# St. Peter's College Dunboyne

CAO/FURTHER ED
INFORMATION EVENING
27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 7PM

# Revised Common Points Scale

Since 2017, all 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Colleges in Ireland have implemented a new points system to allocate places

# New Leaving Certificate Grade Bands

Percentage mark	New grade
90-100	H1/O1
80-89	H2/O2
70-79	H3/O3
60-69	H4/O4
50-59	H5/O5
40-49	H6/06
30-39	H7/O7
0-29	H8/O8

# New CAO Points Leaving Cert

Higher Level Grade (%)	New CAO Points (HL)	New CAO Points (OL)	Ordinary Level Grade (%)
H1 (90-100)	100		
H2 (80-89)	88		
H3 (70-79)	77		
H4 (60-69)	66		
H5 (50-59)	56	56	O1 (90-100)
H6 (40-49)	46	46	O2 (80-89)
H7 (30-39)	37	37	O3 (70-79)
H8 (0-29)	0	28	O4 (60-69)
		20	O5 (50-59)
		12	O6 (40-49)
		0	O7 (30-39)
		0	O8 (0-29)

# What does the new scale hope to achieve?

- ► To minimise random selection on some courses less chance of many students on same points with the removal of multiples of 5 e.g. Higher C2 was worth 65 points, now a H4 is worth 66 points.
  - ▶ To encourage more students to take up higher level subjects by awarding points at H7 grade

# Bonus Points for Higher Maths

- ▶ 25 Bonus Points for Higher Level Mathematics continue to be awarded to students achieving H6 and above i.e. 40% or above.
- ▶ Therefore, the CAO will award as follows:

H6 40%-49% 71 points

H7 30%-39% 37 points



# It is the <u>applicants</u> responsibility to:

- Research thoroughly all the courses for which he/she is making application.
- ▶ Be au fait with all aspects of the application system used (CAO) for these courses, i.e., procedures, dates, fees, rules, etc.

#### **Useful Resources**

To assist with course research / application

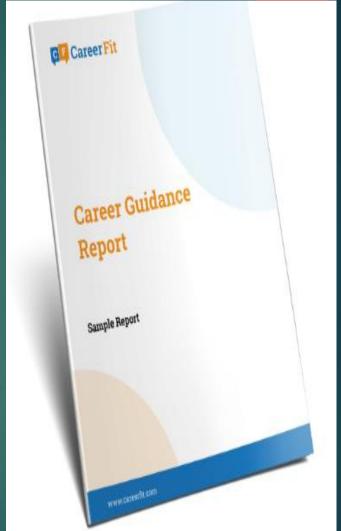
full access to REACH+ through an individual licence allocated by the school guidance department. Information for parents about REACH + is available on the link below

https://careersportal.ie/guidance/index.ph p?parent=1131&ed\_sub\_cat\_id=265&men u\_parent\_id=37

# Career Journey to date:

- Study Skills Super Generation delivered seminars term 3 in 5<sup>th</sup> Year
- REACH + License active since TY
- Attended Higher Options in September
- CAO Handbook printed for each student
- 'How the CAO works' classes delivered to all 6<sup>th</sup>
   Years and provided open day information
- CAO Demo workshop in progress
- Careerfit Career Inventory & Aptitude Tests –
   Generates personalised report
- HEAR/DARE applicants
- UCAS individual applications
- Individual Appointments



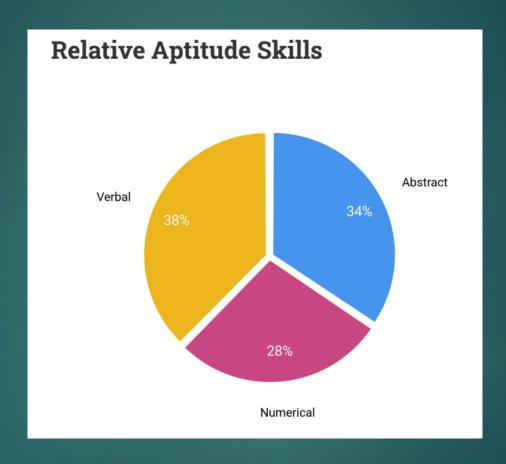


# How long does it take to complete?

- ▶ 3 x 30 mins
- Verbal reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning
- Numerical Reasoning
- 1 x 5 mins Verbal vocabulary
- ▶ 1 x 10 mins Verbal Comprehension
- Interest Inventory is not timed but takes between 20-40 mins

# Occupational interest Inventory





School Website: Top right icon 'Students' will you to important career and college news which is updated by Careersportal every day.





