St. Ciaran's Community School

2019

CAO Presentation

The Leaving Certificate is important.

But what you do with the Leaving Certificate is more important.

DON'T PANIC

Agenda

- Timetable
- Applicants Responsibilities
- General points regarding the CAO
- Entry Requirements and the Points System
- Making an application
- How places are allocated by CAO
- After submitting the application
- Questions

5th November (12:00)	CAO online application facility opens. CAO Change of Course choices facility opens
20th January (17:15)	Apply online by this date to avail of the discounted application fee of €30.
1st February (17:15)	Normal closing date for applications.
5th February (12:00)	Online facility to amend course choices becomes available (€10 Fee)
Before 15th February	Paper Applicants will be sent a Statement of Course Choices (Contact CAO if you do not receive it)
Between 1st February and 21st February	Registration for Mature Nursing Test (PAS)
23rd February	HPAT Test - Undergraduate Entry to Medicine
1st March (17:15)	Closing date for amending course choices Closing date for final completion of online HEAR/DARE forms
9th March	MSAP Test - For mature applicants to certain courses in UCD, UCC, UL and NUI Galway
5th March (12:00)	Late application facility opens.
23rd March	GAMSAT Test - Graduate Entry to Medicine
1st April (17:15)	Latest date for HEAR/DARE supporting documentation to arrive in CAO
TBC	Mature Nursing Test (PAS)
1st May (17:15)	Closing date for late applications
6th May (12:00)	Online Change of Mind facility becomes available (Free)
Before 15th May	Late Paper Applicants will be sent a Statement of Course Choices (Contact CAO if you do not receive it)
Before End of May	Statement of Application Record sent to all applicants (Contact CAO if you do not receive it)
1st July (17:15)	Change of Mind closes
Early July	Round A offers for certain Non-Standard categories of applicants - applicants receive an offer by post, by e-mail and SMS text
22nd July (17:15)	Exceptional closing date for late applications for those already attending a participating HEI

Early August	Round 0 offers for certain Non-Standard categories of applicant - applicants receive an offer by post, by e-mail and SMS text
Mid-August	Current year Leaving Certificate results issued
19th August	Round 1 offers available from 06:00 online - also issued by post, e-mail and SMS text. Applicants who have not received an offer will receive a Statement of Application Record
TBC	Round 1 Acceptances closing date (17:15).
TBC	Round 2 offers available from 10:00 online.
TBC	Round 2 Acceptances closing date (17:15).
TBC	Round 3 offers available from 06:00 online.
TBC	Round 3 Acceptances closing date (17:15).
Early September	HEIs begin registration
Early October	Results of Leaving Certificate appeals released
TBC (17:15)	Offer Season Ends.

Applicants Responsibilities

"It became apparent that at least some students and parents believe that the Guidance Counsellor has some role to play in the completion of the CAO application form, and indeed some responsibility for its accurate completion. May I make it clear that we find such an idea to be outlandish." (C.A.O.)

Advice for the student

It is YOUR choice
It is YOUR responsibility

NOT the Guidance Counsellor
NOT your parents
NOT your friends

*This is **<u>YOUR</u>** life*

H.E.I.s in the C.A.O.

- Universities
- Institutes of Technology
- Technical University
- Teacher Training Colleges
- N.C.A.D.
- Incorporated Religious Institutes
- N.C.I.
- Private Colleges

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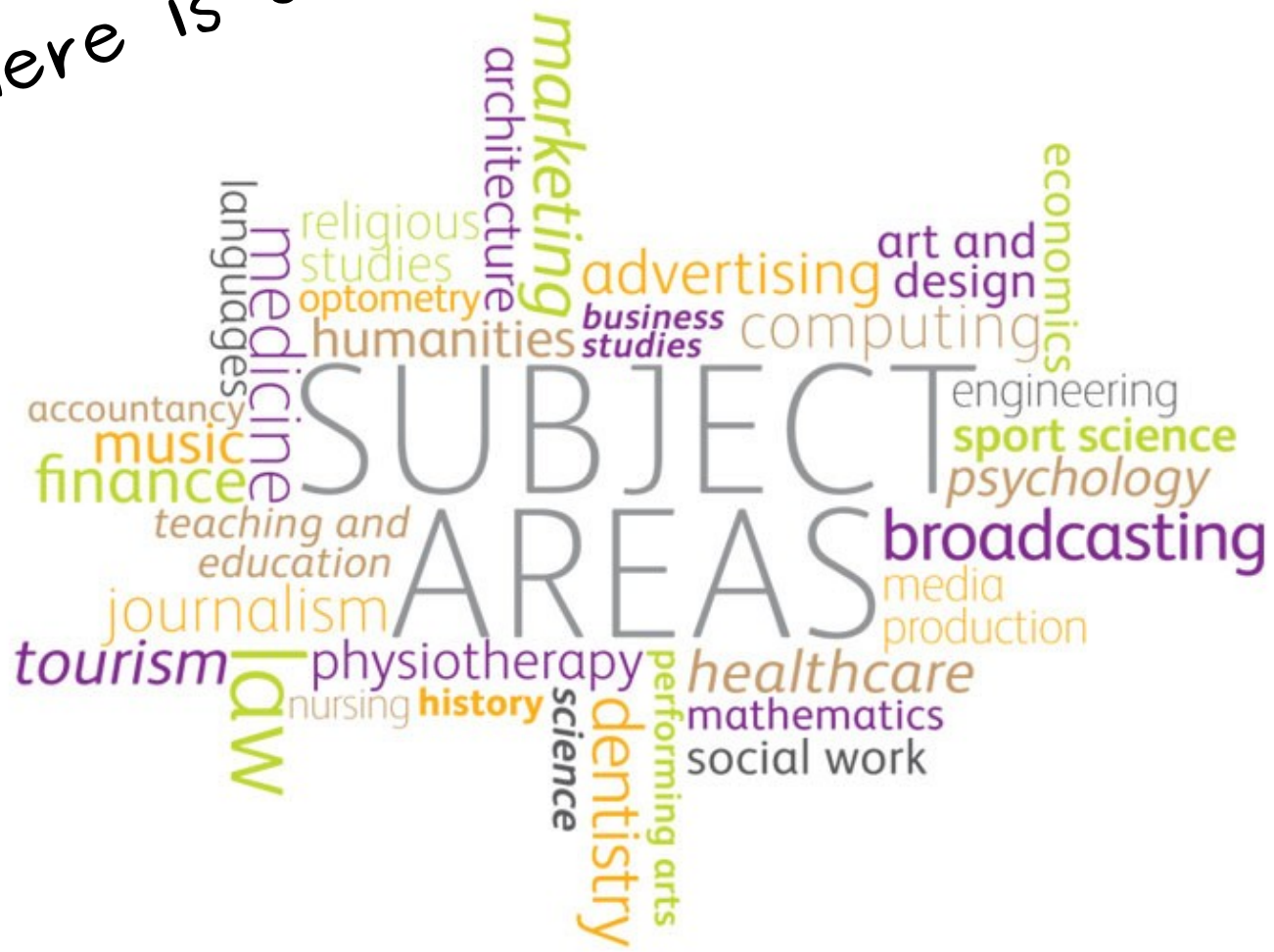
There is choice



