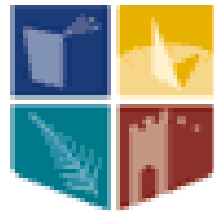
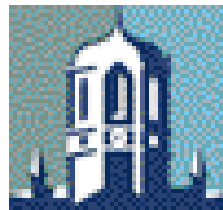


# CAO APPLICATIONS

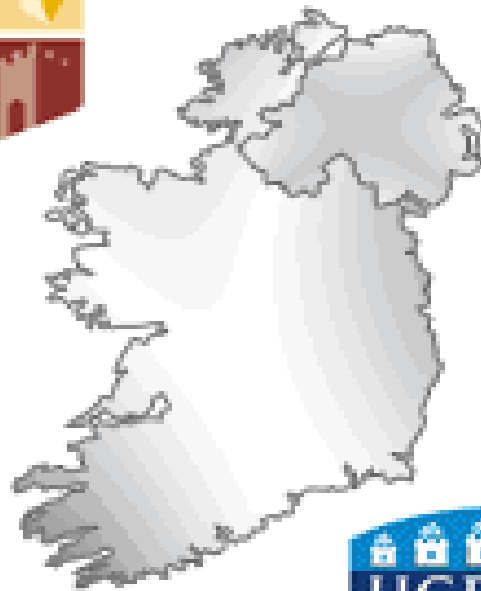
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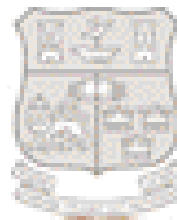
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University College Cork

2017-2018

- What CAO is.
- How it operates.
- Important considerations when deciding on course choice.
- Offer Procedure.
- Why pupils should enter this system.

# WHAT IS IT?

## Central Admissions Office

[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

The CAO processes centrally applications for admission to courses in all the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Southern Ireland.

7 Universities and 14 Institutions of Technology

# WHY ENTER THIS ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM?

- A pupil can be in both systems.
- Simpler application process based solely on academic performance.
- Few tests/interviews
- Availability of the Change of Mind Form.
- Cheaper fees – currently just over €3,100.
- A closer “Away from Home Experience”
- Some courses have lower grades than QUB and UU

# HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

- Meeting in School with pupils in October.
- Pupils complete an Application Form either online or on paper. **CLOSING DATE 1 FEBRUARY.** (40 euro fee or 25 euros if submitted by 20 January)
- Pupils can choose up to 10 courses - these must be listed in **ORDER OF PREFERENCE.**
- No offers will be made - **Acknowledgement of Application.**
- A '**CHANGE OF MIND**' in respect of course choices can be made – This cancels and supercedes previous course choice. **CLOSING DATE 1 JULY.**
- Decisions on Applications taken in August following the publication of the A2 Level results. Places are allocated on performance.

# HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

- Pupils complete an Application Form - online is now the preferred method.
- **Those applying online will receive their CAO Application Number on completion of their application form.**
- Pupils can choose up to 10 Level 8 courses - these must be listed in **ORDER OF PREFERENCE.**
- No offers will be made - **Acknowledgement of Application.**
- A '**CHANGE OF MIND**' in respect of course choices can be made – This cancels and supersedes previous course choice. **CLOSING DATE 1 JULY.**
- Decisions on Applications taken in August following the publication of the A2 Level results. Places are allocated on performance.



Application Form 2010 : Page One  
Part A: (To be completed by ALL Applicants)

(Complete ALL entries in BLOCK LETTERS.)

N.B. Read the CAO Handbook carefully before completing this Form.  
Tá leagan Gaeilge den fhoirm seo ar fáil.

SURNAME

OTHER NAME(S)

TITLE (if desired)  
(e.g. Ms, Mr, etc)

Sex  
(F or M)

Date of Birth  
(ddmmyyy)

Day	Mth	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

PERMANENT  
HOME ADDRESS

<input type="text"/>	
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Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>

ADDRESS FOR  
CORRESPONDENCE  
(if different from above)  
(Note: Only one address  
may be shown here)

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Contact Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>

COUNTRY OF BIRTH

NATIONALITY

Mobile Phone Number  
(If different from  
Contact Tel. No.)

E-mail  
Address :

Do you have a Disability/Specific Learning Difficulty? (See Page 7 of CAO Handbook.)  
If relevant, please tick (✓) this box.

Disability/SLD

Name and address of  
second-level school(s)  
and years attended  
(latest first).  
If none attended,  
write "NONE".

	From:	To:
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Do you wish to be considered for the HEAR scheme? (See Page 8 of CAO Handbook.)  
If relevant, please tick (✓) this box.

HEAR Scheme

I have read the regulations described in the CAO Handbook 2010 and in the CAO Application Form 2010  
and I agree to be bound by them. I affirm that the particulars given in this application are true and complete.

Signed  
(for pages 1 & 2)

Date



1.

