2023

**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
- Non CAO Options / Changes / Jobs Market
- Questions

2023

January	• Discounted application fee (€30 fee) available up to **20 January at 5pm**
February	• Normal closing date for applications (€45 fee) is **1 February at 5pm** • Online Change of Course Choices (free) facility closes **1 February at 5pm** • Online facility to amend course choices becomes available (€10 fee) on **3 February at noon**
March	• Closing date for amending course choices is **1 March at 5pm** • Most tests and interviews for restricted courses are held in March and April • Closing date for final completion of online DARE/HEAR forms is **1 March at 5pm** • Closing date for completion of Mature Applicant section of CAO form is **1 March at 5pm** • Late application facility opens on **6 March at 12:00 noon** • **DARE/HEAR** supporting documentation to arrive in CAO before **15 March at 5pm**
April	• Most tests and interviews for restricted courses are held in March and April
May	• Closing date for late applications is **1 May at 5pm** • Online Change of Mind (free) facility becomes available on **5 May at 12:00 noon** (expected date) • Check and Confirm reminder sent to all applicants before end of May. Inform CAO if you do not receive it.
June	• Leaving Certificate examinations
July	• Change of Mind Closes on **1 July at 5pm** • Round A offers for certain categories of applicant e.g. mature, deferral, etc. are issued in **early July** • Exceptional closing date for late applications for those already attending a participating HEI is **22 July at 5pm**
August	• Round Zero offers for certain categories of applicant issued in **early August** • Current year Leaving Certificate results issued (date to be confirmed) • Round One offers (date to be confirmed) • HEIs begin registration
September	• HEIs begin registration • Results of Leaving Certificate appeals released (date to be confirmed) • Offer season ends (date to be confirmed)

ADVICE FOR THE STUDENT

It is YOUR choice

It is YOUR responsibility

NOT the Guidance Counsellor

NOT your parents

NOT your friends

This is **YOUR** *life*

"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.)

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

Higher Education Institute

- Universities
- Institutes of Technology
- Technical Universities
- Teacher Training Colleges
- N.C.A.D.

National College of Art & Design

- Incorporated Religious Institutes
- N.C.I.

National College of Ireland

- Private Colleges

44

Choice

1977 –   5 Colleges with 69 courses

2022 –   44 Colleges with 1539 courses

Culinary Entrepreneurship, Nutrition and Health Science, Mobile and Web Computing, Software Design for Virtual Reality and Gaming, Environmental Science and Climate, Industrial Automation and Robotic Systems, Business Studies with Beauty and Spa Management, Music and Instrument Technology, Criminal Justice Studies, Cyber Crime and IT Security, Biomedical Electronics, Set Design and Construction, Sports Coaching and Performance, Organic Agriculture, Smart Product Engineering, Wildlife Biology, Global Business and Pilot Studies, Beverage Industry management, TV, Radio and new Media, Asian Studies, Greek and Roman Civilisation, Digital Humanities and Information Technology, Government and Political Science, Anthropology, Chemistry with Forensic Science, Public Health Sciences, Cyberpsychology, Writing and Literature, Fashion and Promotion, Furniture Making and Architectural Woodworking, Games Development, Film and Creative media, Global Challenges, 3D Animation, English and Equality Studies, Photographic Media, Data Science, Sustainable Timber Technology …….

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 **2019**:

Total candidates presenting LCE : 56,071

Candidates scoring 625 points	207	0.4%
Candidates scoring from 600 - 624	574	1%
Candidates scoring from 500 - 599	6,684	11.9%
Candidates scoring from 400 - 499	13,489	24.1%
Candidates scoring from 300 - 399	14,266	25.4%
Candidates scoring from 200 - 299	10,732	19.1%
Candidates scoring from 100 - 199	6,557	11.7%
Candidates scoring less than 100	3,562	6.4%

Has there been Grade Inflation?

**Leaving Certificate Examination Points Statistics for 2022**
(nominal points score, including bonus for Higher Level Mathematics, without reference to eligibility)
Best six (6) subjects counted for scoring.

			Cumulative Total	
Candidates scoring 625 points	1122	1.9%	1,122	1.9%
Candidates scoring from 600 - 624	2083	3.6%	3,205	5.5%
Candidates scoring from 500 - 599	11353	19.6%	14,558	25.1%
Candidates scoring from 400 - 499	15367	26.5%	29,925	51.5%
Candidates scoring from 300 - 399	13667	23.5%	43,592	75.1%
Candidates scoring from 200 - 299	8466	14.6%	52,058	89.7%
Candidates scoring from 100 - 199	4083	7.0%	56,141	96.7%
Candidates scoring less than 100	1915	3.3%	58,056	100.0%
Total	**58,056**			

