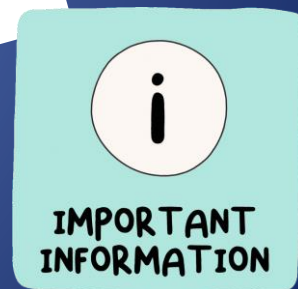


St. Flannan's College

6th Year Parents/Guardians
Information Night

Tuesday, 15th October 2024
Assembly Hall @ 7.00pm





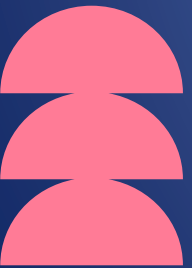
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Year Head Classes 6A - 6E

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Important Dates

Midterm	28 th October – 1 st November	School reopens on 4 th November
Christmas Exams	25 th November – 29 th November	
Parent Teacher Meeting (In-person)	Monday 13 th January	
Christmas holidays	23 rd of December – 3 rd of January	School reopens on 6 th January 2025
Feb Midterm	Monday 17 th of February – 21 st of February	School reopens on 24 th of February
Mock Exams	Monday 24 th Feb – Friday 28 th of February	(One exam will take place on 7 th of February)
Easter Holidays	Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April	School reopens on 28 th April
Orals – Irish, French, German, Japanese etc	No dates confirmed	
Leaving Cert Exams	Starts Wednesday 4 th June 2025	

Driving policy



Any student who drives to school must register their vehicle with the Deputy Principal Mr Michael Donnellan & sign our school policy on student driving.





Vsware

- Main purpose now will be for viewing term reports, attendance and viewing behavior reports.

New SFC APP

ALL 'absence requests' and 'permission to leaves' must be done through our new app.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All parents/guardians must submit a 'Permission to leave' request in order for the student to be signed out correctly.
- Students under 18 still require a parent or guardian to collect them from main office.
- ALL STUDENTS MUST SIGN OUT USING THE IPAD IN RECEPTION
- 'Parent note' function can be a very useful tool for contacting year heads.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

No. 1 Contributing factor to attainment in the Leaving Cert
There has been a decline in student attendance in recent times.

We are asking all parents to arrange appointments, driving lessons etc outside of school hours where possible.

Part time jobs affecting school attendance and performance.

Uniform



Full uniform must be worn
Boys must be clean shaven
No facial piercings
Black shoes
Natural hair colouring

After school study



Spaces available

Mon - Tues 4.30 - 6.00 & 6.15 - 7.45

Wed - Fri 3.45 - 5.15 & 5.30 - 7.00

For more information e-mail
michael.kelly@stflannanscollege.ie



Mobile Phone Usage

- Huge issue at present
- Please speak with your son/daughter regarding the use of their mobile phone
- e.g. taking photos of their teacher in class & uploading to social media
- e.g. when out socialising taking and sending photos of themselves & their classmates to their teachers on Teams



ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES
PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO
APPROACH US
AFTER THIS PRESENTATION

THANK
YOU



6th year Progression Options
Guidance Department

Outline of Session

- Choosing Careers & Courses
- Points system
- Applying to CAO – key stages
- Allocation & Acceptance of Places
- SUSI, HEAR & DARE
- Other options (PLC, Apprenticeships, Studying Abroad)
- How you can help
- Useful Websites



Choosing a Career

Research options and make decisions by:

- Assess strengths, skills & qualities, favourite Subjects, hobbies, career Interests, values (e.g. security, family, pay).
- Talk to family members, guidance counsellor, teachers, present students, graduates, course co-ordinators.
- Information - Open days, college websites & prospectus.
- Explore options on Career websites.
- Consider skills shortages for the future.
- Remain open minded – Be willing to consider courses outside of Limerick if financially possible.
- Have a Plan B!

It is about making smart, informed decisions.