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**Career News** Tourism & Hospitality Jobs -Friday 23rd October 2023 November 23, 2023 Looking to Research CAO Courses - It's all Here! November 22, 2023 Step by Step Guide to the **CAO** application November 21, 2023 Irish Defence Forces: **Ongoing Recruitment for** Naval Service, Air Corps, and **Re-enlistment Calls** 

November 17, 2023

68 **College News Culinary Arts Courses** MTU back on the Menu at Oliscoil Teicneolaíochta na Mumhan MTU Kerry Architecture and **Engineering is Thriving** monaghan in Monaghan Institute institute FET Course of the Week: Cavan institute 5M2208 - 3D Design & **Graphics at Cavan** Institute **ICHAS Harmony in Healing: Understanding Different Psychotherapy** Irish College of Humanities & Applied Sciences **Approaches** 

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#### **Career Events** Nationwide

OCT

DKIT - Webinar: Virtual Careers Series: Communications, Creative Arts & Media

Wednesday, October 21, 09:30 Dundalk Institute of Technology - DKIT



ОСТ

Hibernia College - Primary Teaching Webinar

Wednesday, October 21, 13:00 Hibernia College



OCT 21 MU Live - Degree Courses & Live Q&A

Wednesday, October 21, 15:00 Maynooth University



OCT 21

DCU in Conversation With - Communications / Accounting & Finance

Wednesday, October 21, 16:00 **Dublin City University** 



In conversation with Episode 2

**▶**| **♦** 0:20 / 53:59

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Code Week 2020 - Your Future & Robots

Wednesday, October 21, 19:30



Thursday, October 22, 19:00 TU Dublin - Dublin City



Hosted by Jonny Cooper. On this episode we chat to Kev from our Nursing course and Sarah from our Psychology course (26 minutes). We will explore their journey to DCU, what its like to study in their course, their favourite moments so far and much more.

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#### **REACH+ Programme**



Each section of the above video on REACH+ can be viewed as an individual clip:



Part 01 - Why use the Reach+ Programme? [02:08]



Part 02 - How REACH+ Supports Guidance Practice [03:17]



Part 03 - What Students Like about REACH+ [01:58]



Part 04 - Supporting Whole School Guidance [01:59]



Part 05 - Support, Tips and Advice [01:01]

The REACH+ Career and College Preparation Programme is Ireland's most strategies of the strategies of





#### Guidance Tools...

































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# Other sources of information

- College Prospectuses 2024 Entry
  - CAO Handbook 2024 All students provided with a copy or available online www.cao.ie

### Newspapers

- ▶ The Irish Times
  - Tuesdays Education and Living Section
  - January Special College Supplement Series of articles - Brian Mooney
- ▶ The Irish Independent
  - > Careers Articles

#### Internet

- Qualifax <u>www.qualifax.ie</u> Irish courses database
- REACH+ All 6<sup>th</sup> Years should have a licence for Careersportal- www.CareersPortal.ie
- CAO www.cao.ie Contains links to course websites
- College websites (Addresses in CAO Handbook)
- School website

#### People

- Relatives
- Past pupils
- Admissions/Academic staff of colleges

#### Guidance Counsellor

- Careers Classes
- Individual consultation

# Upcoming OPEN DAYS -

- Registration may be required
  - NCAD 21st November
  - ▶ DCU 18<sup>th</sup> November
  - ▶ UCD 11<sup>th</sup> November
  - Maynooth 25th November
  - ▶ TU Dublin 2<sup>nd</sup> December
  - ▶ TU D-Blanch-10<sup>th</sup> November

Reminder: Keep checking Careersportal Events Page for <u>all</u> upcoming events nationwide