Impact of Covid on Points

Leaving Certificate Points 2019, 2020 & 2021
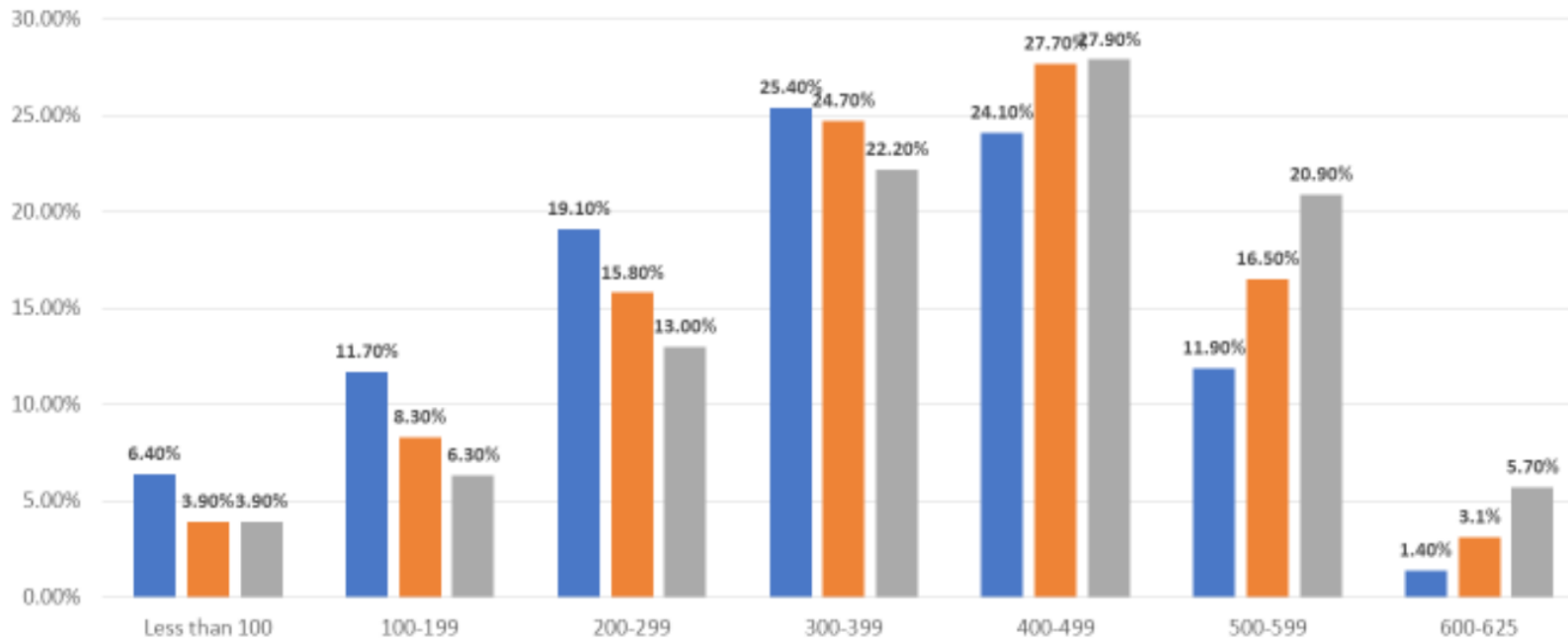
Arts

Maynooth University

Points for 2022

338

Year	Points
2022	338
2021	336
2020	318
2019	316
2018	320
2017	327
2016	380
2015	390
2014	350
2013	400
2012	410
2011	415
2010	410

53 Points Drop

50 Points Drop

Why Predicting Points Can Be Difficult

Points Changes For MH101
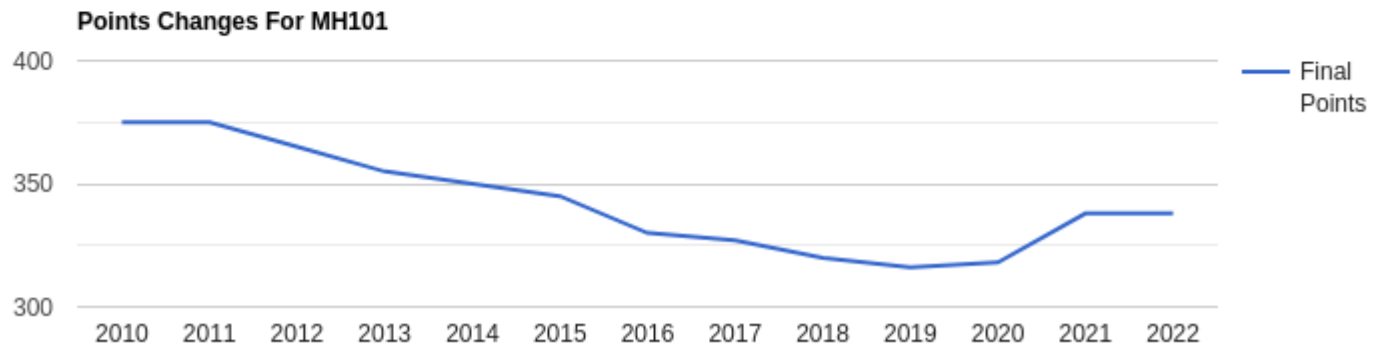
Science Education

Dublin City University

Points for 2022
413

Year	Points
2022	413
2021	462
2020	435
2019	424
2018	433
2017	444
2016	465
2015	455
2014	440
2013	475
2012	455
2011	455
2010	440

