

CAO

& Post LC Pathways

General Information

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CAO – General Info.

Centralised application system
for 48 Irish 3rd level Colleges

Responsibility to follow the CAO
T&C's and complete the CAO is
with the **CAO applicant**

CAO

- WWW.CAO.IE

(i) Download pdf version

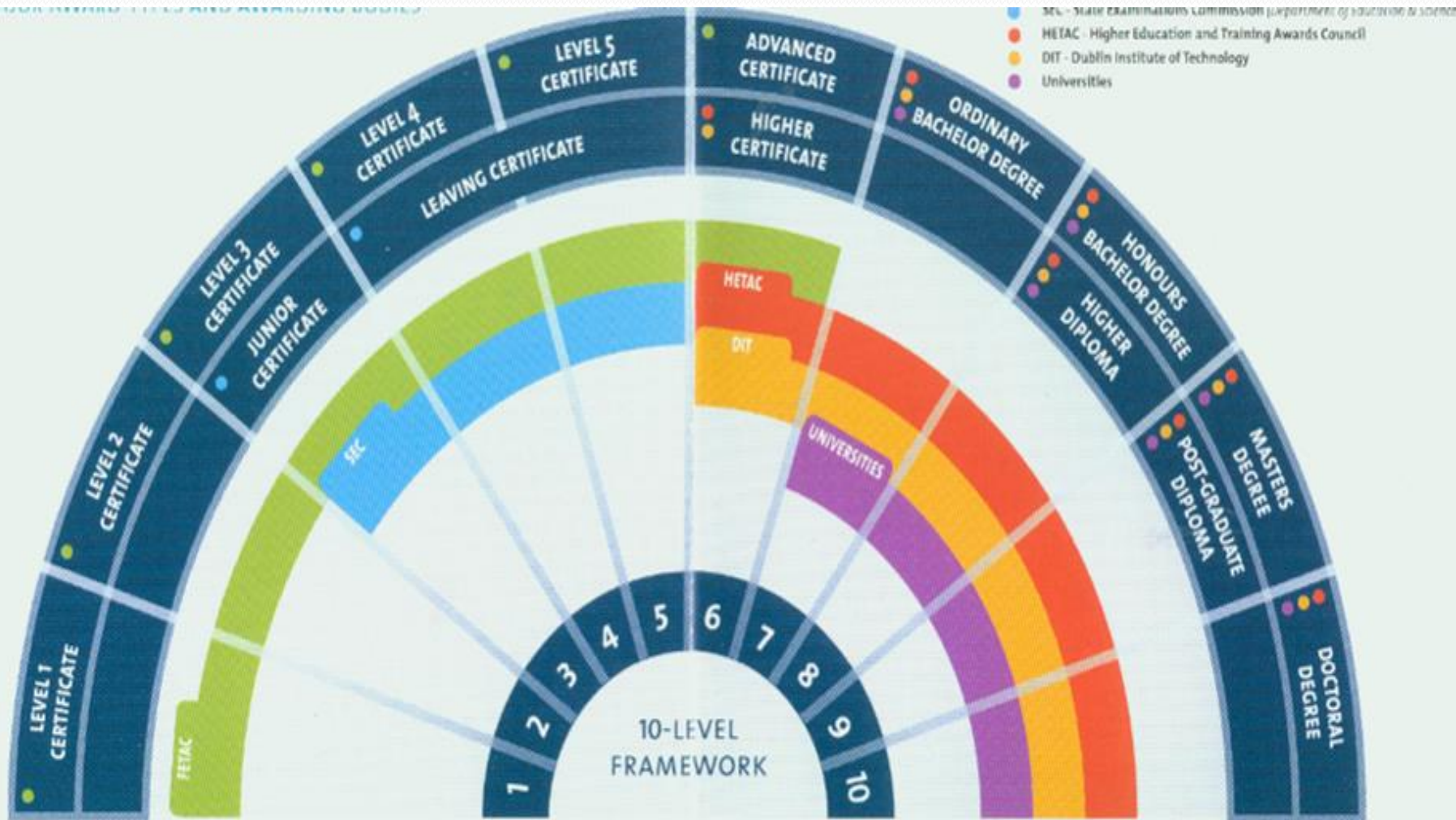
(ii) Can create your own personalised CAO handbook
(only show courses of interest to you etc.)

Application Demo

Videos to assist with application process

Alert lists (up-to-date changes from colleges')

National Framework of Qualifications – 10 Levels



Selection of courses

- **Apply for up to 20 courses via two lists**
- **Level 8 list**
 - **Honours Degrees**
(3 or 4 year degrees)
- **Level 6/7 list**
 - **Higher Certificates**
(2 years)
 - **Ordinary Degrees**
(3 years)



Three STEPS involved in
securing a seat on a course

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

(A) College Entry Req.

(B) Course Entry Req.

These must be satisfied before

(C) “points” are considered

Minimum Entry / College Requirements of sample of CAO Colleges

Institution	Minimum grades	Required subjects
NUI Colleges: (UCC, NUIM, UG, UCD, RCSI, Shannon)	2H5 + 4O6/H7	4O6/H7 in English, Maths, Irish & <u>Modern Lang</u> *.
Trinity College Dublin	3H5 + 3O6/H7	4O6/H7 in Maths, English & another Language
Dublin City University	2H5 + 4O6/H7	4O6/H7 in Maths, English & Irish or another Lang.
University of Limerick	2H5 + 4O6/H7	4O6/H7 in Maths, English & Irish or another Lang.
Technological University's (TUS / MTU etc)	2H5 + 4O6/H7 (Hon deg) 5O6/H7 (cert/ord deg)	4O6/H7 in Maths, English or Irish

College requirements

- Colleges of NUI (UCC, UG, UCD, NUIM, RCSI) have a 3rd language requirement
- There are some exceptions now for Science, Engineering and Nursing Courses
- Business related courses in NUI-Maynooth doesn't require a language
- In all cases, Please refer to each colleges' website / prospectus for detailed information

Specific **Course** Requirements

■ Pharmacy
UCC & TCD

- H4 in Chemistry & a second H4 Science Subject / Maths / Geography

■ Physiotherapy
(TCD)

- H4 in two science subjects/Maths

■ Human Nutrition
& Dietetics (TUD)