Choice

1977 – 5 Colleges with 69 courses

2019 – 43 Colleges with 1475 courses

The Internet of Things, Cloud Computing, Bioveterinary Science, Forensic Toxicology,Smart Technology for Business, Citizenship & Community Studies, Pilot Studies, Aero Engineering, Digital Marketing, Sport & Exercise (Rugby), Popular Music (Electric Bass Guitar), Building Energy Systems, Software Design with Virtual Reality and Gaming, Craft Technology, Crimology, Government, Law (Clinical), Public Health, Earth & Environemental Sciences, Theology & Psychology, Film Studies, Global Business (USA), Genetics & Cell Biology, Law & Society, Marketing, Innovation & Technology, Politics & Media, Cybercrime and IT Security, Timber Product Technology, Baking & Pastry Arts Management, Animation, Web Engineering, Cyber Security, DNA & Forensic Analysis, Visual Culture, Political Science & Geography, Ancient & Medieval History & Culture, NanoScience, Business Studies & Polish ...

For Comparison

Leaving Certificate points statistics for **1995**:

Total candidates presenting LCE : 68,463

Candidates scoring 600 points	31	(0.0%)
Candidates scoring from 500 - 599	2,594	(3.8%)
Candidates scoring from 400 - 499	10,631	(15.5%)
Candidates scoring from 300 - 399	15,003	(21.9%)
Candidates scoring from 200 - 299	13,467	(19.7%)
Candidates scoring from 100 - 199	13,121	(19.2%)
Candidates scoring less than 100	13,616	(19.9%)

Leaving Certificate points statistics for **2018:**

Total candidates presenting LCE : 55,440

Candidates scoring 625 points	153	0.3%
Candidates scoring from 600 - 624	536	1.0%
Candidates scoring from 500 - 599	6,482	11.9%
Candidates scoring from 400 - 499	13,060	24.0%
Candidates scoring from 300 - 399	13,542	24.9%
Candidates scoring from 200 - 299	10,624	19.5%
Candidates scoring from 100 - 199	6,518	12.0%
Candidates scoring less than 100	3,525	6.5%