49 Points Drop

20 Points Increase

Points Changes For DC203

Final Points
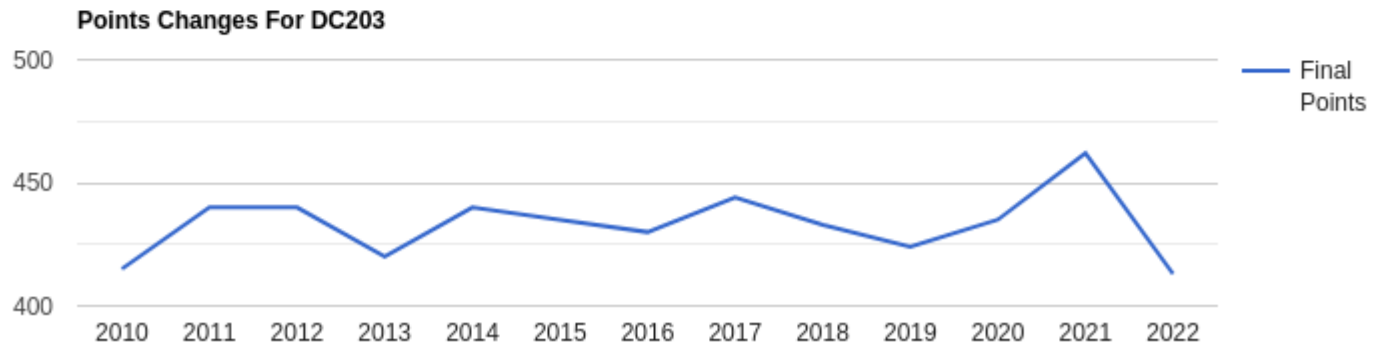
Psychology

National College of Ireland (NCI)

Points for 2022

400

Year	Points
2022	**400**
2021	**420**
2020	**400**
2019	**360**
2018	**350**
2017	**320**
2016	**380**
2015	**360**
2014	**310**
2013	**315**
2012	**330**

50 Point Increase

Points Changes For NC010

3rd Level in Ireland

Post Leaving Certificate Courses, Apprenticeship Training, Agricultural Colleges etc.

2nd Level

FETAC, HND, BTEC

SOLAS, TEAGASC, BIM etc

Institutes of Technology

(Technical Universities)

Universities
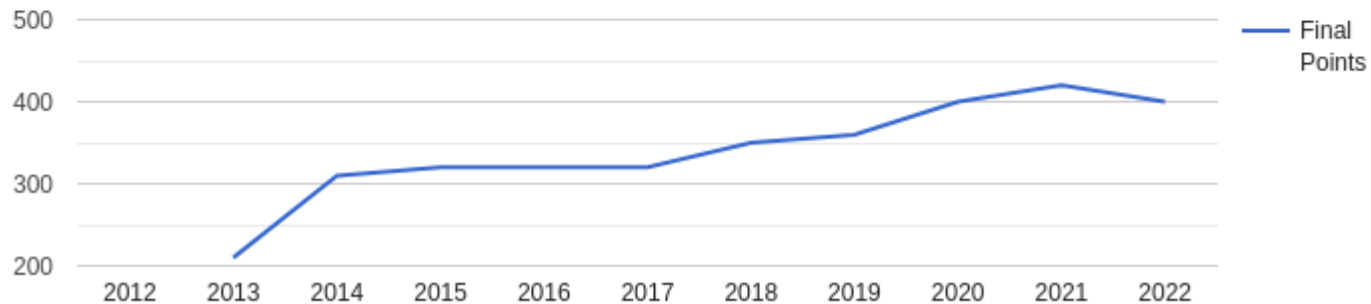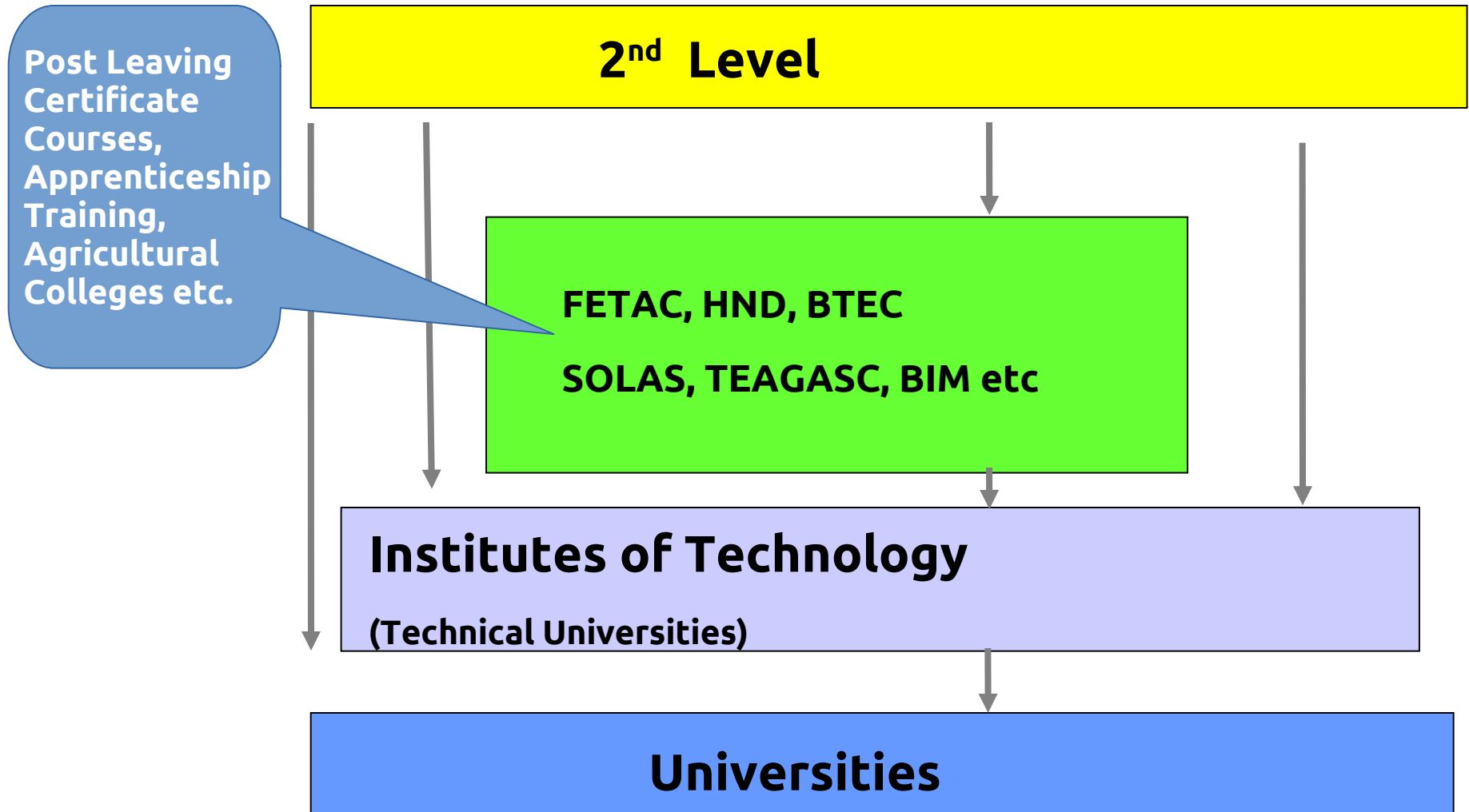
The System is built on PROGRESSION