Choosing a Course

Compare:

- Career focused vs. broad subject area (which will suit you?)
- Course content : Subjects & electives (know what they are)
- Class sizes – what will suit you?
- Opportunities for work placement & studying abroad – future CV!!
- Assessment - Continuous, exams, projects, terminal exams etc.
- College facilities, clubs and societies
- Location/Travel/ Public transport
- Overall Costs



Entry Requirements

These must be satisfied before “points” are considered.

**Minimum Entry
Requirements**

**Specific Subject
Requirements**



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

“Minimum Entry Requirements”

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS -Must be satisfied before “points” are considered.

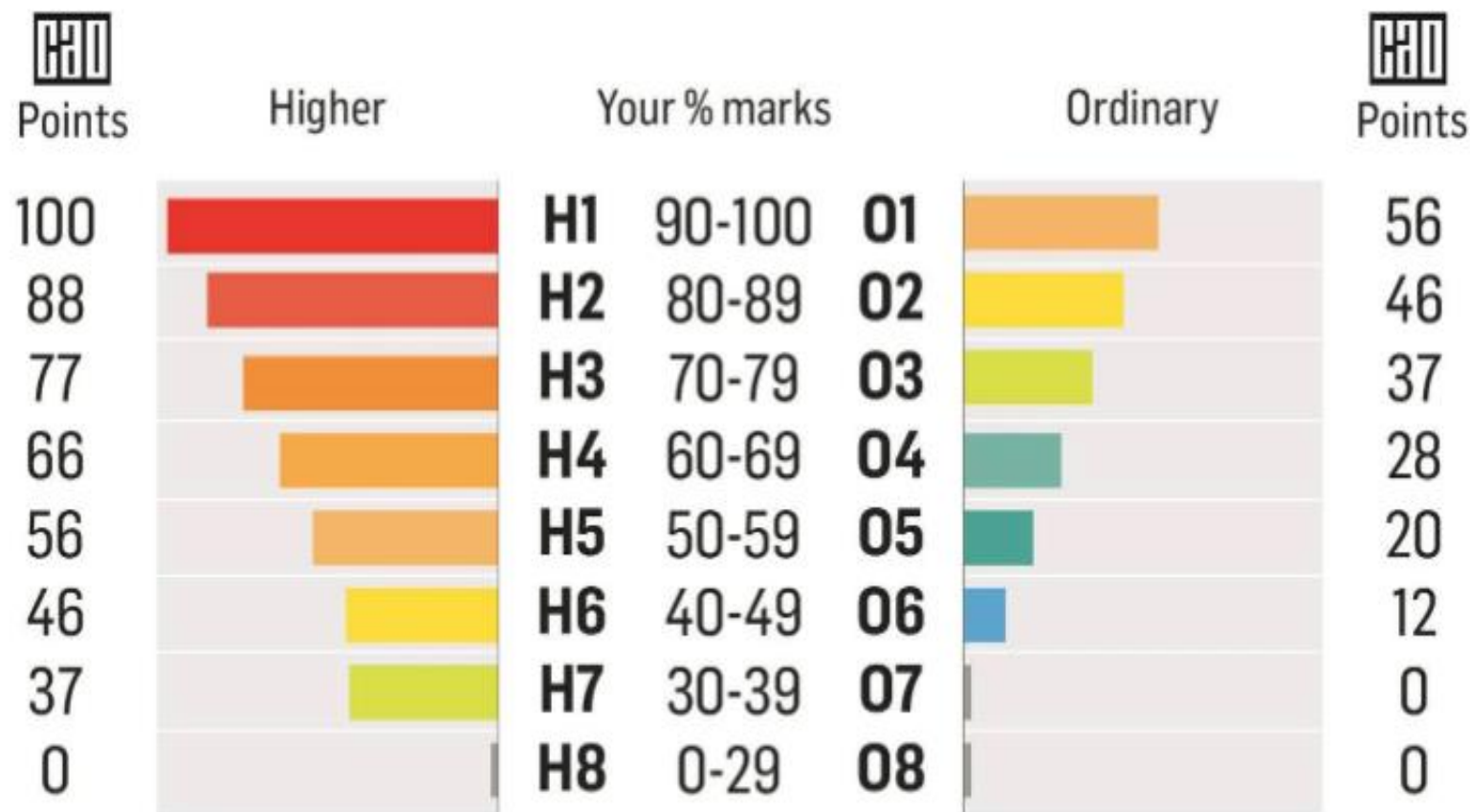
UL:	Level 8: 2H5 & 4O6/H7 – English, Maths, 1 other language (for some, not all)
TUS:	Level 8: 2H5 & 4O6/H7 Level 6/7: 5O6/H7 - English or Irish plus Maths
LCFE:	Pass Leaving Certificate
UoG:	Level 8: 2H5 & 4O6/H7 – English, Maths, Irish, 3 rd lang (for some but not all)