3rd Level in Ireland

2nd Level

FETAC, HND, BTEC

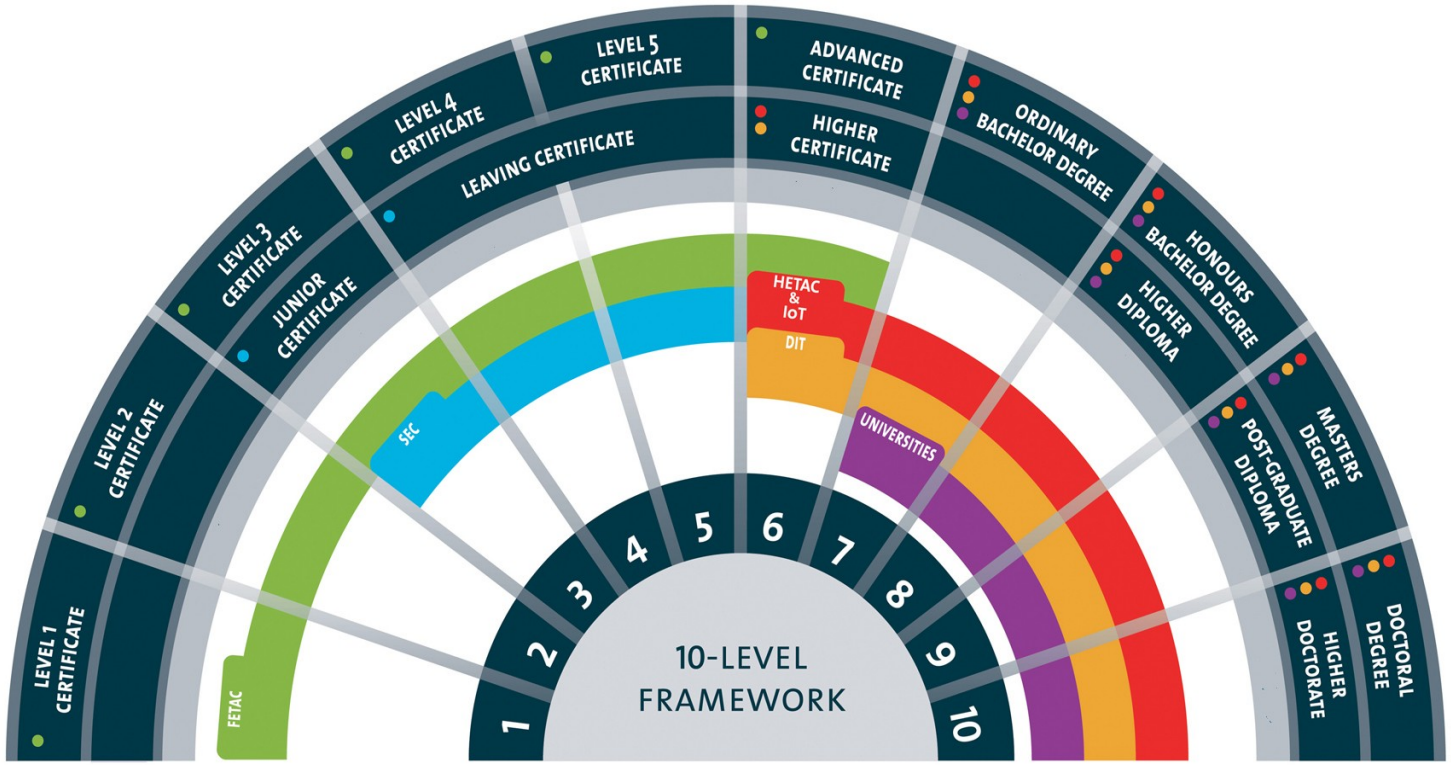
SOLAS, TEAGASC, BIM etc

Institutes of Technology

(Technical Universities)

Universities

The Framework



Level 10	**Doctorate:** Several years of self-directed study and research.
Level 9	**Masters:** A 1-2 year course taken after a Level 8. **Post-graduate Diploma:** A 1 year course taken after a Level 8.
Level 8	**Higher Diploma:** A 1-year course taken after a bachelor degree. **Honours Bachelor Degree:** Usually a 3/4-year course in college.
Level 7	**Ordinary Bachelor Degree:** Usually three years of study in college.
Level 6	**Higher Certificate:** Leads to employment or higher education. **Advanced Certificate:** Training in work-specific skills.
Level 5	**Level 5 Certificate:** Two years of study, usually aimed at employment.
	Leaving Certificate: A general education award placed at Levels 4 and 5.
Level 4	**Level 4 Certificate:** Training in personal or work related skills.
Level 3	**Junior Certificate**: A general education award placed at Level 3. **Level 3 Certificate:** Training in specific personal/practical skills and knowledge.
Level 2	**Level 2 Certificate:** Training in basic literacy, numeracy, and general education.
Level 1	**Level 1 Certificate:** Training in fundamental literacy and numeracy.

DANGER

- Do the Research!
- Points patterns
- Beware of -
  - College snobbery
  - Trendy courses
  - Family tradition
- Awareness of future employment trends
- Look outside of county/ country boundaries (Scotland & the E.U.)
- Have a safety net!

CAO HANDBOOK

2019

This Handbook (which is supplied free of charge) gives information on application and admission procedures only.

Application should not be made for any course without first consulting the information literature of the institution offering that course.

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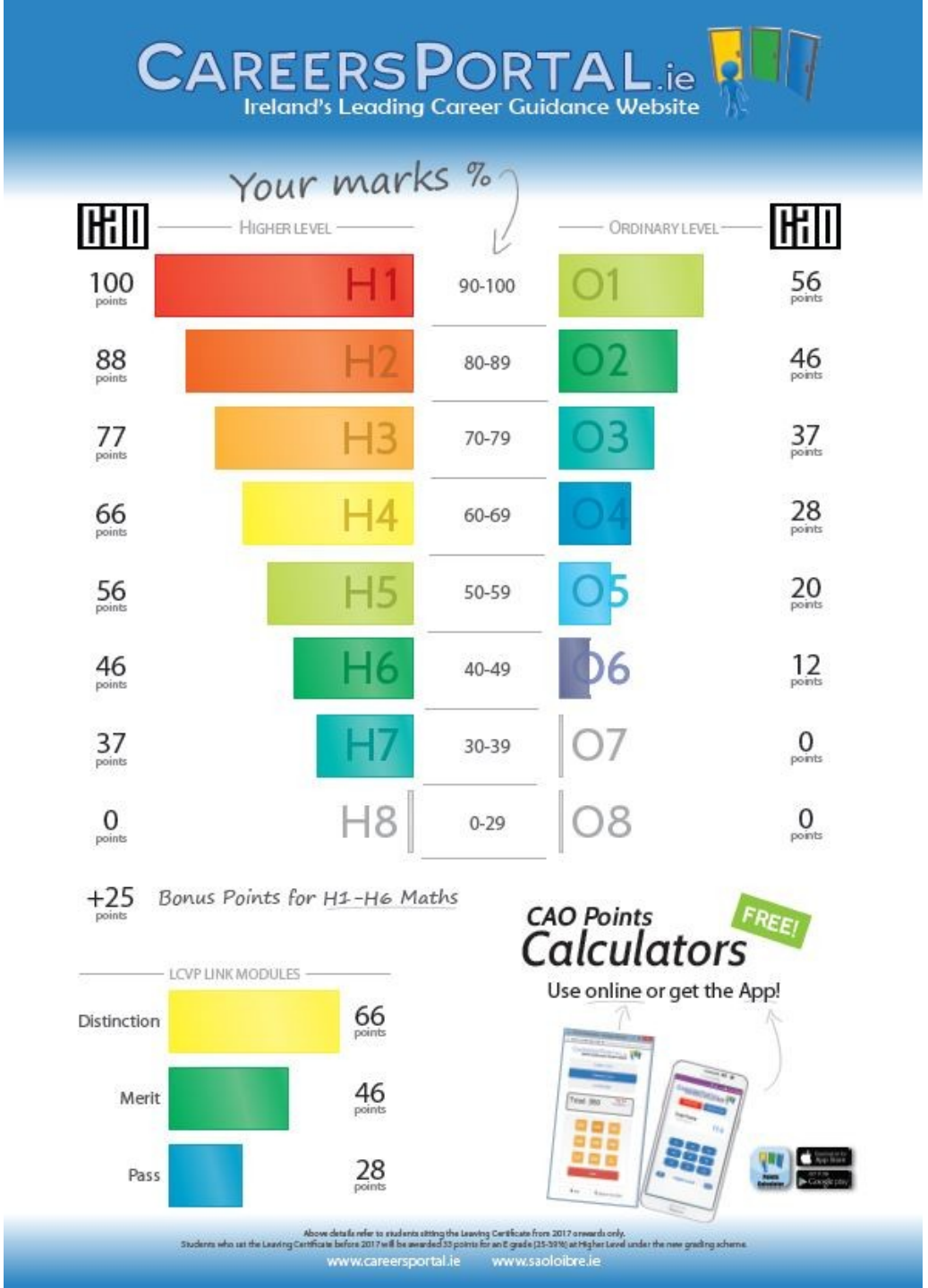
Points 2017- Now Third Year!



