.**

**Details about  
courses may be  
found in HEI  
prospectuses and  
by consulting  
HEI websites.**



# APPLYING





# MAKING AN APPLICATION



**CAO**

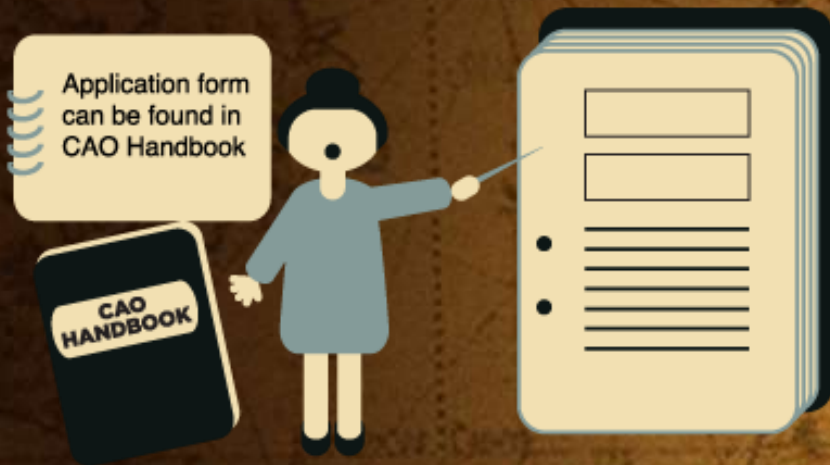
**Apply on line**

**The website address  
is [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)**

**Applying online is  
cheaper and it  
prevents many of the  
errors commonly  
associated with  
completing a paper  
Application Form.**



# APPLICATION FORM

**CAO**

Every applicant should be familiar with the contents of the CAO Handbook.

**The Application Form is mostly self explanatory.**

**Information which identifies you is of the utmost importance.**

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

**Your examination details must be entered with great care.**



# 2 APPLICATIONS IN 1



**There are 2 course choice lists and applicants may make up to 10 course choices on each list.**

**10 choices may be made on the Level 8 list.**

**10 choices may be made on the Level 7/6 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.**

## Sample – Information required to complete a CAO application

### Applicant's Personal Details

Surname

First name(s)

Title (Mr, Ms, Mrs, etc.)

Date of Birth

Sex

- ☐ Male  
☐ Female

Home Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Telephone Number

Mobile Phone

Email Address

### Qualifications & Assessments Summary:

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

1. ☐ Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985 – 2018)
2. ☐ 2002 – 2018 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 2018)

### Level 8 Choices

1.

2.

3.

4.

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7.

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10.

### Level 7/6 Choices

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

### Qualifications and Assessments Section

If you are applying on the basis of Leaving Certificate Examinations to be taken in 2018, you must tick the '2018 Leaving Certificate' box and complete the following sections:

School Name & Address:

Country:

Years Attended

From (yyyy)  to (yyyy)

If you are entering previous Leaving Certificate Exam details you must enter the year and your examination number:

	Year (e.g. 17)	Exam Number
1	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

For all other qualifications and assessments follow the instructions provided in the CAO handbook and the online application form.

SURNAME										
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OTHER NAME(S)	2017									
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								Day	Mth	Year
TITLE (if desired) (e.g. Ms, Mr, etc.)		Sex (F or M)			Date of Birth (ddmmYYYY)					

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE  (Note: Only one address may be shown here)										
	Contact Tel. No:									

COUNTRY OF BIRTH	
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NATIONALITY	
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E-mail Address:	
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Mobile No: (if different from Contact Tel. No: )	
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Name, Address, Years of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level Schools attended  If none attended, write "NONE"										

Do you have a Disability/Specific Learning Difficulty ?

See Page 8. If relevant, please tick (?) this box.

Do you wish to apply for the HEAR scheme ?

See Page 9. If relevant, please tick (?) this box.

## Republic of Ireland Examination Details

Will you sit the Irish Leaving certificate examination 2018



You must write 'Yes' or 'No' in this box.

Leaving Cert. exams

1985 - 2018 →

Year

Exam No

Year

Exam No

Year

Exam No

If you are taking 2013 FETAC Level 5/6 , and/or have completed a FETAC  
Level 5/6 between 2002 and 2012, please enter your PPS Number in this box.