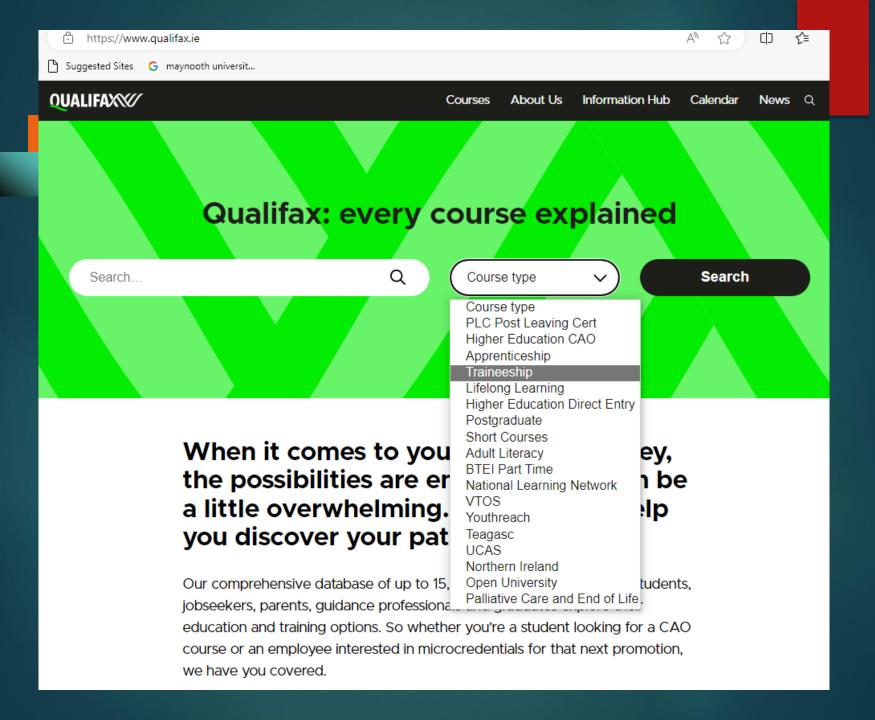
## CAO – General Info.

- Centralised application system for 48 Irish 3<sup>rd</sup> level institutions, including 12 fee-paying colleges.
- Students can access all resources and the online handbook on www.cao.ie:
  - 2024 CAO Handbook –
- Application Dates and Fees

Online Application	Fee	Payment Method
Discount Rate: Before 20 <sup>th</sup> January	€30	Bank Giro/Credit/Laser Card
Normal Rate (20 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb)	€45	Bank Giro/Credit/Laser Card
Change of Mind	No Fee	

# Qualifax.ie

- Qualifax is the most important website for researching courses. It is updated on a daily basis and provides relevant details of admission requirements, modules, career opportunities and required CAO points for the last three years
- Steps to follow after navigating to <u>www.qualifax.ie</u>



#### Courses

Clear Filters

Course title or code

biomedical

Search

Course Type ①

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Higher Education CAO

PLC Post Leaving Cert

Lifelong Learning

Higher Education Direct Entry

Postgraduate

UCAS

Displaying 1 - 30 of 30

Higher Education CAO

Level 8 NFQ

NFQ Type: Major

TU866

#### <u>Biomedical & Molecular Diagnostics -</u> <u>Grangegorman</u>

- Parameter TU Dublin Technological University Dublin
- Grangegorman
- CAO Points: 487

Higher Education CAO

Level 8 NFQ

NFQ Type: Major

SE709

#### **Biomedical Electronics - Carlow**

- SETU Carlow Campus
- ( Carlow Town
- CAO Points: 282

Course Provider

#### **Back** to courses

# Sciences - Biological & Biomedical Sciences

Higher Education CAO

TR060

In this stream, students will study the core concepts that are fundamental to all biological systems, from molecules, to cells, organisms and up to entire ecosystems. In addition, students will acquire mathematical, statistical and computational skills and study the history, philosophy and ethics of science.

Award Name	NFQ Classification	Awarding Body	NFQ Level
Degree - Honours Bachelor (Level 8 NFQ)	Major	University of Dublin	Level 8 NFQ

#### **Duration**

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Course Provider:

Trinity College Dublin

O Location: Dublin City Centre

Attendance Options:

Daytime, Full time

Qualification Letters:
BA (Hons)

Apply to:

CAO Points Round 1

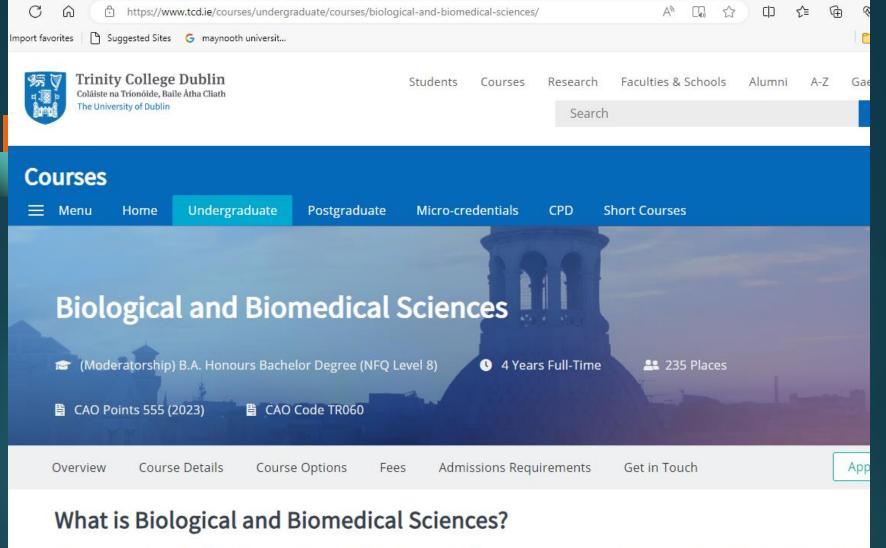
Year	Points
2023	566
2022	578 (i)
2021	578 (i)

- > Universities and research institutes
- > Chemical and pharmaceutical industries
- > Biotechnology
- > Electronics, computer and IT industries
- > Agricultural and food industries
- > Medicine
- > Hospital and medical services
- > Teaching
- > Science administration, communication and journalism
- > Law, business, financial services

### Course Web Page

https://www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate/az/course.php?id=DUBSC-BBSC-1F09

#### **Further information**



Biology is the study of living things; we explore how life first arose: the properties that distinguish living organisms from inert matter; how the vast diversity of life forms was generated; how organisms reproduce themselves; how they interact both with each other and with the environment. Biology is fundamental to understanding the world we live in and plays a huge role in medicine.

Modern biological science is unravelling the mysteries of life; it is helping us to meet the challenge of illnesses such as dementia and cancer, to defend against new viruses and drug-resistant bacteria, and to protect ecosystems from climate change and other threats.

Structure of the TR060 Biological and Biomedical Sciences programme

# CAO – General Info.

- Since 2005, students can apply for three types of qualifications under the <u>Nat. Qualifications</u> <u>Framework</u>.
- Application can be made for the three types of qualifications on 2 separate lists on a single form:

#### **Level 8 Courses**

Level 8=Honours Degree

Up to 10 Course Choices

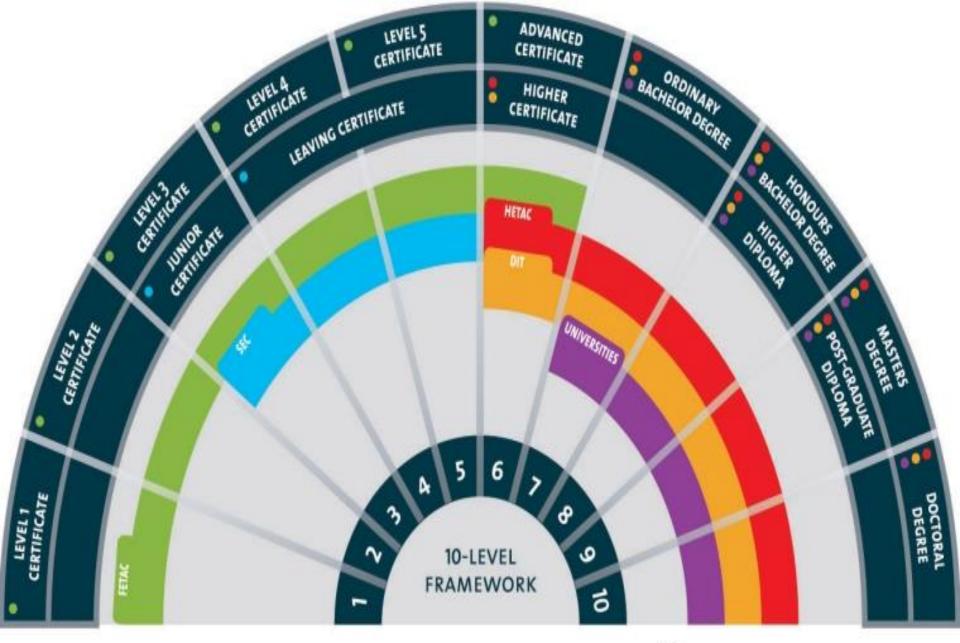
#### **Level 6 & 7 Courses**

Level 6=Certificate

Level 7=Ordinary Degree

Up to 10 Course Choices

- The courses are clearly labelled in the CAO Handbook
- N.B. Care must be taken with courses marked '*Restricted'*. There are about 80 Restricted Courses
- Closing date for "Restricted Courses" is February 1<sup>st</sup> unless "Amend Course" facility is used before 1<sup>st</sup> March



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

These must be satisfied before "points" are considered.