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.

The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)
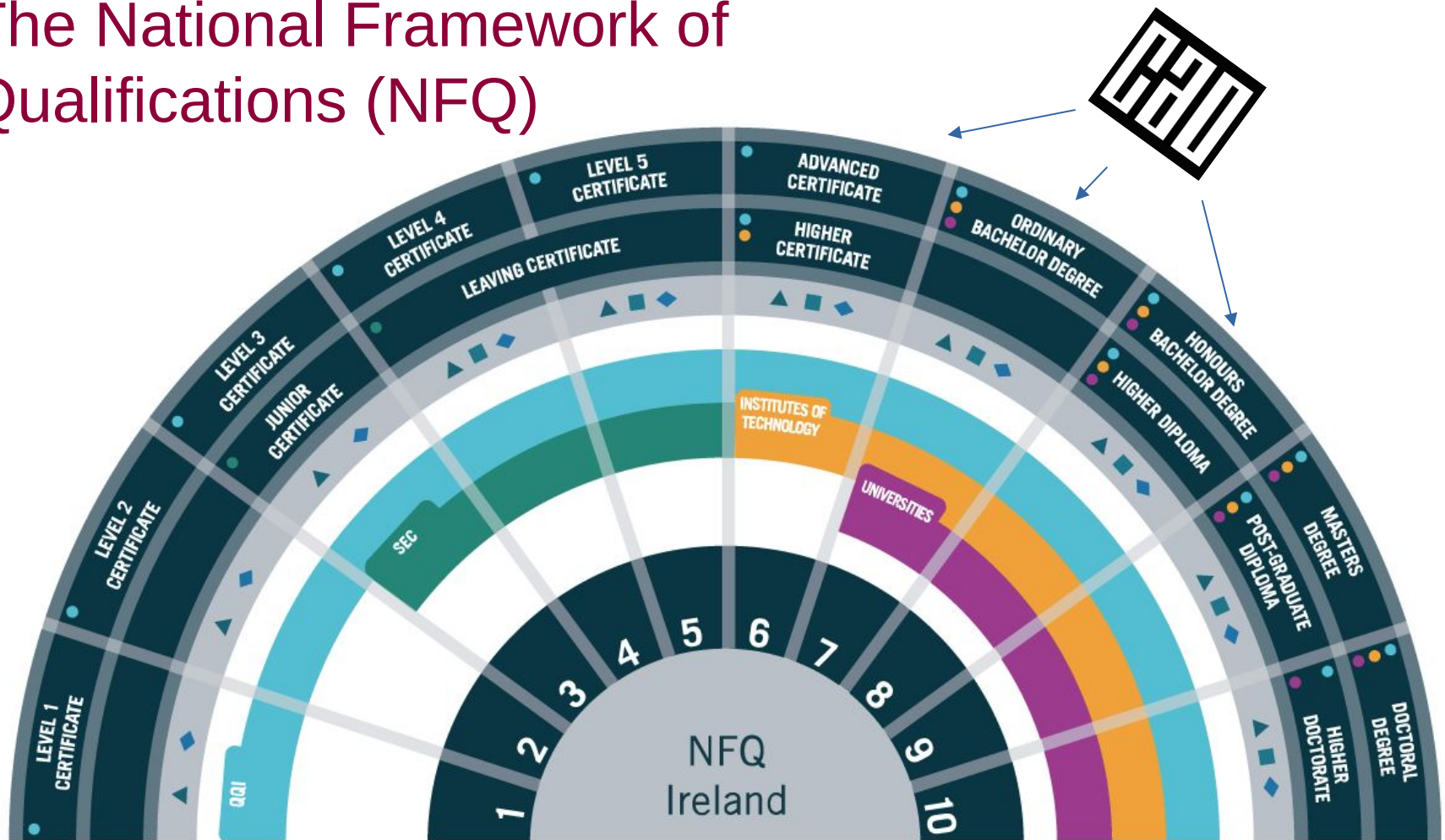
DANGER