## **COURSE CHOICES**

Application may be made for up to ten Courses in EACH of the TWO categories below.

In BOTH cases, courses should be entered in order of preference.

Take special care NOT to mix courses in the different categories.

### **Level 8**

<b>Pref.</b>	<b>Course Code</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	

### **Level 7 & Level 6**

<b>Pref.</b>	<b>Course Code</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	

Please note that the HEIs you apply to may wish to communicate with you about your application and, therefore, contact may be email, post or SMS text.

# Guidance Service

*Mercy Secondary School Ballymahon*

## CAO - Level 8 Options

<u>Pref</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>1</u>	GY501	<u>Medicine</u>	<u>NUI Galway</u>	Level 8 NFQ	737
<u>2</u>	TR051	<u>Medicine</u>	<u>Trinity College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	746
<u>3</u>	RC001	<u>Medicine - Undergraduate Entry</u>	<u>Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland</u>	Level 8 NFQ	741
<u>4</u>	CK701	<u>Medicine - Undergraduate Entry</u>	<u>University College Cork</u>	Level 8 NFQ	738
<u>5</u>	DN400	<u>Medicine - Undergraduate Entry</u>	<u>University College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	745
<u>6</u>	TR075	<u>Medicinal Chemistry</u>	<u>Trinity College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	540
<u>7</u>	DT224	<u>Optometry</u>	<u>Dublin Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NFQ	525
<u>8</u>	DN410	<u>Radiography</u>	<u>University College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	560
<u>9</u>	GY504	<u>Podiatry</u>	<u>NUI Galway</u>	Level 8 NFQ	460
<u>10</u>	DC215	<u>Nursing General - Standard</u>	<u>Dublin City University</u>	Level 8 NFQ	440
	TR056	<u>Human Health &amp; Disease</u>	<u>Trinity College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	550
	DT223	<u>Human Nutrition &amp; Dietetics</u>	<u>Dublin Institute of Technology and Trinity College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	565
	DN450	<u>Nursing General - Standard</u>	<u>University College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	430
	GY502	<u>Occupational Therapy</u>	<u>NUI Galway</u>	Level 8 NFQ	520
	TR054	<u>Occupational Therapy</u>	<u>Trinity College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	515
	CK704	<u>Occupational Therapy</u>	<u>University College Cork</u>	Level 8 NFQ	530
	TR055	<u>Radiation Therapy</u>	<u>Trinity College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NFQ	545



# Guidance Service

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## CAO - Level 8 Options

<u>Pref</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	GY516	<u>Nursing - Psychiatric Nursing - Standard</u>	<u>NUI Galway</u>	Level 8 NQF	420
2	AL830	<u>Nursing General - Standard</u>	<u>Athlone Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NQF	410
3	GA880	<u>Nursing - General Nursing - Standard at Castlebar</u>	<u>Galway-Mayo IT - Castlebar</u>	Level 8 NQF	405
4	TL891	<u>Nursing - Mental Health Nursing - Standard</u>	<u>Institute of Technology Tralee</u>	Level 8 NQF	380
5	DC216	<u>Nursing - Psychiatric Nursing - Standard</u>	<u>Dublin City University</u>	Level 8 NQF	400
6	DK874	<u>Nursing - Psychiatric Nursing - Standard</u>	<u>Dundalk Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NQF	375
7	LY918	<u>Nursing - Psychiatric Nursing - Standard</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NQF	370
8	CK720	<u>Nursing - Psychiatric Nursing - Standard</u>	<u>University College Cork</u>	Level 8 NQF	440
9	WD117	<u>Nursing - Psychiatric Nursing - Standard</u>	<u>Waterford Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NQF	390
10	TR093	<u>Nursing - General Nursing - Standard - Adelaide School of Nursing</u>	<u>Trinity College Dublin</u>	Level 8 NQF	420