- H4 in Chemistry

College Prospectus should always be consulted

Guide to Finding Entry Requirements

- Looking for info on UCC & Pharmacy
- Google

(a) College Course Entry Requirements
UCC pharmacy entry requirements

Or

- Careers portal....Course Finder
- (b) careers portal UCC pharmacy

https://careersportal.ie/courses/simple_search.php



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Fact File

TITLE	CODE	COLLEGE
Pharmacy	CK703	<u>Medicine and Health</u>
DURATION	TEACHING MODE	QUALIFICATIONS
5 Years	Full-time	MPharm
FEES	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	CAO POINTS
EU State Student Contribution + Capitation: €3,138 (Years 1-4); €7,500 (Year 5). See <u>Fees and Costs</u> for full details.	2 x H4, 4 x O6/H7; Maths, Other Language. H4 Chemistry, H4 Physics/Biology. See <u>Requirements</u> for full details.	2022: 613*

this course

- Noreen Moynihan
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- +353 (0)21 490 1662
- <http://www.ucc.ie/en/pharmacy/>

[Make an enquiry](#)

Similar Courses

- BSc Biomedical Science
- BSc Physiology
- BSc Process & Chemical

TOP

Course Code
CK703

Zone
1 2 3 4 5



Level
NFQ Type
Major

Duration
5 Years

Attendance
Full Time

CAO Points 2022
613*

Points Change
0

Course Summary

Language Options

Entry Requirements

QQI / FET Links

The Student

Career Progression

Further Research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Points History	Minimum Subjects
613	2 H5 & 4 O6/H7

- * **Garda Vetting**
- ✓ **O6/H7** IN English
- ✓ **O6/H7** IN Irish
- ✓ **O6/H7** IN Any Other Language
- ✓ **O6/H7** IN Maths
- ✓ **H4** IN Chemistry AND A ✓ **H4** IN Physics
OR Biology

COLLEGE PROFILE



- Visit College Profile
- View Prospectus
- View Scholarships
- View Courses

Irish / Language Exemption

- **For NUI** (which cover UCC, UG, UCD, RCSI, NUIM etc)

A student who has a language exemption and wishes to apply to a college of NUI must download details from www.nui.ie

Students complete NUI exemption form **online and upload** with a copy of the Dept. Ed. Exemption certificate (got from school)

- **For UL**

A student who has an exemption from Irish and wishes to apply to UL www.ul.ie must complete an online exemption form and upload a copy of the Dept. Ed. Exemption certificate (got from school)

(NOTE: same process for applying to DCU & Trinity College Dublin)

- This is very important as **failure to do this will result in not receiving an offer** as all entry requirements will not be met
- CAO strongly recommend to apply for language exemptions after a CAO application has been made.



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

Remember.....

Entry Requirements must
be satisfied before “points”
are considered.

Published Points

- All courses in HEI's (all Universities including TU's) publish points for their courses
- The points published are the points obtained to secure the last seat on that course
- If two or more students have the same points for the last seat for their nominated course, the CAO use a system called **Random selection** to decide which student receives a seat on that course.

POINTS ALLOCATION

<u>Grade (Higher / Ord)</u>	<u>% Marks</u>	<u>Higher level</u>	<u>Ord Lev</u>
H1 / O1	90-100	100	<u>56</u>
H2 / O2	80<90	88	46
H3 / O3	70<80	77	37
H4 / O4	60<70	66	28
H5 / O5	50<60	<u>56</u>	20
H6 / O6	40<50	46	12
H7 / O7	30<40	37	0
H8 / O8	0<30	0	0

LCVP Grades and Points

- Distinction 66
 - Merit 46
 - Pass 28
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- LCVP cannot be used for minimum entry requirements (not Higher Level or Ordinary Level) but can be used for points as above.

POINTS SYSTEM

- ◎ **Points** are calculated from **ONE sitting** of the Leaving Certificate only.
- ◎ **Points total** is calculated from **SIX best subjects**
- ◎ Bonus points are awarded for Honours Math (Maximum points now 625)
- ◎ **NOTE: Entry Requirements** can be satisfied over **more than one sitting** of the Leaving Certificate

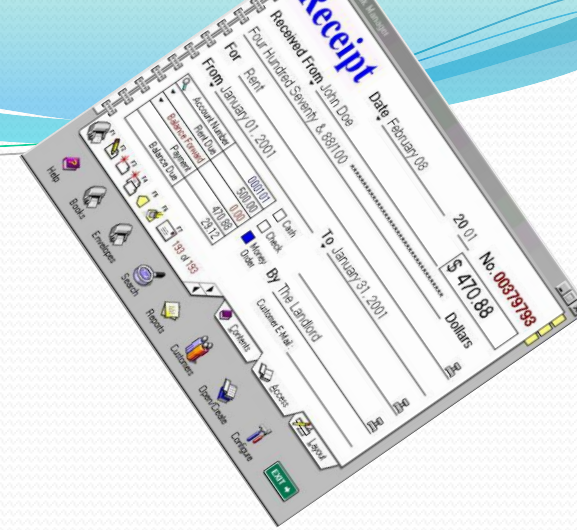
RESTRICTED ENTRY COURSES

- Some courses have **Interviews/ Aptitude tests/Portfolio/Auditions**
- **Medicine** – HPAT test on late February
– apply by Mid-January
- **Check CAO handbook**
- **Must apply by February 1st for all restricted entry courses.** (clearly marked in handbook)