#### Minimum Entry Requirements

E.g. UCD

- ▶ Pass 6 subjects
- ▶ At least 2 H5
- ▶ 4 O6/H7 in:
  - ✓ Irish
  - English
  - Another Language
  - ✓ Mathematics\*
  - ✓ Science Subject\*

#### Specific Subject Requirements

E.g.s

Engineering (UCD)

- ► H4(60%) Maths
- Veterinary Medicine(UCD)
- ► H5 Chemistry

  Commerce(UCD)
- ▶ O3/H6

If all Entry Requirements are met → applicant is deemed 'Qualified' to apply.

### **POINTS SYSTEM**

Generally in the CAO system

No. of qualified applicants > No. of course places

--> selection system is needed.

Selection system used in Irish 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Colleges is based on:

- ▶ Points calculated from **ONE** sitting of the Leaving Certificate only.
- ▶ Points total is calculated from SIX best subjects
- ► Entry Requirements can be satisfied over more than one sitting of the Leaving Certificate

# Making an application

- Applications are made online.
- www.cao.ie

#### \*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*

Students must fill their course lists in:

#### **Genuine Order of Preference**

- They should not put down courses on the basis of their predictions of next year's cut off points or their own points scores.
- ▶ Why? Look at how places are allocated.

## Social Science – UCD 100 places to be offered

Applicant Position	Points Score
1 2	613
	600
3	598
4	597
5	593
6	585
7	582
8	576
9	564
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15	522
16	517
17	514
18	510
19	507
20	504
21	502
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98	457
99	452
100	451
101	450
102	449
103	448
104	447
105	446
182	382
102	<u> </u>

← Last place to be filled

#### **Course Cut Off Points = 451**

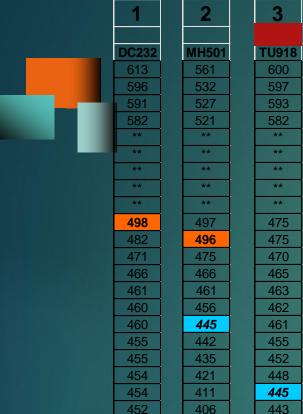
#### Physiotherapy – Trinity College 40 places to be offered

Applicant Position	Points Score
1	625
2	625
3	625
4	613
5	613
6	600
7	600
8	600
9	600
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16	598
17	598
18	597
19	597
20	597
21	597
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38	592
39	591
40	590
41	590
42	590
43	589
44	588
45	587
82	552

← Random Selection to be used

**Course Cut Off Points = 590\*** 

#### **A Students Course Preferences**



451

445

436

281

276

275

NO

405

404

400

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326

315

312

305

NO

441

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275

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270

YES

YES

NO

YES

# All Lower Preference Courses Disappear From Students Preferences

NO

YES

YES

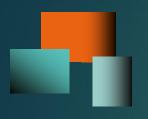
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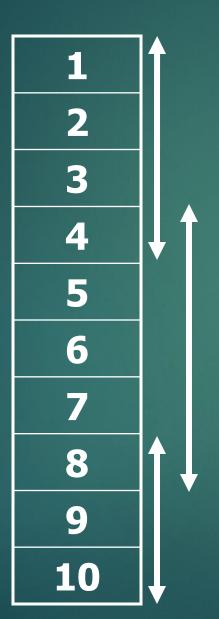
Students
Points
Total

= 445

Cut Off Points for Course

### What is the best way to fill in the courses?





**Dream Courses** 

Realistic Courses

**Banker Courses** 

## Places Allocation

#### Note:

- The position of a course in a student's preference order does not in any way affect their chance of getting a place on that course.
- The exact same procedure takes place for both lists on the form, hence students may receive 2 offers in August – one from each list, may accept only one.
- Students should think carefully about not accepting one of these offers, as they may not receive any further offers.
- Regardless of whether or not they accept a course in round 1, they will still be offered a higher preference course in subsequent rounds if they become entitled one.