## CAO - Level 6/7 Options

<u>Pref</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	PC404	<u>Social Studies Applied in Social Care</u>	<u>Carlow College</u>	Level 7 NQF	240
2	GA879	<u>Social Studies - Applied at Castlebar</u>	<u>Galway-Mayo IT - Castlebar</u>	Level 7 NQF	300
3	AL664	<u>Social Studies - Applied</u>	<u>Athlone Institute of Technology</u>	Level 6 NQF	310
4	LY916	<u>Health &amp; Social Care</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 6 NQF	110
5	TL780	<u>Early Childhood Care &amp; Education</u>	<u>Institute of Technology Tralee</u>	Level 7 NQF	300
6	GA362	<u>Hospitality Studies</u>	<u>Galway-Mayo IT - Galway</u>	Level 6 NQF	140
7	LY917	<u>Health &amp; Social Care</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NQF	320
8	LY906	<u>Early Childhood Care Health &amp; Education</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 6 NQF	115
9	AL665	<u>Childcare Supervisory Management</u>	<u>Athlone Institute of Technology</u>	Level 6 NQF	305
10	CR620	<u>Early Years Education</u>	<u>Cork Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NQF	370

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<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Level</u>
5 M4349	<u>Nursing Studies</u>	<u>Ardscoil Phadraig</u>	Level 5 NQF
5 M4349	<u>Nursing Studies</u>	<u>Athlone Community College</u>	Level 5 NQF
DC HSN	<u>Nursing Studies</u>	<u>Cavan Institute</u>	Level 5 NQF
5 M4349	<u>Nursing Studies</u>	<u>Moate Business College</u>	Level 5 NQF
5 M4349	<u>Nursing Studies</u>	<u>Templemichael College</u>	Level 5 NQF

# Guidance Service

*Mercy Secondary School Ballymahon*

## CAO - Level 8 Options

<u>Pref</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	TL822	<u>Hotel Management</u>	<u>Institute of Technology Tralee</u>	Level 8 NFQ	0
2	GA380	<u>Hotel &amp; Catering Management</u>	<u>Galway-Mayo IT - Galway</u>	Level 8 NFQ	230
3	LY968	<u>Early Childhood Care Health &amp; Education</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NFQ	330
4	DK862	<u>Social Care</u>	<u>Dundalk Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NFQ	355
5	DT572	<u>Early Childhood Education</u>	<u>Dublin Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NFQ	435
6	DT571	<u>Social Care</u>	<u>Dublin Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NFQ	410
7	AL860	<u>Social Care Practice</u>	<u>Athlone Institute of Technology</u>	Level 8 NFQ	340

## CAO - Level 6/7 Options

<u>Pref</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Provider</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	TL722	<u>Hotel Management</u>	<u>Institute of Technology Tralee</u>	Level 7 NFQ	0
2	LY327	<u>Hotel Restaurant &amp; Resort Management</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NFQ	175
3	AL761	<u>Hotel &amp; Leisure Management</u>	<u>Athlone Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NFQ	205
4	CR042	<u>Hospitality Management</u>	<u>Cork Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NFQ	240
5	GA373	<u>Bar &amp; Restaurant Management</u>	<u>Galway-Mayo IT - Galway</u>	Level 7 NFQ	140
6	CR620	<u>Early Years Education</u>	<u>Cork Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NFQ	370
7	AL565	<u>Childcare Supervisory Management</u>	<u>Athlone Institute of Technology</u>	Level 6 NFQ	305
7	DT408	<u>Hospitality Management</u>	<u>Dublin Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NFQ	270
8	LY916	<u>Health &amp; Social Care</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 6 NFQ	110
9	LY906	<u>Early Childhood Care Health &amp; Education</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 6 NFQ	115
10	LY917	<u>Health &amp; Social Care</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NFQ	320
	AL664	<u>Social Studies - Applied</u>	<u>Athlone Institute of Technology</u>	Level 6 NFQ	310
	CR640	<u>Culinary Arts</u>	<u>Cork Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NFQ	300
	DT411	<u>Leisure Management</u>	<u>Dublin Institute of Technology</u>	Level 7 NFQ	270
	GA362	<u>Hospitality Studies</u>	<u>Galway-Mayo IT - Galway</u>	Level 6 NFQ	140