Specific Subject Requirements

Engineering(UL):	H4 Maths
Veterinary Medicine(UCD):	H5 Chemistry (plus 15hrs)
Business with French (UL):	H4 French
Journalism & Digital Communications (UL):	H4 English

- **If all Entry Requirements are met applicant is deemed ‘Qualified’ to apply and only then are points looked at.**

Points System



+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules Distinction 66 Merit 46 Pass 28

CAO – When?



- **5th November, 2024 12 noon**
 - Online application facility opens on www.cao.ie
- **20th January, 2025 5pm (€30 fee)**
 - Closing date for receipt of early online application on www.cao.ie
- **1st February, 2025 5pm (€45 fee)**
 - Closing date for receipt of normal application (**Restricted entry**)
- **1st May, 2025 5pm**
 - Closing date for receipt of late applications
- **6th May, 2025 12 noon**
 - Change of mind facility becomes available
- **1st July, 2025 5pm**
 - Latest date for receipt of change of mind form in CAO
- **August – date to be confirmed**
 - First round of offers will commence

DARE & HEAR

Online forms completed by **1st March 5pm, 2025**

Supporting documents to arrive with CAO before **15th March 5pm, 2025**

Restricted Entry Courses

Courses that normally require additional assessment procedures, e.g. portfolio, oral assessment, interview or written exam.

They will be marked as 'restricted' in the CAO handbook. Medicine, although not marked as restricted, is in fact restricted.

Such courses need to be listed as a choice on the CAO application form by Feb 1st 2025.

8	TR025	Drama and Theatre Studies (Interview) (Restricted, see CAO handbook page 3)
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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.

[Contact a HEI](#)
[Downloads](#)
[Mature Applicants](#)
[QQI FET Applicants](#)
[Advanced Entry](#)
[Entry to Medicine](#)
[Media and Statistics](#)

**CAO VIRTUAL
INFORMATION
EVENING**
for Students & Parents



**Thursday, 17 October 2024
from 6.00pm**

REGISTER NOW



Applicants

**Parents /
Guardians**

Guidance / Schools

**Access Routes
DARE / HEAR**

You can now find out information about Further Education and Apprenticeships on the CAO Website



CAO

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Monday, 14 October 2024 11:23

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The mission of the CAO is to be the leading provider of centralised application processing services for Irish post-secondary education providers. CAO currently operates the centralised application system for Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

If you click on the links below, you can view a host of full-time higher education, further education and training and apprenticeship options available to post-second level applicants.

CAO is not currently accepting applications for further education courses or apprenticeships. For all queries and information about Further Education and Training or Apprenticeship options, click on the tabs below.