**Republic of Ireland Examination Details**

Leaving Cert.

If taking 2010 Leaving Certificate, place a Tick (✓) in this box.

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Leaving Cert. exams  
1985 - 2009 →

Year	Exam. No.

Year	Exam. No.

Year	Exam. No.

If you are taking 2010 FETAC Level 5/6, and/or have completed a FETAC Level 5/6 between 2002 and 2009, please enter your PPS Number in this box.

PPS Number

2.

**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**

Pref.	Course Code
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	

**Level 7 & Level 6**

Pref.	Course Code
1	
2	
3	
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10	

If you are a Deferred Applicant from last year, place a Tick (✓) in this box.

You will breach the conditions of your deferred place if you enter more than the single deferred course code on your application. In that event, you will forfeit the guaranteed place and enter the 2010 competition for places in the normal way.

3.

**SPECIAL CATEGORY**

Is any Special Category, mentioned on page 3 of this Form, applicable in your case ?

Write 'Yes' or 'No' in this box on the right.

THE APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE UNLESS YOU WRITE 'YES' OR 'NO' IN THIS BOX.

If you are a special category applicant, you must complete Part B (Pages 3 & 4) of this Application Form.

In the case of Category E (Higher Education), failure to disclose the appropriate information may result in the cancellation of the application. Checks are made to ensure that this information has not been omitted.



# IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS PRIOR TO COURSE CHOICE

- Examine all HEI literature/website about available courses, entry requirements, course content etc.

**PUPILS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEY MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALL COURSES.**

The processing of an application at any stage should not be taken as an indication of eligibility for any course.

- Contact the HEI admissions office if unclear about any points of the literature.

# POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

- The POINTS SYSTEM in Irish HEIs is different to the UCAS tariff points system.

	A LEVEL 1, 2 & 3	A LEVEL 4	AS
A*	180	60	N/A
A	150	50	30
B	130	45	25
C	100	35	20
D	65	20	15
E	45	15	10

\*\* Pupils will be awarded an extra 25 points for studying Advanced Level Mathematics.

\*\* GCSE Irish is not a requirement for most courses– any MODERN LANGUAGE is sufficient.

# Do I need to study 4 subjects to Advanced Level?

While a good range of courses is available to those studying 3 A levels, 4 A levels are required to achieve the points for some high demand courses.

# Examples of Points Requirements

UCC	Finance	AAA (a)
TCD	Engineering	AAB (b) or ABB (B in 4 <sup>th</sup> A Level)
TCD	History and Politics	A*A*A or A*AA (A in 4 <sup>th</sup> A Level)
UCD	Nursing	ABB or BBB (b)
DCU	Computing	BBB(d) or ABB

# Medicine - Republic of Ireland

- Pupils may wish to increase their chances of obtaining a place on a course in medicine by applying to universities in the south of Ireland as well as the UK. Further guidance is available here:
- [http://www.nuigalway.ie/admissions/documents/2017\\_medicine\\_ehpat.pdf](http://www.nuigalway.ie/admissions/documents/2017_medicine_ehpat.pdf)
- Essentially students need to have at least 480 CAO points from their A levels to make this possible (A\*,A,A, plus an A in AS including Mathematics is worth 540 points). They must also sit an aptitude test (HPAT-Ireland-February) and the score on this is added to their A level points to obtain their CAO points total.
- There are specific subject requirements for each university but there are no interviews.
- Trinity find 3 Sciences and Mathematics DESIRABLE!

# Law – Maynooth University

- Pupils interested in a career in law but who may struggle to obtain the necessary grades for their chosen university, may wish to apply for the Arts course at Maynooth University, just outside Dublin, which allows students to study law as one of 4 subjects in first year.
- Students can then choose to concentrate on law only in subsequent years. In recent years the entry requirements have been around BCC level in terms of A level grades.

# OFFER PROCEDURE

- Offer of Highest Preference
  - Candidates will be offered a place in the highest of their course preferences based on A Level grades
- Exclusion from other preferences
  - Excluded from courses lower in their order of preference.
  - A candidate may move upwards in their Order of Preference (if places become available) they CANNOT move down.

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN WHEN DECIDING ON ORDER OF PREFERENCE.

- Random Selection
  - Oversubscribed courses will apply random selection to those with top points.

# An Example:

Order of Preference	HEI	Course	Points
1	UCD	Actuarial and Financial Studies	580
2	UCD	Economics and Finance	545
3	Trinity	Mathematics	495
4	Trinity	Engineering	490
5	UCD	Mathematical Science	465



# Result – A\*A\*AB (4<sup>TH</sup> A LEVEL) = 555points

Order	HEI	Course	Points	Result
1	UCD	Actuarial and Financial Studies	580	
2	UCD	Economics and Finance	545	555
3	Trinity	Mathematics	495	
4	Trinity	Engineering	490	
5	UCD	Mathematical Science	465	

Thank you for listening.