# 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.

# APPLICATION NUMBER



**When you apply online your Application number will appear on your Receipt of Online Application.**

**This number is private and it will be used in every correspondence between you and the CAO for the rest of the year.**

**If you apply online you may change your course choices free of charge until January 31st.**

# RESTRICTIONS



**RESTRICTED  
COURSES**

**RESTRICTED  
CATEGORIES  
OF APPLICANT**

**HEAR  
SOCIO  
ECONOMIC  
DISADVANTAGE**

**DARE  
DISABILITIES  
/SLD**

**Applications must be made by February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Consult CAO Handbook for full details.**



Welcome to  
**ACCESS COLLEGE**

*Equity of Access to  
Higher Education*

*To widen access to Third Level the following 2  
initiatives have been introduced:*





# Disability Access Route to Education

- Student with a **Specific Learning Difficulty/Disability** is encouraged to indicate this on CAO form.
- **SIF —Supplementary Information Form Q5 Very Important**
  - Completed by student
  - Completed by school
  - Completed by GP/consultant





## Higher Education Access Route

### Financial Indicators

- 1. Income <45K
- 2. Medical Card
- 3. Social Welfare Payment

### Social & Cultural Indicators

- 4. Socio-economic Group
- 5. ~~School~~
- 6. Area

*Applicants must meet the **Low Income** plus 2 other indicators in order to be eligible*





# Application Advice Clinic

10am to 2pm

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Coffee Dock which is located in  
the main building - AIT



If your college does not avail of  
the scheme

They may have a separate one or  
indeed an additional one

*Breaking the Mould*  
*DCU Access Programme*



# COMMUNICATE WITH CAO



**The easiest and most efficient way to communicate with CAO is by using the 'Contact Us' facility on the CAO website.**

**Always quote your CAO Application number in any communication with CAO. If you post something to CAO, always obtain a certificate of posting at the post office.**

**This is a free service and it offers you peace of mind.**

# APPLICATION RECORD



**CAO**



If you do not receive a Statement by 1st June contact CAO immediately.

**Before the end of May, Statement of Application Record as a final acknowledgement and to enable you to verify that all information has been recorded completely and correctly.**

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

**Are all the courses shown and in the correct order?**

**Are all the codes correct?**

**Are the exam numbers correct?**



# CHANGE OF MIND FORM



**CAO**



**Included with the Statement of Application Record will be a Change of Mind form.**

**You may use this to change the order of your course choices and/or to introduce new courses, subject to the restrictions detailed in the Handbook.**

# THE OFFER PROCESS



In the week following the release of the Leaving Certificate results CAO will post a communication to all applicants. If you have not yet become entitled to an offer you will be sent a Statement of Application Record which you should check carefully as important information may be incorrect or missing.



# THE OFFER PROCESS



If you are entitled to an offer, you will be sent an Offer Notice.

You should check that all of the details on the Offer Notice are correct and that there are no omissions.

Offers will also be available on the CAO website. You may check for and accept offers on the website.

In fact, most applicants now record acceptances online.



# THE OFFER PROCESS



There can be no delays at the offer/acceptance stage.  
Any offer not accepted by the closing date for receipt of  
acceptance of offers in CAO will be offered to another  
applicant in the next round of offers.