Higher Education

Levels 6/7 and 8

Honours degrees, ordinary degrees, diplomas and higher certificates

Further Education and Training

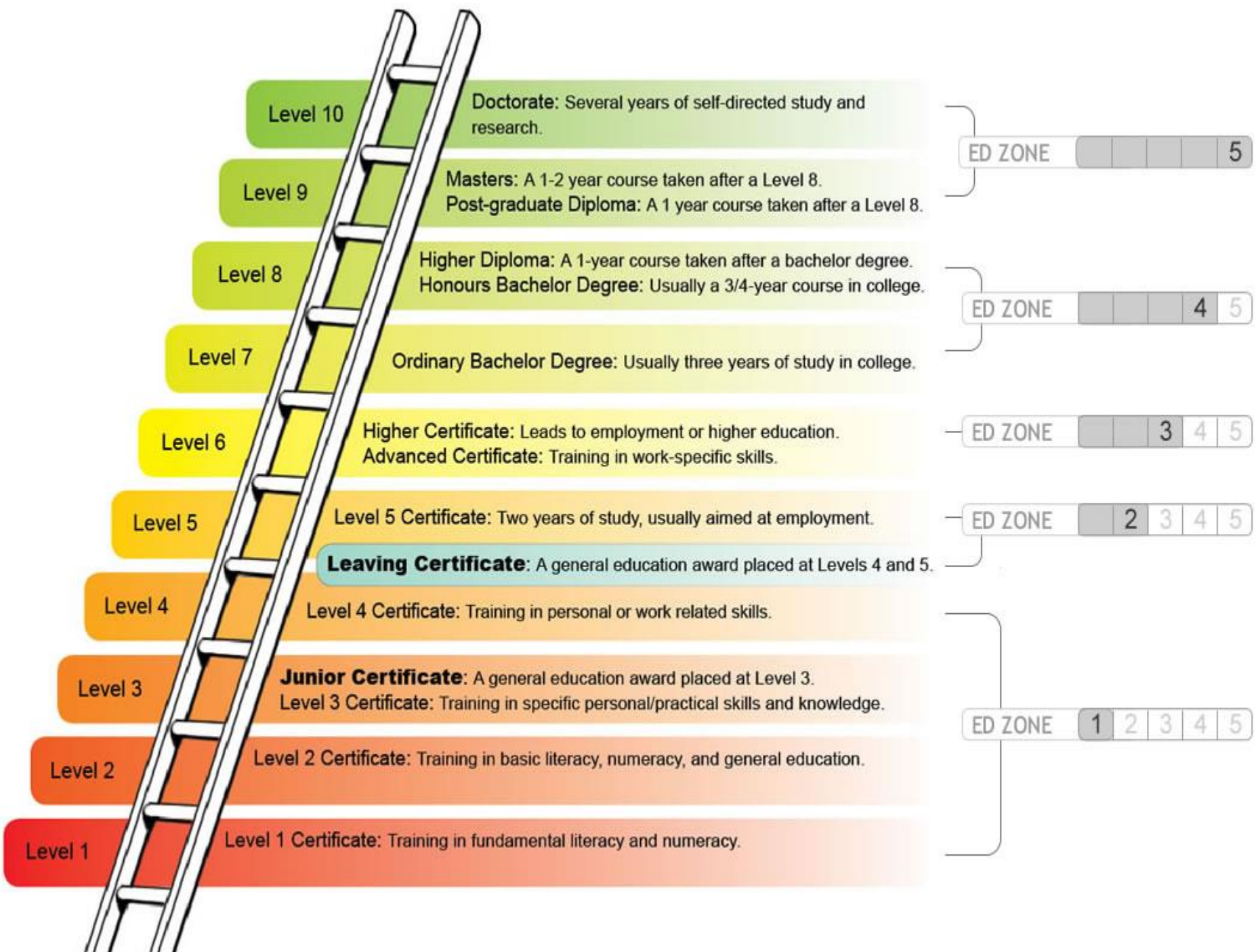
Levels 5 and 6

Full-time accredited programmes, including Post Leaving Certificate courses (PLCs), that include a

Apprenticeships

Levels 5-10

Apprenticeship is an accredited programme of structured education and training which formally combines and alternates learning in the workplace with learning in an