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

CAO HANDBOOK

2023

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

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

How Does the Points System Work?

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

+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules   Distinction 66   Merit 46   Pass 28

Accompanying Conditions:

- **Bonus points** for Leaving Certificate Higher Level Mathematics has been awarded since 2012.

- 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 - 66, Merit - 46, Pass - 28 (Not acceptable for some courses please check!)

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

TU832 (Architecture)

Applicants for programme TU832 (Architecture) may be required to sit a **suitability test AND interview with a portfolio.** You will be informed of the day on which you need to attend in advance.

Suitability Test	Candidates will be required to undertake a suitability test usually held in April. The test includes assessment in creativity, spatial and verbal reasoning and has been designed to be architecture specific. Further information >HERE<
Interview with Portfolio	The interview aims to further assess the applicant's creative abilities together with their understanding of the nature of a career in architecture. **It is mandatory that all applicants bring a portfolio to their interview.** Further information >HERE<

Some Sample interview questions

- When did you first developed an interest in architecture?
- Do you know what an architect does, in very general terms, and why do you feel you have an aptitude for architecture?
- Have you read or are you reading any books on architecture?
- Have you been inspired by the work of any particular architect?
- Do you have an interest in particular building/place?

OTHER WAYS TO ACCUMULATE POINTS

MEDICAL ENTRY SYSTEM

- You must now register for and sit the 'HPAT-Ireland' test.
- Registrations close 5.15pm GMT 20 January 2023
- Cost is €152.80
- Test Window: 17–25 February 2023
- All medical programmes are now restricted entry.

So What are Restricted Application Courses?

- These are courses that have Interviews/ Assessments / Portfolios / Auditions

- Medicine – HPAT Test

- Application for these courses 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	562	600	570	600	540	600	555
595	535	595	536	595	535	595	535	595	535
590	525	590	526	590	525	590	525	590	525
580	520	580	520	580	520	580	520	580	520
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495	485	475	485	475	485	475	485	475	485
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470	475	470	460	465	470	470	480	470	470
465	465	465	455	465	465	465	465	465	465
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450	420	450	420	450	420	450	430	450	420
450	410	445	410	450	410	445	410	450	410
450	405	440	405	450	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	393	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	308	270	305	270	310	270	305
NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES

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ROUND 2

DN077

611
596
590
582
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482
470
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463
462
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455
454
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451
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445
435
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281
275
275

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

TR032

567
535
527
520
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486
480
476
464
460
455
445
440
433
429
418
405
405
405
402
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326
314
310

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 - 433

Random Selection

EXAMPLE

List BEFORE bring re-ordered according to random number:

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

List AFTER bring 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 places)
1	600	----
2	595	----
3	590	----
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198	360	765
199	360	561
200	360	417
201	360	342
201	360	123

Reordered according to highest random number

The three applicants with the higher random numbers are placed ahead of the two with the lower random numbers and those three are offered places.

DUBLIN

Course Level 6 / 7 / 8

Name and Website Address

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF IRELAND (NCI)

www.ncirl.ie

	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**	
NC 003	Computing - Degree Award options: • Software Development • Games Programming • Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning/Data Analytics • Internet of Things • Cybersecurity • Blockchain • Digital Business Transformation	
NC 005	Human Resource Management	
NC 009	Business	
NC 010	Psychology	
NC 020	Marketing Practice	
NC 022	Accounting and Finance	
NC 023	Technology Management - Degree Award options: • Business Information Systems • Business Analysis • Data Analytics • Social Media	
NC 025	Data Science	
NC 030	Early Childhood Education and Care	