Application Dates and Fees

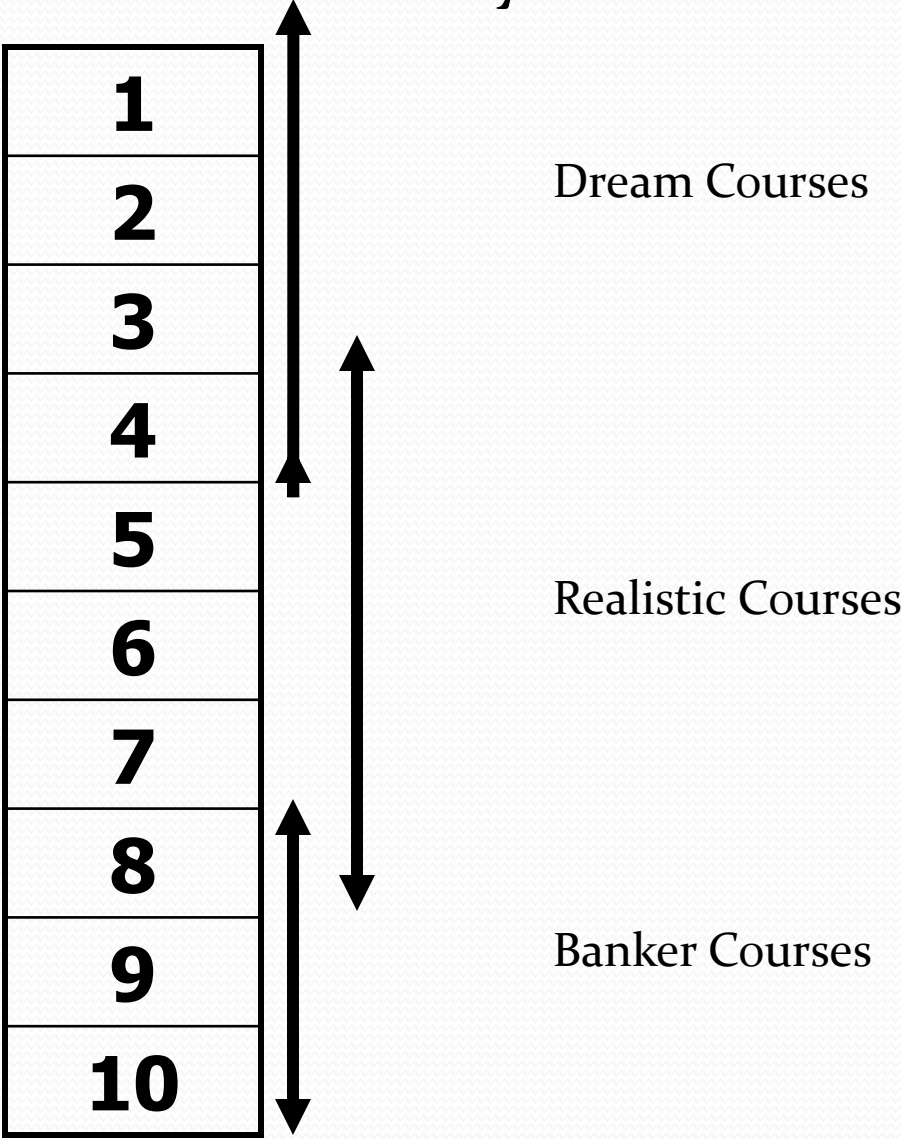
All fees are non-refundable	Fee	Closing date
Normal application	€45	1 Feb 2024 (5:15pm)
Online discounted rate	€30	20 Jan 2024 (5:15pm)
Late online application	€60	1 May 2024 (5:15pm)
Change of Mind	No Fee	5th May - 1st July 2024 (5:15pm)

Making an Application



- Applications can be **made online** (or by paper form).
- Always keep proof of sending application.
- Fill out both course lists (Level 8 + Level 6/7)
- In genuine order of Preference-not based on Predictions of next year's grades.

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



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 and offered by post and online
- Students accept, reject or defer offered places.
- Further rounds of offers are made until all course places are filled.

Statement of Application Record.

- 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?**
- Are all exams mentioned?
- If you do not receive a Statement by 1st June contact CAO immediately.

Change of Mind

After 5th May

To 1st July

you can register a change of courses

Traditionally, Leaving Certificate results and CAO offers are....

- Leaving Certificate results will be issued in mid August...
- CAO round 1 offers will be issued the following Monday after LC results are announced
- Round 1 acceptance deadline
- Round 2 begins after round 1 acceptance deadline

Offer of Places



- 2 offers may be received:

One from Level 8 list and One from Level 6/7 list.

ONLY ONE OFFER MAY BE ACCEPTED

- When you are offered one of your course preferences on a list, automatically you will be excluded for consideration from all courses below that OFFER
- This is why it is so important to fill in form in your Genuine Order of Preference

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.

How Places are Allocated

- We will look just at Level 8 courses
(but exactly the same process will take place with Level 7/6 courses)
- The importance of you, the applicant, **of placing courses in genuine order of preference** will become apparent in the following demonstration.
- **Jim's subjects** are English / Irish / Maths / Accounting / Business / Economics / History
- Interests are Primary Teaching & Business & Law & Ed

JIM IS INTERESTED IN

Primary Teaching +

Business & Law & Accounting & Education

- | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| • 1st choice MI | Primary | • 1st choice MI | Primary |
| • 2nd UCC | Bus / Law | • 2nd UCC | Bus / Law |
| • 3rd UCC | Commerce | • 3rd UCC | Commerce |
| • 4th UL | Acc / Law | • 4th UL | Acc / Law |
| • 5th MI | Bus/Acc Ed | • 5th SETU | Bus |
| • 6th NUIM | Bus / Acc | • 6th MI | Bus/Acc Ed |
| • 7th ATU | Bus / Acc | • 7th NUIM | Bus / Acc |
| • 8th TUS | Bus | • 8th ATU | Bus / Acc |
| • 9th MTU | Bus | • 9th TUS | Bus |
| • 10th SETU | Bus | • 10th MTU | Bus |

Jim gets **491** points.....but gets H5 Irish

English / Irish / Math / Business / Accounting / Economics / History

- 1st MI Primary **490**
- 2nd UCC Bus / Law **505**
- 3rd UCC Commerce **449**
- 4th UL Acc / Law **499**
- 5th SETU Bus **279**
- 6th MI Bus/Acc Ed **414**
- 7th NUIM Bus / Acc **402**
- 8th ATU Bus / Acc **317**
- 9th TUS Bus **378**
- 10th MTU Bus **309**

- ~~1st choice MI Primary~~
- ~~2nd UCC Bus / Law~~
- ~~3rd UCC Commerce~~
- 4th UL Acc / Law
- **5th SETU Bus**

• **PLEASE NOTE:**

• Every Course **BELOW** what you are offered will be **automatically deleted**

Things to Remember

- Jim lost out on his first 3 places
... as he didn't fulfill that college/course entry requirements.....
Always check (College & Course) entry requirements
- Jim rearranged his original list (completed as a genuine order of choice) ... **but** due to panic and/or listening to his friends adjusted his list and again lost out to courses he originally preferred
- Every **course below** what Jim (you) got offered **is deleted**
- Please be careful and arrange your list according to **your own genuine order of preference**
- + be **mindful of entry requirements** for college/courses

CAO Timetable

? **6th November, 2023**

- > CAO Online facility opens

• **20th January, 2024**

- > Early Bird offer ends

? **1st February, 2024**

- Closing date for receipt of normal applications

? **Before/By 21st February, 2024**

- > Receive Statement of Course Choices

? **1st May, 2024**

- > Closing date for receipt of late applications

? **Before/By 31st May, 2024**

- > Receive Statement of Application Record

? **From 5th May, 2024**

- > Change of mind facility opens online.