SAMPLE:

Subject	Level	Grade	Score
Irish	O	O3	37
English	H	H3	77
Maths	O	O2	46
Biology	H	H3	77
D.C.G.	H	H2	88
German	H	H3	77
Chemistry	O	O2	46
Ag. Science	O	O3	37
Add the best 6 scores shown in red.			Points = 411

Accompanying Conditions:

- **Bonus points** for Leaving Certificate Higher Level **Mathematics** will be awarded in 2012. The scheme is to be introduced for a four year pilot period commencing Leaving Certificate 2012 and was reviewed in 2017.
- The **six best results**, in recognised subjects, in one Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points computation.
- **One sitting** only of the Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points purposes.
- In the case of certain subjects, e.g. Alternative Ordinary Level Mathematics, or Foundation Level Irish, some HEIs may not award the points shown above. However some of the I.T's are now awarding some points for **Foundation Level Maths**. If in any doubt, check with the Admissions Office of the appropriate HEIs.
- **LCVP** points awarded: Distinction - 70, Merit - 50, Pass - 30 (Not acceptable for some courses please check!)

NEW MEDICAL ENTRY SYSTEM

- You must now register for and sit the 'hpat-Ireland' test.
- Register by 20th January 2019. (Late fee up to February 1st.)
- Cost is €130, date of test 23rd February 2019.
- All medical programmes are now restricted entry.

Restricted Application Courses

- Some courses have Interviews/ Assessments / Portfolios / Auditions
- Medicine – HPAT Test
- Application must be made by the 1st February.
- Details of all restricted entry courses are in the CAO Handbook

How does the allocation work?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DN077	TR032	DN074	LM067	DT025	LC019	CR105	DN003	CK602	DC193
607	560	595	560	600	570	600	540	600	555
595	535	595	535	595	535	595	535	595	535
590	525	590	525	590	525	590	525	590	525
580	520	580	520	580	520	580	520	580	520
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480	**480**	475	480	475	480	475	480	475	480
470	475	470	460	465	470	470	480	470	470
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460	***445***	460	440	460	***445***	**460**	***445***	460	***445***
455	440	455	440	455	440	455	440	455	440
455	435	455	435	455	435	455	435	455	435
450	420	450	**420**	450	**420**	450	430	450	420
450	410	***445***	410	450	410	***445***	410	***445***	410
450	405	440	405	***445***	405	440	410	440	405
450	405	435	400	435	405	435	405	435	405
445	405	**430**	395	430	405	430	**405**	430	405
435	400	430	395	430	400	430	405	430	400
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280	325	280	335	280	325	280	335	**280**	325
275	315	275	335	275	315	275	335	275	**315**
275	310	275	315	275	310	275	315	275	310
270	305	270	310	270	305	270	310	270	305
NO	**NO**	**YES**	**YES**	**NO**	**YES**	**NO**	**YES**	**YES**	**YES**

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7 round one places not accepted

 Last place to be filled - Round 1

 Last place to be filled - Round 2

Round 2 cut off points - 455

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ROUND 2

3 round one places not accepted

 Last place to be filled – Round 1

 Last place to be filled - Round 2

Round 2 cut off points - 460

Random Selection

EXAMPLE

LIST BEFORE BEING RE-ORDERED ACCORDING TO RANDOM NUMBER

Applicant	Position of applicants in points order	Random number (relevant only for last available places)
1	600	----
2	595	----
3	590	----
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198	360	342
199	360	123
200	360	765
201	360	417
202	360	561

LIST AFTER BEING RE-ORDERED ACCORDING TO RANDOM NUMBER

Applicant	Position of applicants in points order AND THEN IN RANDOM NUMBER ORDER	Random number (relevant only for last available places)
1	600	----
2	595	----
3	590	----
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198	360	765
199	360	561
200	360	417
201	360	342
202	360	123

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LEVEL 8 Honours Bachelor Degrees - Level 8	Apply by inserting the Codes below in the Level 8 Section of the Application Form.

Code	Title (NOT to be entered on Application Form) Honours Bachelor Degrees - Level 8	
DC 200	Common Entry into Engineering (Undenominated Entry)	
DC 201	Common Entry into Science (Undenominated Entry)	
DC 202	Sport Science and Health	
DC 203	Science Education	
DC 204	Athletic Therapy and Training	
DC 205	Physical Education with Biology	
DC 206	Physical Education with Mathematics	
DC 208	Psychology	
DC 209	Health and Society	
DC 215	General Nursing	*(If mature, see page 13)*
DC 216	Mental Health Nursing	*(If mature, see page 13)*
DC 217	Intellectual Disability Nursing	*(If mature, see page 13)*
DC 218	Children's and General Nursing (Integrated)	*(If mature, see page 13)*
DC 230	Economics, Politics and Law	
DC 231	International Relations	
DC 232	Law and Society (BCL)	
DC 235	Education and Training - Daytime Delivery Mode (full-time)	
DC 238	Social Sciences and Cultural Innovation	
DC 239	Gaeilge agus Iriseoireacht/Irish and Journalism	
*DC 240	Marketing, Innovation and Technology	