Course Options

Every Course has a Five Digit Code

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

www.dcu.ie

	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 001	Education - Early Childhood Education	
DC 002	Education - Primary Teaching	
DC 003	Education - Primary Teaching - *Gaeltacht Applicants*	
DC 004	Education - Primary Teaching – CIC (Church of Ireland Centre formerly CICE)	*(Restricted - see page 3)*
DC 009	Arts: Joint Honours (Humanities) Students must choose two subjects: Up to two permitted from English | Gaeilge Only one permitted from Human Development | Philosophy Only one permitted from History | Music *(Please note that the subject Music is restricted entry – see page 3)* Only one permitted from Geography | World Religions and Theology	
DC 010	Post Primary Teacher Education - Religious Education and English	
DC 011	Post Primary Teacher Education - Religious Education and History	
DC 012	Post Primary Teacher Education - Religious Education and Music	
DC 013	Post Primary Teacher Education – Gaeilge and French, German or Spanish	
DC 014	Jazz and Contemporary Music Performance	*(Audition Required)*
DC 015	Bachelor of Education in Technology, Engineering and Graphics – Post Primary (New)	
DC 110	Business Studies International	
DC 111	Business Studies	
DC 112	Global Business (France)	
DC 113	Global Business (Germany)	
DC 114	Global Business (Spain)	
DC 115	Accounting and Finance	
DC 116	Global Business (USA)	
DC 117	Aviation Management / Aviation Management with Pilot Studies	
DC 118	Gnó agus Gaeilge / Business and Irish	
DC 119	Global Business (Canada)	

Watch for Restricted Application Courses

TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY DUBLIN

www.tudublin.ie

	LEVEL 8 Honours Bachelor Degrees - Level 8	Apply by inserting the Codes below in t[...]vel 8 Section of the Application Form
Code	**Title (NOT to be entered on Application Form) Honours Bachelor Degrees - Level 8**	**Location**
TU 801	Sustainable Energy Engineering *(Note 2)*	Tallaght
TU 802	Electrical Services and Energy Management	Grangegorman
TU 804	Engineering (General Entry) - Following Year 1, option to pursue streams in one of the following: • Computer Engineering • Mechatronic Engineering	Blanchardstown
TU 805	Engineering (General Entry) - Following Year 1, option to pursue streams in one of the following: • Building Engineering • Manufacturing and Design Engineering • Civil Engineering • Mechanical Engineering • Computer and Communications Engineering • Structural Engineering • Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Bolton Street **AND** Grangegorman
TU 807	Computer Engineering in Mobile Systems *(Notes 1+2)*	Blanchardstown
TU 810	Mechatronic Engineering *(Notes 1+2)*	
TU 811	Product Design	Bolton Street **AND** Grangegorman
TU 812	Design, Technology and Innovation *(Notes 1+2)*	Blanchardstown
TU 814	Sustainable Transport Management	Bolton Street
TU 828	Mechanical Engineering (General Entry) - Following Year 1, option to pursue streams in one of the following: • Automation Engineering • Mechanical Engineering • Biomedical Design	Tallaght
TU 829	Electronic Engineering and Engineering Software (General Entry)	
TU 831	Architectural Technology	
TU 832	Architecture *(Suitability Test and Interview)*	
TU 833	Construction Management	
TU 834	Geospatial Surveying	Bolton Street
TU 835	Planning and Environmental Management	
TU 836	Property Economics (Valuation Surveying)	