2 applications in 1

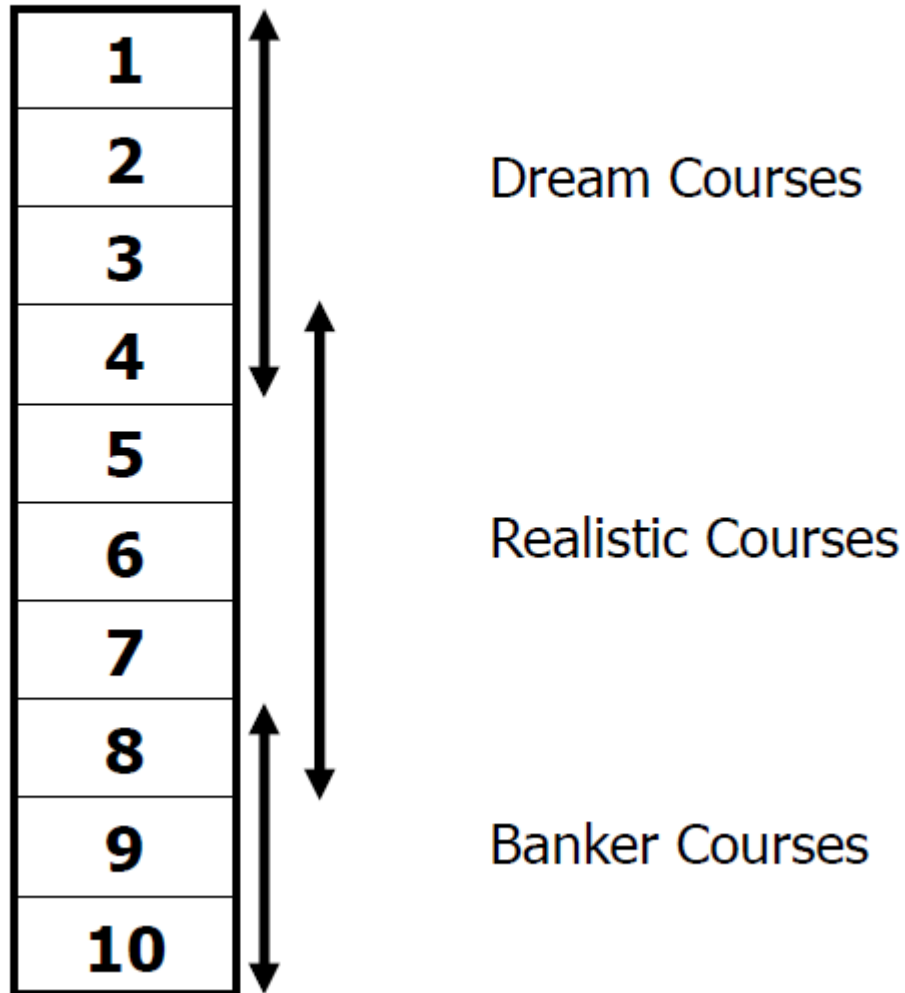


- There are 2 course choice lists (L8 and L7/6) and each applicant may make up to 10 choices on each list – 20 choices in total.
- Your choices on one list do not in any way affect your choices on the other list. They are considered two separate applications on one form.
- It is possible to receive an offer on both lists. You may then decide to accept either your L8 or L7/6 offer.
- Alternatively, you may wish not to accept either offer.

The image shows two identical application forms side-by-side. Each form has the word 'APPLICATION' at the top. Below the title, there are several horizontal lines for text entry. A large red circle with a black number inside is positioned in the center of each form; the left form has a '1' and the right form has a '2'. At the bottom of each form, there are more horizontal lines and a small rectangular box.

Filling out my courses - Genuine Order of Preference

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



Genuine Order of Preference



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.