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Language and Modern Language combinations:

LEVEL 8 Honours Bachelor Degrees - Level 8		Apply by inserting the Codes below in the Level 8 Section of the Application Form					
	Language	Modern Language					
CAO Code		French*	German	Irish*	Italian	Russian	Spanish
TR 667	French*		√	√	√	√	√
TR 668	German	√		√	√		√
TR 669	Irish*	√	√		√	√	
TR 670	Italian	√	√	√		√	√
TR 671	Russian	√		√	√		√
TR 672	Spanish	√	√		√	√	

1. The matrix above shows all possible Language and Modern Language combinations.
2. The Modern Language options will appear in a drop-down menu on the CAO Application
3. French* and Irish* are not available at beginner's level
4. German, Italian, Russian and Spanish may be taken either at Leaving Certificate Level (or equivalent) or at beginner's level
5. A student may not study two languages at beginner's level

DN 200

Science

You can only apply for DN200 once.

Common entry leading to a BSc degree in one of 26 degree options.
You must select **ONE** of the following four Science streams:

No Preference	**Biological, Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences**	**Chemistry and Chemical Sciences**	**Mathematical, Physical and Geological Sciences**
Applicants who want to sample a number of degree options from different streams can choose DN200 No Preference. The degree options available in each stream are listed in the adjacent columns.	*Degree Options:* • Biochemistry and Molecular Biology • Cell and Molecular Biology • Environmental Biology • Genetics • Microbiology • Neuroscience • Pharmacology • Physiology • Plant Biology • Zoology • Biology, Mathematics and Education *	*Degree Options:* • Chemistry • Chemistry with Biophysical Chemistry • Chemistry with Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry • Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology • Chemistry, Mathematics and Education *	*Degree Options:* • Applied & Computational Mathematics • Mathematics • Financial Mathematics • Statistics • Physics • Physics with Astronomy and Space Science • Theoretical Physics • Geology • Applied Mathematics, Mathematics and Education * • Physics, Mathematics and Education *

All applicants may change their choice of stream during first year.

Applicants from the Biological, Biomedical and Biomolecular Sciences, Chemistry and Chemical Sciences and the Mathematical, Physical and Geological Sciences streams can also study degree options from other streams in first year and second year.

*These degree options are 5 year courses. Students graduate with a 4-Year Level 8 BSc and then a 1-Year MSc in Mathematics and Science Education.

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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 sucessful candidates.

Closing Date for Applications is the 1st February at 17:15.

Need Help?

Click here for demonstration videos, guides and answers to frequently asked questions.

Demo Application

Try the online Demo Application to become more familiar with the application process.

Important Dates:

JAN 20 Apply online by this date to avail of the discounted fee of €25

FEB 1 Normal closing date for applications (17:15)

Applicant's Personal Details

Surname

Other names

Title
(Mr,Ms,Mrs,etc.)

Date of Birth dd mm yyyy

Sex ○ Male ○ Female

As stated in the CAO Handbook, an applicant may only present one application in any one year (either online or paper). There will be no refunds given to applicants who make more than one application.

Home address ◉ Rep. of Ireland ○ Other Country

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Address Line 4 Select City or County...

Postal Address: (created from name and address entered above)

Telephone Number

Mobile Phone — Select International dialling code:

Country Code:	Mobile Prefix:	Mobile Number:
country code	mobile prefix	mobile number

Do you wish to receive sms text messages from CAO? ○ Yes ○ No

Do you wish to receive sms text messages from the HEIs you apply to? ○ Yes ○ No

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Country of Birth

Nationality

E-mail address

Confirm e-mail

Qualifications & Assessment Summary :

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

1. ☐ Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985-2019)
2. ☐ 2002-2019 QQI FET/FETAC Level 5/6 Exams
3. ☐ 2001 or earlier FETAC Level 5/6 (NCVA Level 2/3) Exams Help?
4. ☐ GCE/GCSE (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland Exams) Help?

   CCEA, CIE, AEB, AQA, EDEXCEL, OCR, UCLES, WJEC examination boards only.
   GCE/GCSE from OTHER boards MUST be entered under "Other School Leaving Exams"

5. ☐ Other School Leaving Exams Help?

   (e.g. Baccalaureate, Scottish Exams, pre-1985 Irish & UK exams, Leaving Exams outside of UK & Ireland, Leaving Cert Applied, Level 3 BTEC, GNVQs, VCEs, Irish Matric Exams, etc.)

6. ☐ Further Education Help?

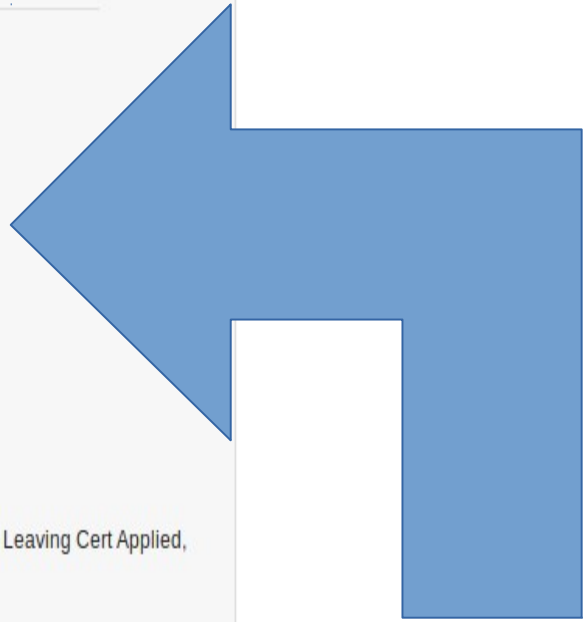
   (Any other Further Education courses that you have undertaken that do not fall into one of the other sections on this application form, e.g. City & Guild awards, FÁS awards, BTEC level 4 or higher, Post-Leaving Certificate Courses (Republic of Ireland) etc.)

7. ☐ Third-Level Higher Education Help?