# PLACE ALLOCATION

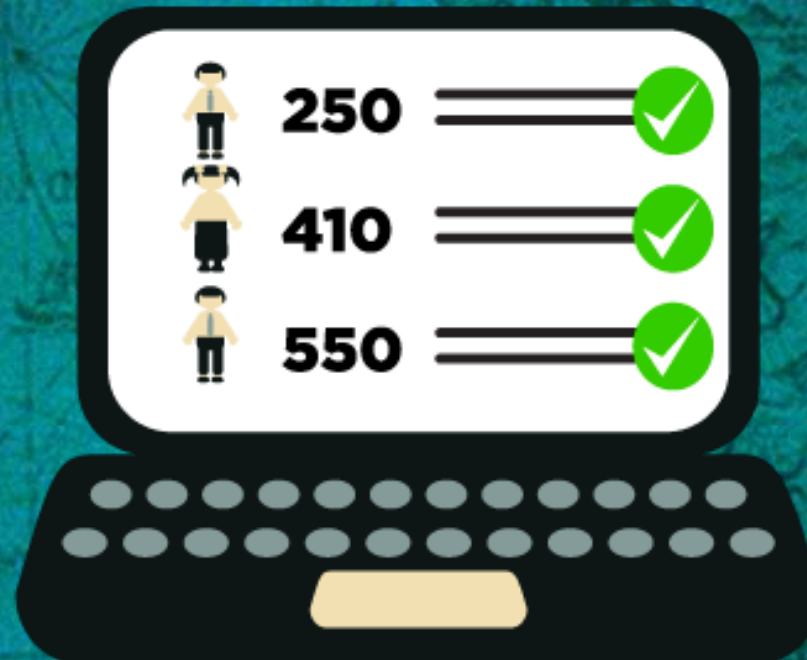


We will look just at Level 8 courses, but exactly the same process will take place with Level 7/6 courses, and at the same time.

The importance of you, the applicant, placing courses in genuine order of preference will become apparent in the following pages.



# PLACE ALLOCATION



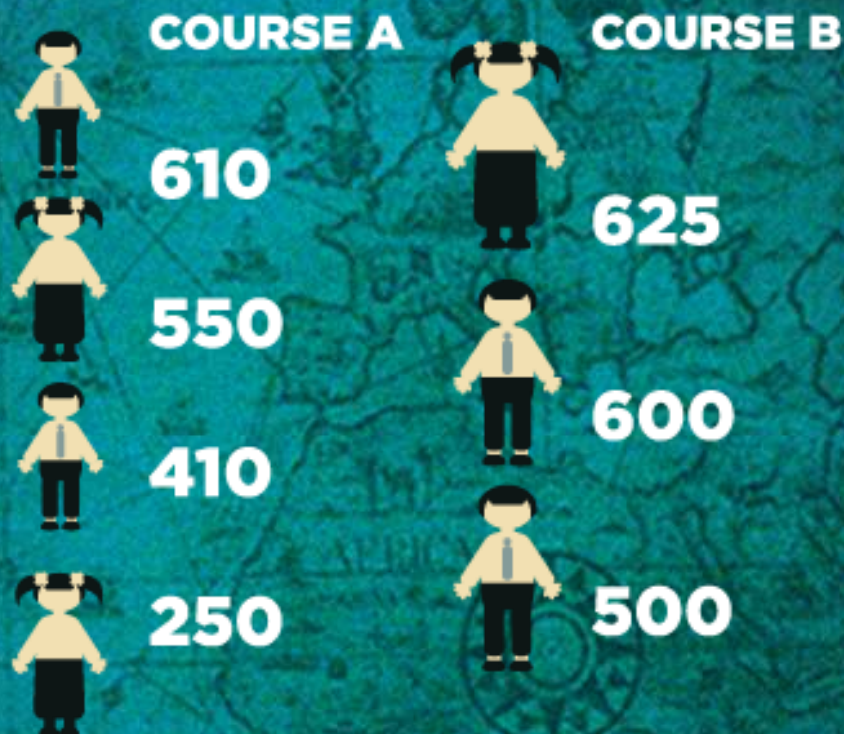
When examination results are released in August they are entered into the CAO computer.

The computer checks each applicant's results.

For each course the applicant has applied for, the computer first determines if the applicant has the minimum entry requirements for the course.



# PLACE ALLOCATION



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, for each course that they applied for.



# PLACE ALLOCATION



**20 OFFERS**

**178 OFFERS**

**110 OFFERS**

**48 OFFERS**

**60 OFFERS**

**90 OFFERS**

**80 OFFERS**

**240 OFFERS**



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



# PLACE ALLOCATION



Should some applicants decline to accept their offers these places become available in the next round of offers.

They will be offered to the next applicants on the order of merit list. This process continues until all the places on the course are filled or until all the eligible applicants on the order of merit list have been offered places.

# PLACE ALLOCATION

## EXAMPLE



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.

We are going to trace the progress of the applicant marked in red.



# PLACE ALLOCATION

## EXAMPLE



1. CK101



2. DN201



3. AL850



10. PD101



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.