? **1st July, 2024**

- > Latest date for receipt of change of mind form in CAO.

? **Late August, 2024**

- > First round of offers will commence.

Deferral

- **Deferring** means that you do not want to take your place this year but will do so next year
- Some courses cannot be deferred, you are recommended to check with the college in advance about their deferral terms and conditions and arrangements.
- **What to Do if Deferring**
- (a) Once the offer is given **do not accept** it
- (b) Contact the Higher Education Institution (HEI) **Admissions Office** immediately. They will let you know if the offer will be deferred.
- If NOT allowed..... you have option to accept but the whole process must be complete before deadline for acceptance
- Refer to CAO Handbook - Deferring a place pg28

Accepting a deferred course the following year

- **Reapply** to the CAO the following year with only that deferred course as your only choice
- You will then get offered that course in **round zero**
- If you put any other courses on the form you will forfeit your deferred course offer
- You will then have to compete for places with all other applicants

Grants



- All student applications will be made online to SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) through their website: www.susi.ie
- Application dates will be announced by the Department of Education and Skills – **normally April – July** – apply early
- **Based on the previous year financial documentation - 2023**
- If you intend to apply to SUSI for a grant, you may indicate this on your CAO online application. CAO will then provide your identification, contact and offer/acceptance details to the grant authority (SUSI)
- Ticking this section of the CAO form does not mean that you have applied to SUSI so make sure to visit www.studentfinance.ie or [www.susi](http://www.susi.ie) to complete the necessary steps. Other than providing these details to the grant authority, CAO plays no role in processing grant applications

SUSI

- SUSI grant comes in two separate parts: -
 1. A full SUSI grant will pay for student contribution fee worth €3000 (traditionally....)
 2. Living expenses – referred to as Maintenance Grant – Has two rates ...
adjacent rate (living < 30km from college)
or non-adjacent rates.

Also different levels of grant awards – full and partial

SUSI

- Must meet the following 5 criteria:-
 1. Enrolled in an approved fulltime course ie. PLC (no fee support), HEIs, European colleges. In general private colleges are not eligible for SUSI. Check with each private college
 2. Lived 3 out of the last 5 years in Ireland, the EU, the EEA or Switzerland
 3. Income level – threshold increased in Budget 2023 – total household income combined with the number of dependents (those in full time education and living at home)
 4. Progression through education – if repeat a year grant stops for that year
 5. A major award i.e., level 5,6,7 or 8

SUSI application

- Go to www.susi.ie, click log in
- Click 'register your account' – PPS number and email address is required
- Create username and password and click submit. You can now log in to make your application
- **6 sections:-**
 - A. Personal details
 - B. Nationality & Residency
 - C. The Course you are applying to and academic history
 - D. Personal Details parent(s)/legal guardians
 - E. Dependent children
 - F. Reckonable Income

Eligibility reckoner – quick and easy way to check if eligible for funding

Scholarships/Bursaries

- Variety of scholarships/bursaries exist -over 300 in Ireland – wide set of criteria for eligibility - Extra benefits – free gym, free or subsidised accommodation guaranteed, decreased CAO points, etc
 - Sports scholarships
 - Academic/Entrance scholarships
 - Performing Arts
 - Leadership or outstanding in any area of your life
 - UCD Ad Astra, UCC Quercus, UL (bronze, silver, gold)
 - Scholarships/Bursaries funded by the Department of Education and Skills – All Ireland Scholarship (125 in total worth €6750 each per year – no application required – automatic based on certain criteria – exempt from LC fee (medical card)and points achieved in LC), 1916 Bursary Fund (200 awards worth €5000 per year – apply through college/university and must be economically disadvantaged)
- Student Assistance Fund – provides financial assistance for full time higher education students who are experiencing financial difficulties whilst attending college
- Fund for students with disabilities – allocates funding to further and higher education colleges for the provision of services and supports for full time students with disabilities
- Area based Grants/Scholarships – Credit Union Member Bursaries/Scholarships
- Check individual college websites for details, i.e. criteria, application forms and closing dates for application.
- www.careersportal.ie/scholarships - very useful resource

- **DARE – Disability Access Route to Education**
- 20 Colleges participating in scheme.
- A quota of places offered to students with disability on a reduced points basis.
- Must meet matriculation/minimum entry requirements and subject requirements.
- See: www.accesscollege.ie for list of disabilities eligible, also for more info on DARE – www.cao.ie plus CAO Handbook p. 16 + 17, p. 99. Download the DARE handbook – www.cao.ie/dare
- Documentation verifying the disability - instructions for submitting supporting docs to CAO - DARE handbook and on pg 99 of CAO Handbook.
- **Better Options** Online event on Sat 26/11/22 – online fair for students with disabilities and specific learning difficulties – register – log onto www.ahead.ie
- <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/better-options-2022-tickets-423211887147?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

Dare Continued

- If you wish to disclose a disability or learning difficulty, click on the **'Modify Disability....Status'** button on the online CAO form and follow the instructions provided.
- You must disclose your disability/learning difficulty no later than **1st March at 5pm** by which you must fully and correctly complete **Section A** of the Supplementary Information Form(SIF) – this is part of the CAO application.
- If you wish to be considered for DARE you must answer **"yes"** to question 1 on **Section A** of the fully completed SIF by **5pm on 1st March 2023**.
- Download **Section B** of the SIF (Educational Impact Statement) which will be completed with the support from the school. – students must contact the guidance department asap if considering applying for DARE – work in conjunction with the SEN department. **Section B along with Section C of the DARE application** must be returned to CAO to arrive no later than **5pm on 15th March 2023** – applicant's responsibility – proof of postage – keep copies.