   (required regardless of whether you passed, failed, or did not take examinations)

8. ☐ Mature Applicants Help?

   (those 23 years of age on or before the 1st of January 2019)



Select your category

Payment Options :

- Credit or Debit Card
- Fee Payment Form

(Republic of Ireland applicants only)

Terms & Conditions :

TERMS & CONDITIONS WILL APPEAR HERE ON THE REAL FORM

☐ **I understand this form is for practice only and that no details will be sent to CAO.**

Create Account Password :

Account Password ••••••••••

Confirm Password ••••••••••

Your Account Password must be between 8 and 20 characters long.
Please choose a password that you will remember easily.

After clicking 'Proceed with Application' please be patient, as the payment request may take some time.

Proceed with Demo (No Details Sent) »

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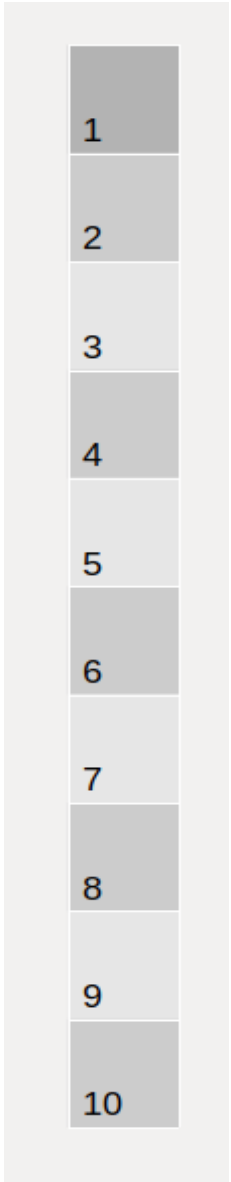
So – what is the best way to fill in the courses?



Dream Courses

Realistic Courses

Safety Net

Genuine Order of Preference

After Completing the Application

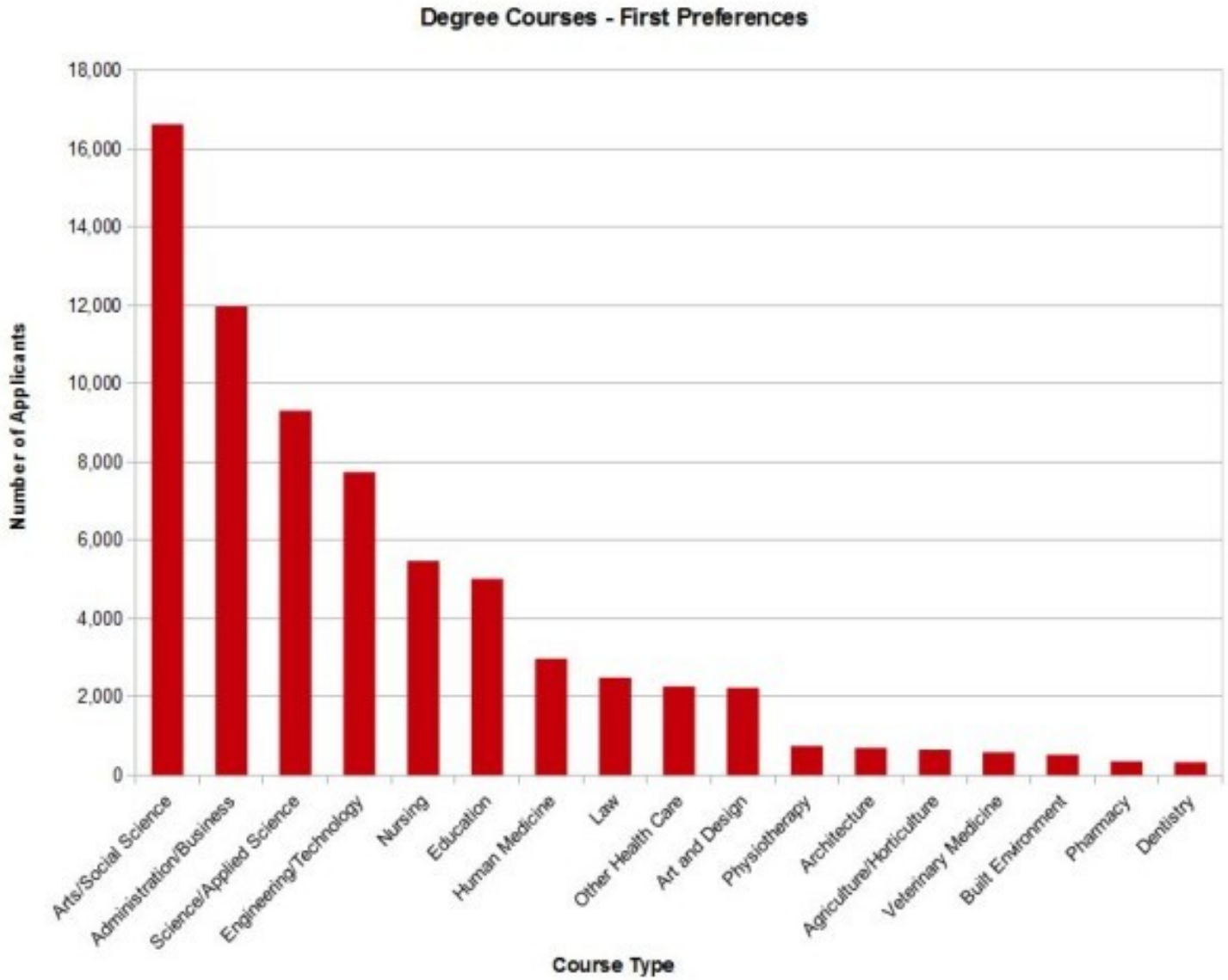
- Receive CAO number and Statement of Course Choices.
- Receive Statement of Application Record.
- Some students may be asked to attend extra assessments.
- Change of Mind facility becomes available.
- Leaving Cert. Results are sent to CAO.
- Places are allocated and offered by post and online.
- Students accept, reject or defer offered places.
- Further rounds of offers are made until all course places are filled.