How Places are Allocated



- ▶ The admissions officers of the colleges tell CAO how many places are to be offered on each course. e.g. 100 places
- ▶ 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 all 100 places have been offered.
- ▶ 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. The points of the last person offered a place on a course is the minimum points needed for that course in a given year. **It is an indication but not a guarantee of what the points might be the following year.**

Course preference/Offer Process

1	2	3
LM000	LM000	LM000
600	560	560
595	555	555
591	551	551
587	547	547
585	543	543
**	**	**
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**	**	**
470	460	445
468	457	444
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454	435	435
450	431	431
448	427	427
445	423	423
441	419	419
**	**	**
**	**	**
**	**	**
**	**	**
363	363	363
357	357	357
NO	NO	YES

All Lower
Preference
Courses
Disappear
From Students
Preferences

Students
Points
Total= 445

Cut off
Points
for
course

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 may be offered to another applicant in the next round of offers
- You will receive an email acknowledging your acceptance



The Change of Mind Facility

- You may use this facility to change the order of your courses or add new courses (restrictions may apply, always consult CAO handbook)
- The change of mind opens in early May and closes on July 1st 2025 at 5pm



Statement of Application Record

- Before the end of May you will be sent a Statement of Application Record.
- You will need to log into your account and check/verify information, you need to follow the instructions carefully or it could result in your application becoming null and void
- Check the following

Are your exam numbers correct? (do not assume that they are)

Are all exams mentioned?

Are all exemptions listed?

Are all the courses shown and in the correct order?

**If you do not
receive a
Statement by**



**contact CAO
immediately.**

Deferrals

- Students are entitled to request a deferral if/when they are offered a course.
- This would mean that they delay starting the course until the following year.
- It is up to the discretion of the college, not a guarantee.
- Students should contact the college directly to seek a deferral, CAO do not deal with deferrals.

Deferrals

In August/September you may be offered a course that you want but decide to delay commencing it for 1 year. This is called a deferral. Please follow the steps below if you wish to apply for a deferral. P.32 CAO Handbook.

1. Receive an offer you want
2. **Do not** accept it
3. Write an email to the college where the course is (**do this immediately**) stating your name, CAO number, course code and reason(s) for the request of a deferral
4. Mark “DEFERRED ENTRY” in the subject line of the email
5. Email must arrive 2 days before reply date if you were to accept the place
6. The college will reply to you with a yes or a no
7. If it’s a NO you can accept the course for that year
8. If it’s a yes reapply for the course in the next year and place the course as your **only** choice
9. **DO NOT** contact CAO about deferrals!!

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Common Errors

- Not enough research into courses AND career
- Listing courses in order of points instead of genuine preference
- Underestimating / overestimating Leaving Certificate results
- Targeting low point courses in hope of getting college place
- Targeting Level 8 courses only and ignoring Level 7 & 6 courses thereby Ladder of Opportunity



Additional Supports: HEAR

The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a college and university scheme that offers places on reduced points and extra college support to school leavers from low income families who are resident in Ireland.

www.accesscollege.ie

Information Sessions for HEAR & DARE will be held live in early Jan.

HEAR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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

Indicator Combination 4

1 On or below HEAR Income Limit

+ **2** A Medical Card

+ **4** Socio-Economic Group

/ **5** School

/ **6** Area

HEAR INCOME LIMITS

To meet this criteria your family income falls on or below the HEAR Income Limit.

Number of dependent* children in your family	HEAR Income Limit
Fewer than 4	€46,790
4 to 7	€51,325
More than 8	€55,630

Add €4,785 to the total income for every sibling/parent enrolled in a full-time college, university or Post Leaving Certificate further education course.

***A dependent includes:**

- » A sibling under the age of 16 years on 1 October 2024.
- » A sibling over the age of 16 years on 1 October 2024 who is either: attending post primary education.
- » Attending a full-time course in FET or higher education.
- » Medically certified as permanently unfit for work.
- » A parent attending a full-time course in FET or higher education

Additional Support: DARE

College admissions scheme which offers some places at reduced points and extra college supports to school leavers who, as a result of having a disability or specific learning difficulty, have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education.

www.accesscollege.ie

ALL students applying for DARE need to contact their guidance counsellor

Is DARE for me?