Watch for Physical Location of the Course

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
www.tcd.ie

Trinity College Dublin- Joint Honours/ Modern Language Permitted Combinations

	AH	AR	BU	CC	CL	CS	DR**	EC	EN	FS	GG	HS	LS	LW	ME	ML^	MT	MU	PH	PO	RL	SC	SO	^Modern Language
AH	-	TR113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR111	TR112	-	-	TR547	TR114	-	-	-	-	TR117	-	-	AH: French*, German, Irish, Russian, Spanish
AR	TR113	-	-	TR173	TR231	-	TR485	-	TR263	-	-	TR443	-	-	-	TR455	-	-	TR479	-	TR665	TR482	-	AR: French*, Irish*, Italian, Spanish
BU	-	-	-	-	-	TR188	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR580	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BU: see main course list for Business & Language courses
CC	-	TR173	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR166	-	-	-	-	-	TR548	TR177	-	-	TR179	-	TR663	-	-	CC: German, Italian, Irish*, Russian, Spanish
CL	-	TR231	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR228	-	-	-	TR230	-	TR233	TR239	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CL: French*, Italian, German, Russian
CS	-	-	TR188	-	-	-	-	TR197	-	-	TR240	-	TR241	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CS: See main course list for Computer Science and language course
DR**	-	TR485	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR276	TR311	-	-	-	-	-	TR323	-	TR635	-	-	-	-	-	DR: German, Irish, Italian, Russian, Spanish
EC	-	-	-	-	-	TR197	-	-	-	-	TR198	TR202	-	-	-	TR208	TR207	-	TR209	-	-	TR212	TR214	EC: French*, German, Irish*, Spanish, Russian
EN	-	TR263	-	TR166	TR228	-	TR276	-	-	TR312	-	TR262	-	-	-	TR277	-	-	TR269	-	TR664	TR272	-	EN: French*, German, Irish*, Russian, Spanish
FS	-	-	-	-	-	TR311	-	TR312	-	-	TR325	-	-	-	TR324	-	TR320	-	-	-	-	-	-	FS: French*, Irish, Italian, Spanish
GG	TR111	-	-	-	-	TR240	-	TR198	-	-	-	TR322	-	-	-	TR326	-	-	-	TR328	-	TR332	-	GG: French*, Italian, German, Russian
HS	TR112	TR443	-	-	-	-	-	TR202	TR262	TR325	TR322	-	-	TR581	TR554	TR447	-	-	TR449	TR457	TR454	-	-	HS: German, Irish*, Italian, Russian, Spanish
LS	-	-	-	TR230	TR241	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR587	TR588	-	-	TR589	-	-	-	-	-	LS: French*, German, Irish*, Russian, Spanish
LW	-	-	TR580	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR581	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR582	-	-	-	LW: See main course list for Law and Language courses
ME	TR547	-	-	TR548	TR233	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR554	TR587	-	-	TR563	-	TR564	-	-	TR565	TR592	-	ME: French*, Italian, Irish*, Spanish
ML^	TR114	TR455	-	TR177	TR239	-	TR323	TR208	TR277	TR324	TR326	TR447	TR588	-	TR563	-	TR597	TR636	TR639	-	TR666	TR756	TR757	^See separate table for details of Language and Modern language combinations
MT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR597	-	TR598	TR599	-	-	-	-	MT: German, Irish*, Italian, Russian, Spanish
MU	-	-	-	-	-	TR635	-	-	TR320	-	-	-	-	-	TR564	TR636	TR598	-	TR629	-	TR638	-	-	MU: French*, German, Irish*, Russian, Spanish
PH	-	TR479	-	TR179	-	-	-	TR209	TR269	-	-	TR449	TR589	-	-	TR639	TR599	TR629	-	-	-	TR662	-	PH: French*, German, Italian, Russian
PO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR328	TR457	-	TR582	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR758	
RL	TR117	TR665	-	TR663	-	-	-	-	TR664	-	-	TR454	-	-	TR565	TR666	-	TR638	-	-	-	-	-	RE: French*, German, Italian, Russian
SC	-	TR482	-	-	-	-	-	TR212	TR272	-	TR332	-	-	-	TR592	TR756	-	-	TR662	-	-	-	TR759	SC: German, Irish, Italian, Russian, Spanish
SO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR214	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR757	-	-	-	TR758	-	TR759	-	SO: French*, Italian, German, Russian

* French and Irish are not available at beginner's level   ** Drama Studies– Restricted – apply by 1 Feb.

AH Ancient History & Archaeology	CS Computer Science	HS History	ML Modern Language	PO Political Science
AR History of Art & Architecture	DR Drama Studies	LS Linguistics	MT Mathematics	RL Religion
BU Business Studies	EC Economics	LW Law	MU Music	SC Sociology
CC Classical Civilisation	FS Film	ME Middle Eastern, Jewish & Islamic Civilisations	PH Philosophy	SO Social Policy
CL Classical Languages	GG Geography			

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(Continued)

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
DN 240	Sustainability Common entry with guaranteed choice to pursue ONE of the following degree subjects (selected at the end of First Year): • Sustainability with Environmental Sciences • Sustainability with Social Sciences, Policy & Law • Sustainability with Business & Economics
DN 250	Agricultural Science You can only apply for DN250 once. You must select **ONE** of the following options:

* No Preference	Agri-Environmental Sciences	Dairy Business
Applicants undertake a range of subjects and can decide on their degree option during the first year. The degree options available are listed in the adjacent columns.	Agricultural Systems Technology	Food and Agribusiness Management
	Animal and Crop Production	Food Business with Chinese Studies*
	Animal Science	Forestry
	Animal Science – Equine	Horticulture
	Crop Science	

All applicants may change their selection during the first year and are guaranteed a place in any of the eleven degree options.

* Students interested in progressing to the Food Business with Chinese Studies degree option must undertake three Chinese language modules by the end of first year.

Code	Title
DN 261	Food Science
DN 262	Human Nutrition
DN 300	Veterinary Medicine – Undergraduate Entry *Practical Experience Required*

Trinity Feasibility Study

What is The Trinity Feasibility Study in Admissions?
The Trinity Feasibility Study aims to identify and admit students who are enthusiastic and passionate about learning, motivated and suitable for their chosen courses, and with the academic ability and potential to be inspired by everything that Trinity College Dublin has to offer. It uses a range of materials to make an assessment about the academic ability and potential of each applicant, aiming to match the right person to the right course. It is very important that you complete this application independently of your school Guidance Counsellor, parent or other family member so that the Trinity College Assessment Panel gets a clearer sense of you as an individual. Trinity College has advised Guidance Counsellors not to become directly involved in drafting or editing individual applications. All applications will be made completely anonymous before evaluation.