## Common CAO Mistakes

Students failing to tick box to confirm they are sitting this year's Leaving Cert

Qualifications & Assessment Summary: Please tick the qualification/assessment categories that are relevant to you. You may tick more than one box, if necessary.		
1.		Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985-2024) Help?
2.		QQI FET/FETAC Level 5/6 Exams (2002-2024) Help? (Including Post-Leaving Certificate Courses leading to QQI FET/FETAC level 5 or 6 awards)
3.		GCE A/AS Levels/GCSE (2006-2024) Help? (England, Wales, Northern Ireland Exams, and International GCE/GCSE Exams under CAIE, PEARSON, AQA, OCR Boards)
4.		Other School Leaving Exams Help?  (e.g. School Leaving Exams outside of UK & Ireland, Baccalaureate, Scottish Exams, pre-1985 Irish & UK exams, Leaving Cert Applied, Level 3 BTEC, GNVQs, VCEs, Irish Matric Exams, GCE/GCSE pre-2006, etc see 'Help?' link for further information)

Exemptions Information not being forwarded to relevant colleges (e.g. NUI)

Not completing the CAO course lists in genuine order of preference

# Common Mistakes continued

Exemptions Information not being forwarded to relevant colleges (e.g. NUI)

Not completing the CAO course lists in genuine order of preference

Not checking details on students' statement of record e.g. date of birth

Failing to respond to communication from the CAO – records of all communication are logged on applicant's account

## After Making Application

- - Receive CAO number and Statement of Course
     Choices check this carefully.
  - Some students may be called for extra assessments.
  - Receive Statement of Application Record check details carefully.
  - Change of Mind facility becomes available use sparingly and carefully.
  - Leaving Cert. Results are sent to CAO.
  - Places are allocated online.
  - Students accept, reject or defer offered places.
  - ► Further rounds of offers are made until all course places are filled.

# CAO TIMETABLE 2024 ENTRY

- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> January
  - Closing date for receipt of early online discount applications
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> February
  - Closing date for receipt of normal applications
- ▶ 1st May
  - Closing date for receipt of late applications
- ▶ Between 7th May and 1st July
  - Change of mind facility available.
- Wednesday Mid August (To Be Confirmed)
  - Leaving Cert Results
- Monday after LC Results August (TBC)
  - First Round CAO Offers published no longer posted only emailed

### HEAR/DARE

- Both HEAR/DARE schemes facilitate certain universities/colleges in offering CAO places on reduced points & extra college supports to students who meet certain criteria.
- ► HEAR applicants must meet a range of financial, social and cultural indicators.
- DARE applicants must demonstrate evidence of a disability/learning difficulty/on-going illness
- Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Online Application Information Day – see <u>www.accesscollege.ie</u> –
- Applicants must apply for HEAR and/or DARE through their CAO application before 1st February

# HEAR

# School Presentation **2024**

Higher Education Access Route – see www.accesscollege.ie





# Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)

HEAR is a third level alternative admissions scheme which offers places on reduced points and extra college support to school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are resident in the Republic of Ireland.

You should apply to both HEAR and DARE if they are relevant to you. Applicants who apply and are deemed eligible for both DARE and HEAR will be prioritised by the participating colleges and universities when offering their reduced points places.

For more Information on HEAR see www.accesscollege.ie.

#### **Eligibility Indicators Combinations**

To be eligible for the HEAR Scheme, you must meet Indicator 1 Low Income plus a specific combination of two other indicators.

Combinations that allow you to take part in the HEAR Scheme are as follows:

**Indicator Combination 1** 

**Indicator Combination 2** 

**Indicator Combination 3** 

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- 1 On or below HEAR Income Limit
- 4 A Medical Card
- 4 Socio-Economic Group

# DADE DISABILITY ACCESS ROUTE TO EDUCATION

SEE <u>WWW.ACCESSCOLLEGE.IE</u> FOR SCHOOL PRESENTATION

#### What is DARE?

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.