CAO Offer Timetable

- Mature/ deferrals in July / early Aug
- Leaving Certificate results – Aug 13th, 2019
- Round One Offers - August 16th
- Each list separate. (Can accept on-line.)
- Offers each week thereafter
- Can only move up list, never down
- Can accept or ignore subsequent offers
- Available Place application (www.cao.ie)
- Random Selection

Total Applications		78,199
Leaving Cert applying to CAO		44,967
All Leaving Cert regardless of years.		67,932
Matures		14,910
FETAC		11,711
GCE		1,913
Non-Eu not LCE,GCE or FETAC		3,516
Acceptances for Applicants with	previous HE	9,797
Acceptances for Applicants with	previous FE	4,877
HEAR Applicants		8,399
HEAR Applicants who received an offer		4,901
HEAR Applicants who got a HEAR offer below the points cutoff		682
DARE Applicants		2,309
DARE Applicants who received an offer		1,401

Leaving Certs who recieved an offer: 29,937


Degree Courses - First Preferences
Number of Applicants
18,000
16,000
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10,000
8,000
6,000
4,000
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Arts/Social Science
Administration/Business
Science/Applied Science
Engineering/Technology
Nursing
Education
Human Medicine
Law
Other Health Care
Art and Design
Physiotherapy
Architecture
Agriculture/Horticulture
Veterinary Medicine
Built Environment
Pharmacy
Dentistry
Course Type

2018 Summary Records

Number

Total Number of Applicants	66
Total Number Receiving No Offer	10
Total Number Receiving Level 8 Offer	48
Total Number with Acceptances of Level 8 Offer	34
Total Number Receiving Level 7/6 Offer	44
Total Number with Acceptances of Level 7/6 Offer	10
Total Number of Students who sat the Leaving Certificate	81
Percentage of students going to a H.E.I. through the C.A.O.	**54%**

2018 Level 8 Acceptances

BN111	Sports Management and Coaching	1
CR500	Engineering (Common Entry)	1
DC166	Environmental Science and Technology	1
DC197	Biomedical Engineering	1
DC203	Science Education	1
DC230	Economics, Politics and Law	1
DC292	Arts (Joint Honours) - Law	1
DK882	Agriculture (Award Options)	1
DT282	Computer Science (International)	1
GA483	Architectural Technology	1
GA484	Civil Engineering	1
GA789	Agriculture and Environmental Management - Mountbellew Campus	1
GA981	Furniture Design and Manufacture - Letterfrack Campus	1
GY101	Arts Joint Honours Degree	1
GY126	Arts (English and Media Studies)	1
GY301	Science	1
GY401	Engineering (Undenominated)	1
LM039	Journalism and New Media	1
LM094	Materials and Architectural Technology with Teacher Education	1
LM116	Engineering	1
MH101	Arts	2
MH210	Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Chemistry	1
MH305	Product Design	1
MH407	Business and Accounting	2
MI008	Education and Psychology - Primary Teaching	1
MU001	Theology and Arts	1
NC003	Computing	1
PC411	English and History (fulfils Teaching Council requirements)	1
SG147	Sport with Business	1
SG347	Architecture	1
SG441	Environmental Science	1
TR357	German/Mathematics	1
WD200	Arts	1

2018 Level 7/6 Offers and Acceptances

AL710	Mechanical Engineering	1
BN034	Digital Forensics and Cyber Security	1
DK769	Media Arts and Technologies	1
DT006	Mechanical Engineering	1
DT219	Ophthalmic Dispensing	1
GA776	Computing and Digital Media	1
LC284	Agricultural Mechanisation at Salesian Agricultural College, Pallaskenry	1
NM701	Montessori Education	2
SG101	Business	1
WD126	Agriculture	1

Non- CAO Options

- Apprenticeships (SOLAS)
- Defence Forces
- Gardaí
- Fáilte Ireland
- Teagasc
- Direct to Employment
- Post Leaving Certificate Courses
- Repeat Leaving Certificate
- Clearing House

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DIFE
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FETAC
Further Education and Training Awards Council
Comhairle na nDámhachtainí Breisoideachais agus Oiliúna

General Costs of College

COST OF LIVING AWAY FROM HOME

Expense	Monthly €	Annual Cost € Nine months (academic year)
Rent (Shared - Own Room)	350-600	3,150-5,400
Utilities (Electricity/Gas/Bins/Internet)	33	297
Food	250	2,250
Travel (Monthly Short Hop ticket)	119	1,071
Books & Materials	71	639
Clothes/Medical	45	405
Mobile	20	180
Social Life/Miscellaneous	130	1,170
Total	€1,018-€1,268	€9,162-€11,412

COST OF LIVING AT HOME

Expense	Monthly €	Annual Cost € Nine months (academic year)
Contribution to Bills	34	306
Food	70	630
Travel (Monthly Short Hop ticket)	119	1,071
Books & Materials	71	639
Clothes/Medical	45	405
Mobile	20	180
Social Life/Miscellaneous	112	1,008
Total	€471	€4,239

Comparative Costs of College

COST (Per month €)	DUBLIN*	GALWAY**	SLIGO***
Accommodation	575	420	320
Travel (city)	113	42.50	17.50
Food	214	260	175
Electricity/Heat/Power	56.75	80	39.50
TV and Internet	30	20	15
Photocopy/Printing	25	25	15
Recreation/Socialising/ outdoor activities	220	180	180
Mobile	20	20	20
Medical	23	20	12
Clothes Laundry	20	60	12
Pint of beer	5.25	5	4.20

** Averages of cost of living figures – Source: University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin Institute of Technology and Dublin City University*

*** Averages of cost of living figures – Source: National University College Galway and Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology*

**** Figures provided by IT Sligo*

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This website is a convenient and user-friendly source of information on financial support for further and higher education. We hope you find it useful.