# PLACE ALLOCATION

## EXAMPLE



1. CK101



2. DN201



3. AL850



10. PD101



The applicants marked in GREEN have enough points to be offered places.

The applicant marked in RED has enough points for her second preference.

# PLACE ALLOCATION

## EXAMPLE



**1. CK101**



**2. DN201**



The applicant in RED is offered her second preference, the highest preference course that she has enough points for, and she will now disappear from the queue in all her lower choices.

Placing DN201 as her second preference meant that she would prefer to receive an offer on DN201 than on any other course except CK101 - which is her first preference.

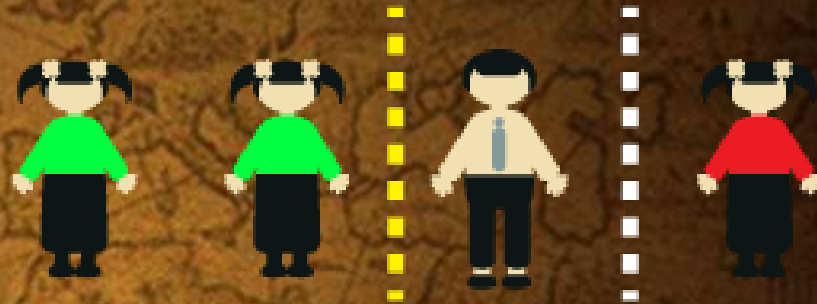


# PLACE ALLOCATION

## EXAMPLE



### 1. CK101



Having been offered her second preference she must now decide to accept it or to do nothing. If she does not accept the offer the place will be offered to another applicant in the next round of offers.

Regardless of whether she accepts or not she will still be considered for an offer on her first preference if a place becomes available. In the second round, one more offer was made on CK101 and our applicant is now at the top of the queue.

# PLACE ALLOCATION

## EXAMPLE



1. CK101



In the third round of offers two more offers are made on CK101 and our applicant, who was at the top of the queue, now receives an offer.

She may do nothing and remain in DN201 or she may accept the offer and begin in CK101.



# GENUINE ORDER



CAO



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

Simply list your courses in genuine order of preference from the highest preference 1, to the lowest preference 10.

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

# CAO Dates & Fees:

CAO is Open Since Nov 6th

ONLINE APPLICATION

FEE

CLOSING DATE

Discounted Rate

€30

20th Jan

Normal Application

€40

1st Feb

CHANGE OF MIND

Nil

From 1st May  
to 1st July 2016



# Courses in the CAO System

- **1,492** courses listed in the CAO Handbook
- **1,012** are Level 8
- **355** are Level 7
- **114** are Level 6
- Over **1,903** PLC / FETAC COURSES
  - NOT APPLIED FOR THROUGH CAO



All your achievements



# CAO JARGON

- Restricted Entry Courses
- Points Requirements
- Course Requirements
- Change of Mind
- Offers
- Random Selection
- Vacant Places
- Deferrals





# PLC Post Leaving Certificate Courses - FETAC

- ✓ *Apply directly to the college*
- ✓ *1 or 2 years*
- ✓ *Wide variety of courses*
- ✓ *Pathway to Higher Education*
- ✓ *8 Distinctions = 390 points*
- ✓ *Gap Year – Defer CAO Course*
- ✓ *Lead to employment*



GALWAY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE





UL have over 40  
different  
Scholarships!

# Scholarships

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- Sports
- Coral/Music
- Academic
- Entry Scholarships\*
- Support Scholarships

## **Sector Scholarships**

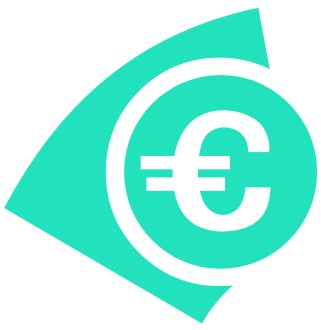
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Solicitors, Tax etc







Scholarships



# Money Matters

- Average cost €6,500 - €10,000
- Starting off charges
  - Student Universal Charge
    - €3,000
    - Tax back on the 2<sup>nd</sup> +
  - Laptop/Books/Materials
  - Accommodation
    - i.e. €4,000
      - €2,000 paid up front