- **Dare Continued:**
- **Section C** – Evidence of Disability – to be completed by the appropriate medical professional (only if you do not have a report verifying your disability).
- In place of **Section C** applicants presenting with Specific Learning Disabilities are asked to provide a full psychological assessment report completed by an appropriate qualified psychologist.
- If the applicant does not have a full psychological assessment report, they may request the school (**Section D** – School statement) to complete this statement and the applicant must return to CAO to arrive by 5pm on March 15th.

- **HEAR – Higher Education Access Route – Not the SUSI grant**
- For students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- 20 Colleges taking part.
- Quota of places offered on a reduced points basis.
- Post entry supports – financial, academic, social, personal.
- Must meet matriculation/minimum entry requirements.
- Must satisfy 3 of the 6 financial indicators – must meet indicator 1 – HEAR income limit plus right combination of 2 other indicators to be eligible.
- Must apply online to CAO by 5pm on **1st Feb 2023**
- No later than 5pm on 1st March on CAO application that you wish to apply for HEAR and fully and correctly complete all elements of the HEAR form which is part of the CAO application. Once completed a checklist will appear indicating what documents to submit.
- Supporting Documentation required – based on 2021 financial year - refer to CAO handbook p.99 – post to arrive in CAO no later than **5pm on March 15th** - submit copies – keep originals – proof of postage.
- See www.accesscollege.ie for further information + download the HEAR handbook - www.cao.ie/hear
- **Applicants who are both DARE and HEAR eligible will be PRIORITISED by colleges when allocating reduced points places.**

CAO TIMELINE

- **6th November, 20223**
- CAO Online facility opens
- **20th January, 20234**
- >Early Bird offer ends (€30)
- **1st February, 2024**
- Closing date for receipt of normal applications(€45)
- **17 – 20th February 2024**
- HPAT Exam – Undergraduate Entry to Medicine - HPAT 2023 will take place online. Registrations to sit HPAT are now open. You can register for HPAT by visiting the ACER HPAT-Ireland website: <https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/registration>
- **1st March 20234**
- Closing date for final completion of online HEAR/DARE forms
- **15th March 2024**
- Latest date for for HEAR/DARE supporting documentation to arrive in CAO
- **From 5th May, 2024**
- Change of mind facility opens online – restrictions apply
- **1st July, 20234**
- Latest date for receipt of change of mind form in CAO.
- **August, 2024**(TBC)
- First round of offers will commence – available online www.cao.ie

CAO Presentation
Part 2: 2023/24
Alternatives
to the CAO.





Non- CAO Options

- Apprenticeships <https://www.solas.ie/>
- Post Leaving Certificate Courses
[https://www.qqi.ie/Articles/Pages/Higher-Education-Links-Scheme-\(HELS\).aspx](https://www.qqi.ie/Articles/Pages/Higher-Education-Links-Scheme-(HELS).aspx)
- Defence Forces <https://www.military.ie/en/>
- Gardaí <https://careerservices.ie/an-garda-siochana/preparation-courses>
- Direct to Employment/Gap Year.

(1) APPRENTICESHIPS

- *Once the student has made up their mind on the apprenticeship they want to take they must then.....*
- Find a suitable employer.
- Must be approved by **SOLAS** (*Further Education & Skills Agency*).
- Employer must register apprentice within two weeks of starting with them.
- Meet the minimum educational requirements depending on the type of apprenticeship.
- <https://www.solas.ie/>
- <https://lcetb.ie/> (Limerick/Clare **E**ducation **T**raining **B**oard).

Log on to [CAO.ie](https://www.cao.ie) click on [Apprenticeships](#) (seen underneath)

You will be brought to the opening page highlighting “Apprenticeship Options”

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.

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 substantial work experience component. Many of which offer an access route to further third-level studies.

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 education or training centre.

CAO and apprenticeship options

Welcome to apprenticeship.ie, a one-stop-shop for information and guidance on national apprenticeships available, how to become an apprentice, what you will earn while you learn and the qualifications you will achieve.

General Information on the Apprenticeship Route:
62 different programmes/ 8,000 employers taking
on apprentices right now/ Over 23,000 people in
Apprenticeships currently/ Between 2 to 4 year
programmes.

Remember to browse through the different types of
apprenticeships on Solas.ie and research the ones that
interest you. It is important to make an informed decision.

ou know:

There are 62 national apprenticeship programmes currently available, in many different industries, from
international finance to construction, to engineering, to healthcare, to biopharma, to hospitality. Over 8,000
employers are currently employing over 23,000 apprentices in Ireland.

To become an apprentice, you need to be hired by an employer for the duration of your apprenticeship. All
apprenticeship employers are formally approved to employ apprentices. Apprentice jobs come up all year
round; many apprenticeship jobs are advertised on our website and can be found here >

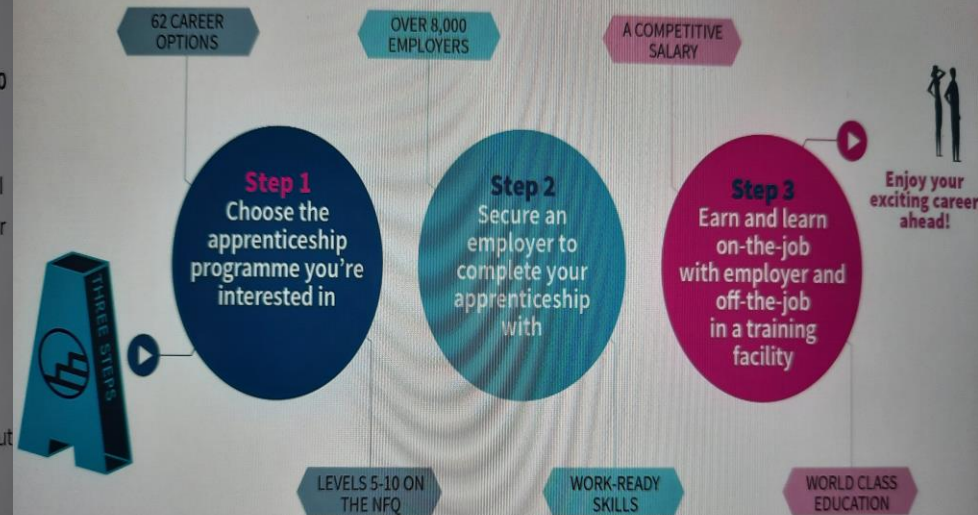
All national apprenticeships lead to a qualification on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).
Apprenticeships leading to awards at Levels 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the NFQ.