#### What types of disabilities does DARE consider?

- Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) / Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (Including Asperger's Syndrome)
- Blind / Vision Impaired
- Deaf/ Hard of Hearing
- Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD) Dyspraxia / Dysgraphia
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (including Brain Injury and Epilepsy)
- Speech and Language Communication Disorder
- Significant On-going Illness
- Physical Disability
- Specific Learning Difficulty (including Dyslexia & Dyscalculia)

# U.C.A.S. (UK Colleges)

- Over 333 Universities
- Students select up to 5 courses in alphabetical order.
- Closing Date for standard courses 31<sup>st</sup> of January.
- Personal Statement and Reference require
- Operate a clearing system so late places may be available.
- UCAS application require a significant amount of preparation by the student. Applicants should have completed the application before the Christmas holidays

## **UCAS** Considerations

- Brexit???
- Accommodation
- Costs (fees, books, travel)
- Grants (Irish, DfES)
- www.ucas.co.uk
- British Council Office 01-6764088 or www.educationuk.org

## Grants

- See <u>www.susi.ie</u> to make application and to check out eligibility reckoner to determine if student qualifies for a grant or partial grant
- Application are normally made in April
- www.studentfinance.ie general information

# PLCs <a href="https://dunboynecollege.ie/">https://dunboynecollege.ie/</a>

- Strongly advise our students to apply for a PLC course backdoor into a course / foundation year before entering 3<sup>rd</sup> level college
- Dunboyne College of Further Education over 60 courses at both Level 5 & Level 6 (www.dunboynecollege.ie)
- ▶ 2 main types of PLC courses:
  - a) Pre-university courses with links to 3<sup>rd</sup> level colleges
  - b) Vocational courses e.g. pharmacy assistant / pre-apprenticeship courses

## Apprenticeships

- To become an apprentice, a student must seek a position with an employer who has been approved as an apprenticeship employer by SOLAS
- Employers can be:

Sole Trader e.g. self-employed electrician; Large companies e.g. Mercury Engineering, Sisk Group, Jones Engineering Semi-state companies e.g. ESB, Dublin Bus

- Interested students should research options on www.apprenticeship.ie which provides comprehensive information about all 60+ types of apprenticeships and provides details of employers seeking apprenticeships
- Students should also consider pre-apprenticeship courses in a PLC college e.g. Plunket College offers courses in carpentry and motor mechanics
- We have asked any student to email us their name and preferred area for an apprenticeship in order to have a database for employers who contact the school







#### **Electrical**

Aircraft Mechanics L6

Electrical L6

**Electrical Instrumentation L6** 

Electronic Security Systems L6

Industrial Electrical Engineer L7

Instrumentation L6

Refrigeration and Air





# Earn & Learn Apprenticeships

What is it?

How it works

Who it's for

**Entry Requirements** 

Who's Hiring

FAQ



#### What is an insurance apprenticeship?

The Insurance Practitioner Apprenticeship is Ireland's first apprenticeship to award a level 8 honours degree – the **BA (Hons) in Insurance Practice**.

The three-year, work-based training programme combines academics with on-the-job learning, allowing you to acquire both technical and soft skills. As an apprentice, you will be recruited into an insurance organisation, where you will learn the practical aspects of the job while studying towards your degree. All study is done online through ATU Sligo and The Insurance Institute or the LIA.



#### **Logistics Associate Apprenticeship**

- · 2 Years
- · Level 6 Qualification
- · Earn and Learn
- · Delivered in conjunction with TU Dublin



Posted by Logistics and Supply Chain Industry Tuesday, March 16, 2021



#### Insurance Practitioner Apprenticeship

- · Earn and Learn Degree
- · Entry Requirements
- How it Works
- Who's Hiring





#### **Logistics Associate Apprenticeship**

A two-year Level 6 apprenticeship for entry into the Freight, Logistics, Shipping and Distribution industries.



Posted by Logistics and Supply Chain Industry Friday, July 28, 2023



#### Motor Industry Apprenticeships

- Motor Mechanic
- · Heavy Vehicle Mechanic
- Vehicle Body Repairs
- Agricultural Mechanic



Posted by SIMI Monday, January 18, 2021



#### **Accounting Technician Apprenticeship**

- · Level 6 Qualification
- · Register Your Interest
- · 19k Apprenticeship Salary
- School Visits & Information Sessions



Posted by Accounting Technicians Ireland Friday, December 27, 2019



#### **Laboratory Apprenticeships**

These programmes offer unrivalled opportunities for candidates to obtain a Level 6 or Level 7 qualification, while gaining practical, hands-on work experience in some of the best labs in the country. The blended learning approach allows the apprentice to work 3 days in industry and attend college the other 2 days.