You will see as you browse through studentfinance.ie that there are several financial assistance schemes available in Ireland to help you to progress through further and higher education.

The Student Grant is the main source of financial assistance and anyone who is thinking of embarking on further study should investigate whether they are eligible, and, if so, submit an application. The Student Grant section of studentfinance.ie is the most comprehensive source of information on the available schemes that you will find anywhere in Ireland. It provides a handy step-by-step guide to eligibility in clear, plain English

We provide information on course fees and details on eligibility requirements for free fees. In addition, you will find out all you need to know about other sources of assistance for students, such as the Fund for Students with Disabilities, the Back to Education Allowance and the Student Assistance Fund. You can find answers to possible questions you may have by accessing our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section. Lastly, we provide details and links to a range of other organisations and websites that may be of interest and/or assistance.

We wish you every success in your studies!

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Transition to Third Level

- ***Size of College (800 to 22,000)***
- ***Size of Class (6 to 500)***
- ***Class contact hours / schedule***
- ***Choosing subjects***
- ***Attendance Monitoring***
- ***Budgeting / Part-time work***
- ***Reduced Parental Involvement***
- ***Change in Learning Style***
- ***Shift in who takes responsibility***

In Difficulty - ASK

- **Mentor**
- **Lecturer**
- **Tutor**
- **Academic Advisor**
- **Careers Advisers**
- **Chaplaincy**

Counsellors
Student Advisers
Class Rep
Library Help Desk
Admissions Office
Registrar's Office

Lots of people are willing to assist you in any way they can....just ask.

Sources of Information

- CAO Handbook & its warning
- Publications
- Guidance Counsellors / teachers
- Current students / graduates / people doing that job
- Open Days - College visits
- Visitors to School
- Parents / older siblings
- Interweb & General Media

Websites

- www.careersportal.ie
- www.qualifax.ie
- www.studentfinance.ie
- www.accesscollege.ie
- www.cao.ie
- www.guidanceoffice.info

Sector-specific skills requirements

Sector	Skills needs
Financial Services	Risk, compliance, accounting, business intelligence, ICT and data analytics. These skills can be found in engineering, mathematics, data analytics, business and law graduates.
ICT Sector	Core technology skills, e.g. software developers, cloud, security, networking and infrastructure and a combination of the technical skills with business/analytic/foreign language skills as the skills requirements become more complex
Manufacturing	Scientists with experience and engineers (including process engineers, bioprocess scientists, validation engineers, precision engineers, toolmakers, automation engineers), quality professionals, supply chain managers
Medical Devices	Mechanical, automation and validation engineers; polymer technicians, software engineers, quality engineers and regulatory compliance experts
Bio-Pharma	Technicians and senior process scientists, pharma co-vigilance personnel, biotechnologists, biochemists, engineers including precision engineering
Food & Beverages	R&D scientists, food technologists and technicians with new product development skills; international sales/marketing with languages for international trade
Leisure, Tourism & Hospitality	Chefs: commis, demi, pastry and chef de partie.
Freight, Transport & Logistics	Graduate-managers, planners and ICT staff; skilled warehouse staff and HGV drivers
Wholesale & Retail	Accountancy, supply chain management, retail marketing and data mining of retail data, finance and human resource management
Construction	Chartered surveyors; internationalisation and management capability; ICT, Building Information Modelling (BIM) systems, Green Economy skills, orbital welders and high-end electrical and plumbing skills for complex facility constructions (e.g. BioPharma, Food Processing, data centres, etc).

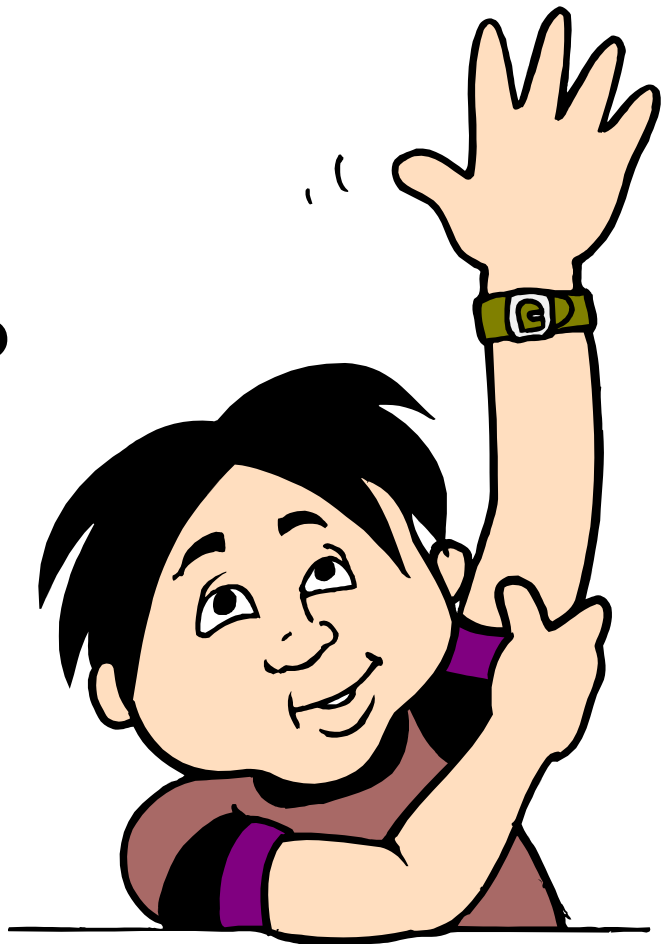
The largest proportion of Honours Bachelor Degree ICT (31%), Health & Welfare (28%) and Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction (26%) graduates are earning between

€29k & €33k.

Overall, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries & Veterinary and ICT Honours Bachelor Degree graduates are the highest earners, with 29% and 27% of such graduates earning

€33k or over respectively.

Dublin remains the region with most employment opportunities for graduates, followed by the South-West region.

And Finally…

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