Apprenticeships are between 2 and 4 years in duration, depending on the programme. Click here to find out
more about the wide range of exciting apprenticeship opportunities available.

Guidance on

here to search

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Did you know:

Type here to search

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Go to “Career Seekers” Select location/ Apprenticeship that interests you and click search.
Results will follow:

Click on the one that interests you and read Job Description/ Employer Information/ etc.

The screenshot shows the Generation Apprenticeship website's search results page. The navigation bar includes 'GENERATION APPRENTICESHIP', 'Career Seekers', 'Career Advisors', 'Employers', 'News / Events', and 'More'. The search filters are set to 'Select a location' and 'Electrical'. A search button is highlighted with a red box. Below the search bar is a table of results.

REF.	ORGANISATION	LOCATION	APPRENTICESHIP	STATUS	CLOSING
1934	Excel Electrical	Multiple locations	Electrical	Open for Application	19 Nov 2021
1784	Dawnlough Ltd	Galway City	Electrical	Open for Application	22 Nov 2021
1886	n & f technologies ltd	Dublin 13	Electrical	Open for Application	30 Nov 2021
1923	Thomas Kenny & Co Ltd	Multiple	Electrical	Open for	30 Nov 2021

The screenshot shows the Generation Apprenticeship website's job description page. The navigation bar includes 'GENERATION APPRENTICESHIP', 'Career Seekers', 'Career Advisors', 'Employers', 'News / Events', and 'More'. The page title is 'Job Description'. The text describes the role of 1st year Apprentice Electricians required for projects in the Dublin and Wicklow area. The requirements listed are:

- Current Safe Pass and Manual Handling essential and own transport a distinct advantage
- Qualified to Leaving Certificate standard with passes in 6 subjects to include Maths and English

Apply with CV and cover letter to mwalsh@excelelect.com

Dublin 24, Greystones/Kilcoola/Delgany, Lucan

Employer Information

ADDRESS

Unit 4
Westcourt Business Park
Callan
Co Kilkenny



AVAILABLE APPRENTICESHIPS ON SOLAS.IE

BIOPHARMA

CONSTRUCTION

ENGINEERING

ELECTRICAL

ICT

HEALTHCARE

FINANCE

PROPERTY SERVICE

MOTOR

RECRUITMENT

SALES

LOGISTICS

HAIRDRESSING

HOSPITALITY & FOOD

HAIRDRESSING

[HTTPS://CONTENT.APPRENTICESHIP.IE/F/83224/X/E92FE85540/2022-06-28-LIST-OF-APPRENTICESHIPS-AS-OF-JUNE-28.PDF](https://content.apprenticeship.ie/f/83224/x/e92fe85540/2022-06-28-list-of-apprenticeships-as-of-june-28.pdf)

Available Apprenticeships Jobs

(2) QUALITY AND QUALIFICATIONS IRELAND ROUTE (QQI)

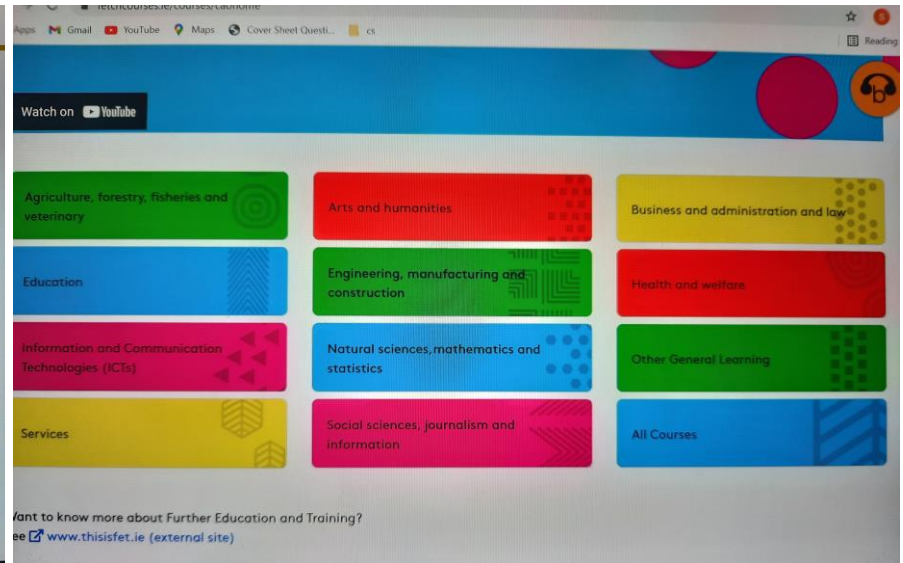
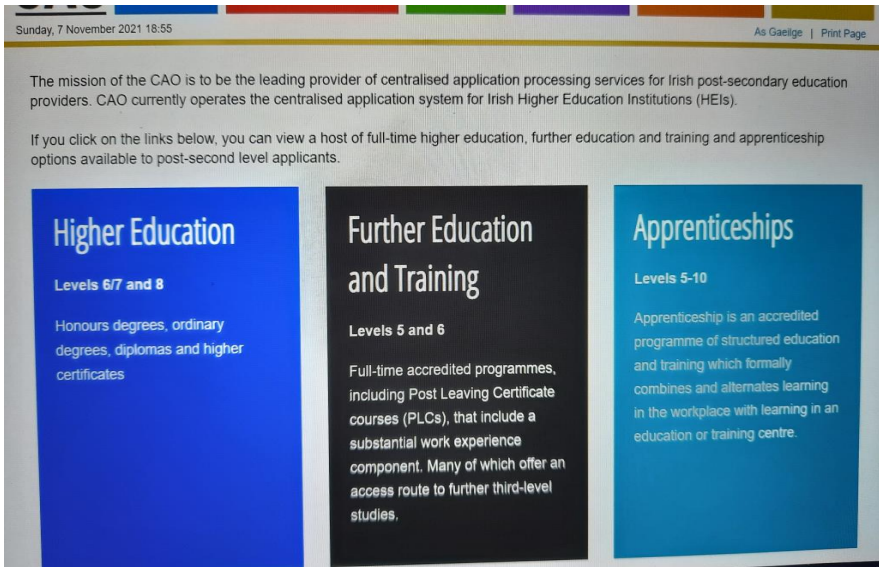
- QQI links to Higher Education Institutes.
- Especially Important for Students who may not make the CAO Points of a certain course.
- Can begin with a PLC (Level 5) and end up with a Doctorate (Level 10).
- All QQI Level 5 and QQI Level 6 awards will be scored to deliver a maximum of 390 CAO points. Further information may be obtained from the QQI website <https://www.qqi.ie/>