# Income Thresholds for Undergraduate Students

Number of dependent children	Full maintenance	Part maintenance (75%)	Part maintenance (50%)	Part maintenance (25%)
Fewer than 4	€39,875	€40,970	€43,380	€45,790
4 to 7	€43,810	€45,025	€47,670	€50,325
8 or more	€47,575	€48,890	€51,760	€54,630

Special rate €22,703

# Levels of Maintenance Grant

Levels of Grant	Maintenance Non-adjacent Rate	Maintenance Adjacent Rate
Special rate* of maintenance grant	€5,915	€2,375
Standard rate 100% maintenance	€3,025	€1,215
Standard rate 75% maintenance	€2,270	€910
Standard rate 50% maintenance	€1,515	€605
Standard rate 25% maintenance	€755	€305

Adjacent Rate within 45KM of Institution

## Student Grant

1. Quick guide to the SUSI grant process
2. Step 1 : Check what type of applicant you are
3. Step 2: Check your Residency Status
4. Step 3: Check your Nationality & Related Status
5. Step 4: Check reckonable income limits
6. How do I Make My 2012-13 Student Grant Application?
7. Grant Levels
8. Check your Documentation
9. Contact the SUSI Support Desk
10. Continuing Students
11. Change of Circumstances
12. New Grant Applications for 2012-13

## Student Grant

The student grant is the main source of financial help available from the Irish State for students in full-time Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLCs) and full-time higher education undergraduate courses. Support is available to eligible students in most colleges in Ireland as well as eligible Irish students in many colleges in Northern Ireland, the UK and other EU States. Approved PLC centres and higher education colleges in Ireland are set out in Schedule 1 and 2 of the [Student Grant Regulations 2012](#). In Northern Ireland, the UK and other EU States an approved college is one that provides higher education and training: the college must be maintained or assisted by recurrent public funds (i.e. a publicly funded institution).

For eligible students, the grant is there to help with the various costs of participating in further or higher education. Students on part-time courses, access or foundation courses (in higher education institutions) and short courses are not eligible to apply for a student grant.

Family and/or personal income is a key factor that will be assessed when you apply for a student grant but there are also some other conditions. Studentfinance.ie can help you to assess whether you are eligible and guide you in starting the process. In all cases, the official decision on eligibility is of course made by the grant-awarding bodies.

If you think you are eligible for the student grant, you should apply for it as soon as possible (online application for 2012-13 is now open). You do not have to wait until you receive an offer of a place or enroll in college. Only when your application has been completed in full and submitted to the grant-awarding authority can your eligibility be determined.

Full details on the Student Grant scheme (2012), including associated legislation, are available [here](#).

**Click on the icon below to proceed to online grant application:**







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Note: On certain browsers, the home page of the Online Grant Application facility may not load initially. If this happens, click on Reload or Refresh to resolve the problem.

**Request a Revenue Statement Online Here**



**Request your Birth Certificate Online here**



**[Form to Request Social Welfare Statement](#)**

# Assistance

- Lift off Loan – Citizen Information Office
- Max 3K – 1<sup>st</sup> years only
- Every College have a Student Assistance

Fund - €500 per semester





# **County Longford Citizens Information**

**07610 75890**

**Wednesday busiest day, no  
appointment necessary –  
over Tesco's...**




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



- ✓ College/Work/Life Balance
- ✓ Partying all the time?!
- ✓ Getting involved in College Life
- ✓ Qualification= Interview
- ✓ Skills = Job Offer

# Study Skills



THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING







# Managing Time



- School day: intensive and exhausting
- 9 classes per day
- Homework: 2- 3.5 hours x 5 nights
- Weekend study: 3 – 6 hours
- A very long week!
- Weekend:                7 blocks of time  
                                  Use 3 for W  
                                  4 for L and P