To be eligible for DARE you must meet both the DARE Educational Impact criteria and DARE Evidence of Disability criteria.

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
- Dyscalculia/ Significant Numeracy Difficulties
- Dyslexia/ Significant Literacy Difficulties
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (including Brain Injury and Epilepsy)
- Physical Disability
- Significant Ongoing Illness
- Speech and Language Communication Disorder



Additional Supports: SUSI

- SUSI is the central application system for grants for full time Higher Education. Not all colleges are included e.g. Private Colleges (Griffith College)
- For reckonable income levels, all other info. regarding eligibility and to register for the grant for 2025 go to www.susi.ie
- Apply from April - August. Earlier you apply, earlier you get it.

What you can do now

- Can prepare accounts from 2024
- Self employed: Full set of Accounts, Self Assessment Statement
 - PAYE Worker: P20 or P60
 - Unemployed: SUSI have direct link to Revenue
- Monthly instalments Sept- May.



Scholarships



Sport

Most colleges offer sports scholarships, always check individual college websites

UL for example Gold, Silver and Bronze, excellent packages & support

UG Performance Points scholarships (sport and creative arts)

Discipline of study

STEM Naughton Scholarship €6000 per year, 500 pts+

Bernie Ruane Bursary Teaching

Low family income

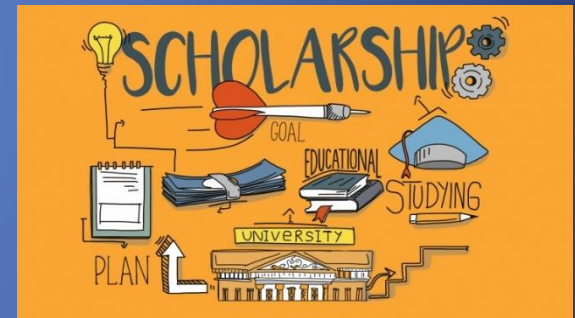
All Ireland Scholarship JP McManus

Do not need to apply, automatically chosen but must be eligible for the Susi grant

Academic

The traditional universities e.g. Uni of Galway, UL etc award students based on points

Do not need to apply, automatically chosen



Scholarships




A full list of scholarships can be found on
Careers Portal


<https://careersportal.ie/scholarships>

Filter to search for the subject area of interest
and by college to see available scholarships


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Scholarship Explorer

 Search for any title

Subject Area ▾ Sponsor ▾ College ▾ Search

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Options other than CAO

- PLC (Post Leaving Cert. course)
- Apprenticeships (www.apprenticeship.ie)
- Studying Abroad
- On the job training (Army, Gardaí, Marines)
- Year out/ Travel/ Volunteering/ Work to earn & PLC combined



1 year Post Leaving Cert. (PLC) Route

- Apply from February, Eligible for Maintenance Grant
- Leaving Cert + Interview, maybe specific subject required
- Progression possible to many Level 6, 7 and 8 courses
- Some colleges require specific PLC courses, others don't mind which you do. Some require minimum number of distinctions. All are competitive.
- Chosen by those who a) maybe young, b) perhaps didn't get the points for course they wanted, c) financial reasons, d) confirm interest in specific area, e) hope of recognised qualification and employment after 1 year, f) alternative route to college



Local PLC Providers

Ennis College of Further Education

General	5M3114
Business	5M2102
Community Health	5M4468
Nursing	5M4349
Accounting Technicians Certificate	
Accounting Technicians Diploma	
Office	5M1997
Science	5M3807
Music	5M2011
Social Studies	5M2181
Food Science	5M5267
Childcare 5	5M21473
Marketing	5M2069
BBS	Tertiary
Tourism with Business	5M5011
Business Administration	5M2468
National Tour Guiding	6S20232
Graphic Design	5M1995
ICT with Manufacturing	4M0855