POST LEAVING CERTIFICATE COURSES (PLCS)

- Courses in very high demand in recent years.
- Contact each college to see when they will start accepting your application from.
- Most PLC courses expect to fill all places in March interviews.
- Requirements – usually 5 passes in your Leaving Certificate. Please consult prospectus for 2024 entry.
- CCL/LCFE two main PLC colleges.
- <https://www.qqi.ie/Publications/Publications/Progression%20opportunities%20into%20Higher%20Education%20HELS.pdf>
- <https://www.lcfe.ie/courses/>

PLC COURSES CONTINUED

- Remember that PLC courses do not provide an automatic link to Higher Education.
- But a possible pathway to Higher Education through QQI Links Scheme.
- This is competitive and you must excel in your PLC course to proceed further **(9 Modules/9 Distinctions equals top marks)**.
- <https://www.ul.ie/academic-registry/future-students/pathways-ul/qqi-fet-awards>
- <https://lit.ie/en-ie/study-at-lit/admission-support/how-to-apply/further-education-training-progression-pathways>



www.cao.ie Opening Home page highlighting your options:

Once clicking on FET you will be shown the option of courses available (seen above):

HOW CAO PORTAL CAN BE USED IN RELATION TO FET:

Course Search Engine for PLC'S will appear and here you can insert type of course and region to study,

Once you click on a course of your choice "Marketing" in "LCFE" for example you will then be able to read through entry requirements and course content to see is it to your liking.

Find a Course

Enter Keyword: business Location: Limerick City Learning Fields: All

3 courses found

REF	COURSE TITLE	PROVIDER	LOCATION	STARTS	CATEGORY	TYPE
332052	Marketing	College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus	Limerick City	12/09/2022	Business and administration and law	F
332069	Pharmacy Assistant (Business Administration)	College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus	Limerick City	12/09/2022	Business and administration and law	F
332073	Reception/Office Administration (Business Administration)	College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus	Limerick City	12/09/2022	Business and administration and law	F

332052 - MARKETING

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This 1 year full time course equips the learner with the vocational skills and knowledge in the basic principles of marketing. Marketing is an integral part of all modern businesses. Social Media, Smart Phones and technology have changed marketing methods considerably over the past years and are all playing an important role in current marketing trends.

After completing this course learners will be equipped with a wide range of skills including research, pricing, communication, consumer psychology and digital technologies. This course would also be very valuable to those wishing to pursue further study.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Education: NFQ Level 4 or equivalent when accessing a Level 5 programme. CERFL proficiency at B2 for access to Level 5 courses for those whose first language is not English Mature learner entry requirements available via the local ETB pathway Additional requirements may apply to non-EU/EEA Applicants and may be subject to full international fees (Please refer to Information for International Learners) *Each provider may have additional requirements, not outlined above.
- Aptitude: Applicants must have a motivation to learn, an interest in the subject and the ability to acquire the knowledge, skills and competencies set out in the course.
- Previous Experience: Applicants must be able to demonstrate a broad range of knowledge, skills and competencies relevant to the course and be able to exercise initiative and independence when carrying out course activities.

COURSE CONTENT

Title	Award	Awarding Body

Qualifications Marketing

Location College of FET, LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus Mulgrave St Limerick V94 P232

GPS (52.6595, -8.6162)

COURSE CONTENT

Title	Award	Awarding Body
Customer Service Level 5	Customer Service (5N0972)	QQI
Work Experience	Work Experience (5N1356)	QQI
Communications Level 5	Communications (5N0690)	QQI
Business Administration	Business Administration Skills (5N1610)	QQI
French	French (5N1623)	QQI
Marketing Practice	Marketing Practice (5N1400)	QQI
Spreadsheet Methods	Spreadsheet Methods (5N1977)	QQI
Digital Marketing	Digital Marketing (5N1364)	QQI
Statistics	Statistics (5N2066)	QQI
Behavioural Studies	Behavioural Studies (5N1351)	QQI
Word Processing	Word Processing (5N1358)	QQI

Course Content: What you will study within this one year course.

TimeTable

day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	✓	✓	
Tue	✓	✓	
Wed	✓	✓	
Thur	✓	✓	
Fri	✓	✓	
Sat			
Sun			

Facilities

- Wheel Chair Access
- Full Canteen

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes
 - Application to the Bachelor of Business Studies Degree (LM050) at the University of Limerick may be possible

Type here to search

Behavioural Studies	Behavioural Studies (5N1351)	QQI
Word Processing	Word Processing (5N1358)	QQI

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 - Application to the Bachelor of Business Studies Degree (LM050) at the University of Limerick may be possible
 - subject to UL's entry requirements. See the CAO website www.cao.ie
 - Institutes of Technology and other Colleges around the country may be offering opportunities for further studies. Please check with individual Admissions Offices of any institution you are interested in attending or visit www.cao.ie
 - Job opportunities may arise at entry level in the sales and marketing field.
 *European Work Experience - the Erasmus Plus Programme. Funded by the EU, this scheme enables some learners to undertake a short period of work experience abroad to work towards fluency in a European language and to gain practical experience in a foreign work environment.



Learning outcomes upon completion of this course: Business courses in UL and TUS can be applied to by successful candidates.

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Contact

Office Administration LCES
 00353 61 414344
apply@lilce.ie

Charges

There may be charges associated with this course. Please check with the course provider.