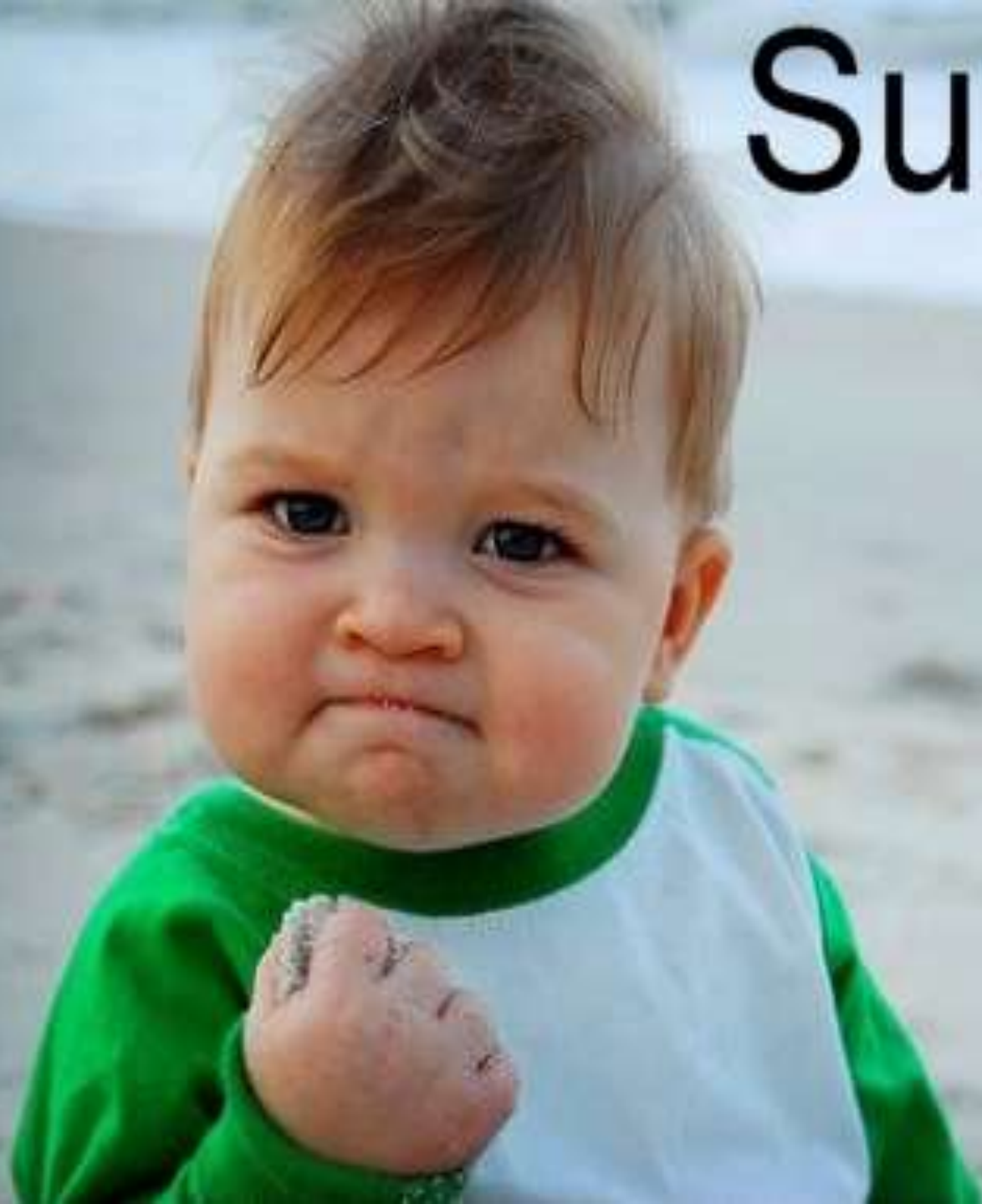
# Study/Homework



- ✓ Study first then do homework
- ✓ Use weekends to Catch up and Plan
- ✓ Review 'Mock' exam performance
- ✓ Part time Job



# Success.



INTEREST/PASSION

+

PERSONALITY

+

APTITUDE

=

SUCCESS = 😊





- ❑ Remember to carefully read all of the documents and instructions from CAO - Especially the Statement of Choices in May
- ❑ Most applicants follow the simple instructions from CAO and get along just fine.
- ❑ If you are unclear on any matter concerning the application process, please talk to me





TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

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# Thank You!