Local PLC providers

Others providers in Co. Clare

Ennistymon, Lisdoonvarna, Kilrush

Limerick College of Further Education

Extensive range from I.T., Beauty, Culinary Skills, Emergency Care Personnel, Event Management, Fashion Design, Music Technology, Art Portfolio, Laboratory Techniques, and many more

www.lcfe.ie

Practical Example

► Year 1

Computer Systems & Networks, Level 5 in LCFE

► Year 2

Advanced Computer Systems & Networks, Level 6 in LCFE

► Year 3

Bachelors Degree in Computer Networks & Cyber Security or Computing
Mobile & Web at TUS Level 8, 2nd year and continue for 3 years to Level 8

Note: For some third Level courses, the Level 5 course is specific.

For others, any will do



	US826 CAO	Mobile & Web Computing	TUS Midwest (formerly LIT)		4 Years		306 ▲ 6
	US710 CAO	Mobile & Web Computing	TUS Midwest (formerly LIT)		3 Years		205 ▼ -27



Studying Abroad

- Europe (EUNICAS)

- UK (UCAS)

Degree Programmes taught through English in European & UK Universities

Especially popular for high pointed courses in Ireland

Veterinary Medicine, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Radiography,
Dentistry, Pharmacy etc.

Things to consider:

Entry requirements (specific and general), Application process & deadlines,
Travel, Fees, Cost of living.



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Further Education and Training Authority

Apprenticeships

7 Phases- 4 years

Phase 1 – With Employer

Phase 2 – In SOLAS Centre

Phase 3 – With Employer

Phase 4 – TUS

Phase 5 – With Employer

Phase 6 – TUS

Phase 7 – With Employer





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Further Education and Training Authority

Apprenticeships

- Must find employer (personal contacts, SOLAS, advertisements) to take you on who must register with SOLAS within 2 weeks.
- Potential apprentices join Employers on a regular basis. (Often after exam results) Employer must be approved by SOLAS, Employer registers apprentice (Phase 1) who then goes on a waiting list for Phase 2.
- Rates vary from trade to trade
Average Phase 2 Rate is €200.00 p.w.
Average Phase 4th Year Rate is €475.00 p.w.
- Big demand for Tool Makers, Jobs also for Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Instrumentation, Electronic Security Systems.
www.solas.ie www.apprenticeship.ie www.apprenticeshipjobs.ie
- Other Apprenticeships through ESB, Eir, Shannon Aerospace etc.



Accounting Technician



Advanced Craft Welder



Baker



Butchery & Fresh Food Retail



Chef de Partie



Commis chef



Craft Welder



Engineering Technician



Executive Chef



HGV Driver



IFS Advanced Specialist



IFS Generalist



IFS Specialist



Industrial/Electrical Engineer



Insurance Practitioner



Manufacturing Engineer



Manufacturing Technician



Network Engineer



Polymer Processing Technician



Software Developer



Sous Chef



Telecoms Field Technician



Travel professional



Warehouse Distribution Operative



How you can help your son or daughter

- (1) Encourage to attend school & participate
- (2) Encourage to do homework to best of ability
- (3) Take an interest in their school work
- (4) Encourage to Revise, daily and at weekend
- (5) Quiet place to study
- (6) Exercise, eat well, sleep well
- (7) Discuss their plans for next year & career



Important Websites

- www.qualifax.ie (Courses)
- www.careersportal.ie (Careers)
- www.cao.ie (CAO Application)
- www.eunicas.ie (Studying in Europe)
- www.ucas.com (Studying in UK)
- www.apprenticeship.ie (Apprenticeships)
- www.susi.ie (Maintenance Grant)
- www.studentfinance.ie (Other finance options)
- www.accesscollege.ie (HEAR & DARE)



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