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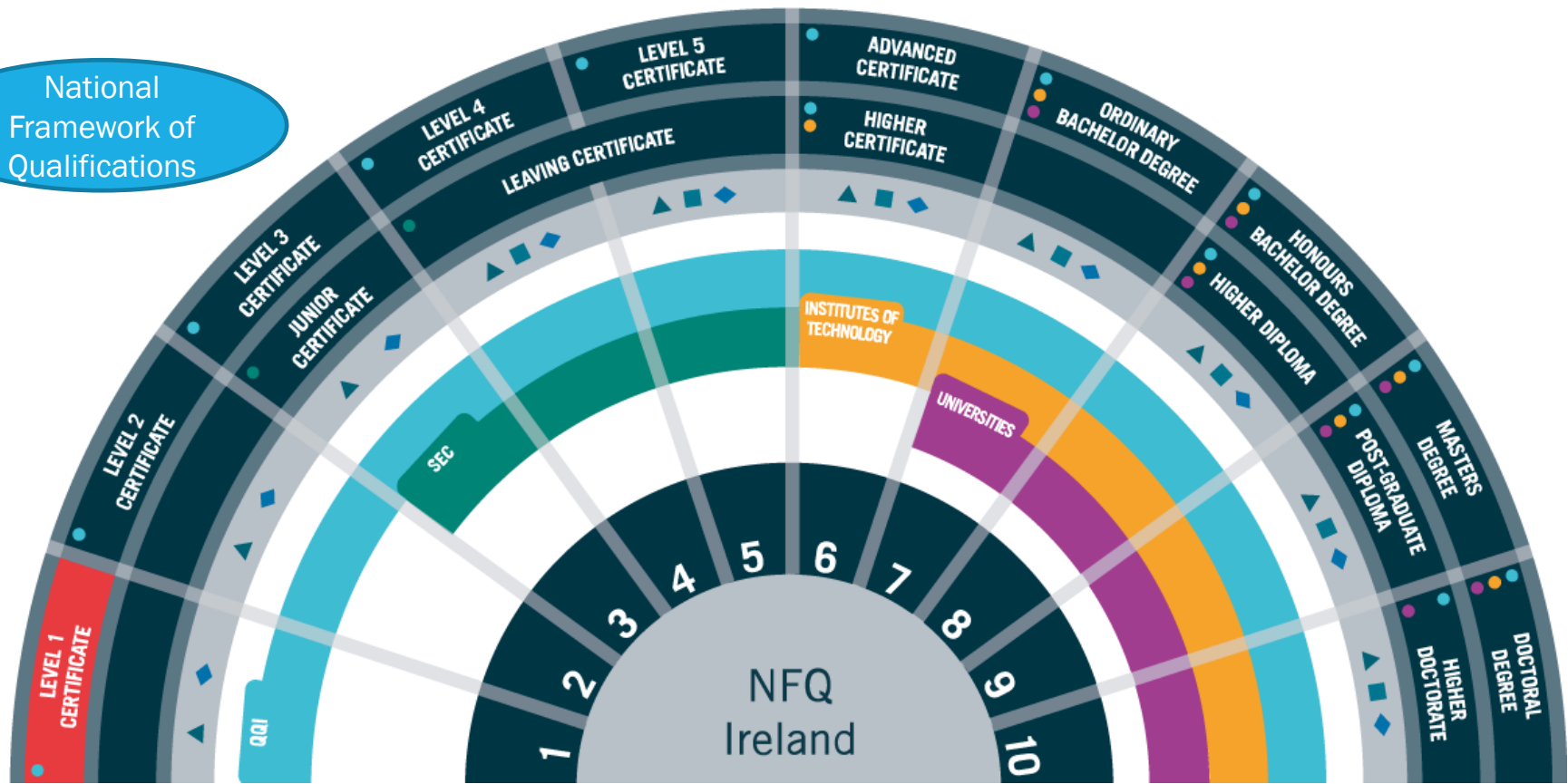
SEARCH RESULTS

3RD ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: NEW TERTIARY DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- A tertiary course is one that commences in an Education and Training Board (ETB / **Further Education Colleges**) and continues in a Higher Education Institution (HEI / **Technical Universities**), culminating in the award of a degree.
- There are 23 tertiary degree courses which were due to start in September 2023 across 11 locations and 5 fields of provision including Business, ICT, Arts, Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction and Health & Welfare.
- For Limerick / Clare area... (Business) (Computing)
- Cork / Kerry area (Business) (Software Dev) (Animation) (Music)
- Galway / Roscommon.... (Nursing) (Lab Science) (Eng Tech) (Business)
- Students must apply directly to the individual colleges. You do not apply for a Tertiary education programme through the CAO. You can find out about applying on the National Tertiary Office (NTO) website.

<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/262776/7c3e473e-2706-49f9-87a8-dc1cc1224eea.pdf#page=null> (Link to courses offered)

National Framework of Qualifications



OTHER ALTERNATIVES

- **UCAS** *Universities and Colleges Admissions Service:*
- Applying to colleges in UK and Northern Ireland.
- Closing Date around the **middle of January** except for Medicine, Dentistry, Vet, Oxford & Cambridge closing date 15th October.
- Some require *aptitude tests*.
- Must apply online using **UCAS**.
- **Personal statement** is very important.
- All 6th Year students who are interested in applying must have come forward to Guidance Counsellor by now.
- <https://www.ucas.com/>



- **2024/25 Fully Funded Degrees in Northern Ireland**

- **Department of Health in NI**

- **Fully funded by the Department of Health (NI) for students who have been habitually resident in Northern Ireland for three years prior to the commencement of the course, and students from the Republic of Ireland (excluding England, Scotland, Wales and the EU).**

- Adult Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging
- Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Radiotherapy and Oncology
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Paramedic Science

OTHER ALTERNATIVES

- EUNICAS
- EUNICAS is the *European Universities Central Application Support Service*. It enables students to apply for degree programmes, taught through English, in universities across Europe.
- Example: Physiotherapy in the Netherlands. (Approx. 2,850 Euros per year over 4 years).
- <https://www.eunicas.ie/>



WHO TO TALK TO?

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

Guidance Counsellor

- ⦿ Access to sources of information

REMINDERS

- It is the applicant's responsibility to.....
- **Research** thoroughly all the courses for which s/he is making an application.
- Be **knowledgeable** with all aspects of the application system used (CAO) for these courses, i.e. procedures, dates, fees, rules, etc.
- <https://www.cao.ie/>

HOMEWORK AND STUDY

- The recommended amount of time spent by a 6th Year student doing *homework and study* should be approx:
- *1.5 -3 hours per night 5 to 6 times per week.*
- More importantly the student is *motivated* to study to *achieve their goals* and has a *study plan which works for them.*

the world is your
oyster

(you have the opportunity
to do anything you want.)



- Aim high
- Match the goal with the necessary work
- Never too late

YOUR JOURNEY IS ONLY BEGINNING:



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