The majority of places on each course will be filled in the traditional way using CAO points alone. Twenty-five places are set aside for this study and these places will be filled using a combination of Leaving Certificate results, Relative Performance Rank (RPR), and information provided in the Trinity Application Form. The courses involved in the study are: History (TR003) – 10 places; Law (TR004) – 10 places; Ancient and Medieval History and Culture (TR028) – 5 places. Relative Performance Rank refers to your academic ranking within the Leaving Certificate cohort in your school when results are published. Further information on the study and guidelines for applicants are available at: https://www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/apply/feasibility/

Who can apply?
The Trinity Feasibility Study in Admissions is for Irish Leaving Certificate applicants under the age of 23 as of January 1 2021.

Should I apply?
Applicants to the three courses in the Feasibility Study (TR003, TR004, TR028) in 2021 have the option of taking part in the study, and submitting the Trinity Application Form, in which case they will compete for all of the regular places on the course filled in the traditional way, as well as the places set aside for the study, or opting out of the study, in which case they will compete for all of the places allocated in the traditional way.

When applying for TR003, TR004 or TR028 applicants will be required to opt in or out of the Feasibility Study. Once the course is listed a Yes/No tab will appear and they must indicate 'yes' or 'no' before they can proceed. Once they have submitted their course choices applicants will log back into 'My Application' where they will be able to submit the information required for the Trinity Application Form.

Do you wish to be considered for the Trinity Feasibility Study in Admissions?

○ Yes

○ No

Points

HEI contact details

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Downloads

Important Dates

Have a Question?

Available Places

Mature Applicants

Access Routes
DARE / HEAR

QQI FET/FETAC

Entry to Medicine

Restrictions

Info for Parents

Info for Schools

Media and Statistics

Data Privacy

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All applicants must carefully read the CAO Handbook and take note of the important deadlines and any restrictions that may apply. Applicants must treat all correspondence from CAO as extremely important and notify CAO immediately through this website if there are any errors or omission recorded in application documents.

Demo Application	QQI FET/FETAC Information
Supporting Documents FAQ	Alert Lists
CAO Video Guides	Applicant Scoring
CAO Handbook	Points by Year
Applicant Checklist	Entry to Medicine
Points Calculator	Common Points Scale
About Change of Mind	Exemptions

Applicant's Personal Details

Surname

Other names

Title
(Mr,Ms,Mrs,etc.)

Date of Birth   dd   mm   yyyy

Sex   ○ Male   ○ Female   ○ I'd prefer not to say

Please Note: You should enter your name and date of birth as it appears on your Birth Certificate or Passport. If you wish to apply under a different name, HEIs will require proof of identification at registration.

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...
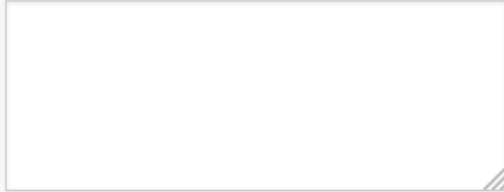
Postal Code
(e.g. H91 X25V)

So, what does the form look like?

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

Tick the following box if the postal address looks correct.
Otherwise, change your name and address above.

☐ **The postal address is correct.**

e-mail address

Confirm e-mail

Contact Telephone

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

Country of Birth

Nationality

HEI's may look for evidence of EU Nationality

Qualifications & Assessment Summary :
Please tick the qualification/assessment section(s) that are relevant to you.

1. ☑ Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985-2023)
2. ☐ 2002-2023 QQI FET/FETAC Level 5/6 Exams
3. ☐ 2001 or earlier FETAC Level 5/6 (NCVA Level 2/3) Exams   Help?
4. ☐ 2006-2023 GCE A/AS Levels/GCSE Help?
   (England, Wales, Northern Ireland Exams, and International GCE/GCSE Exams under CAIE, PEARSON, AQA, OCR Boards)

5. ☐ Other School Leaving Exams   Help?
   (e.g. School Leaving Exams outside of UK & Ireland, Baccalaureate, Scottish Exams, pre-1985 Irish & UK exams, Leaving Cert Applied, Level 3 BTEC, GNVQs, VCEs, Irish Matric Exams, GCE/GCSE pre-2006, etc. - see help? link for further information)

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, FÝS 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 2023)

Please note: You will be required to supply additional information about your upcoming examinations or existing qualifications when you log in to your CAO Account. In May, you will be instructed by e-mail to verify that all of your examination and account information is correct. Ignoring this e-mail could have very serious consequences for your application.

Majority of students only have to tick this box

Course Choices (stored on the CAO computer)

Entry to 1st Year

N.B. An application should not be made for any course without first consulting the information literature of the institution offering that course.

Level 8 Course Choices:
None Selected.

Add Level 8 Course Choices »

Level 7/6 Course Choices:
None Selected.

Add Level 7/6 Course Choices »

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| MM | / | YY | | Security Code |

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| Cardholder Name |

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2023 Application Fees

All fees are non-refundable	FEE	CLOSING DATE
Normal Application (online or paper)	€45	1 Feb 2023 (17:00)
Online Discounted Rate	€30	20 Jan 2023 (17:00)
Late online application	€60	1 May 2023 (17:00)
Change of Mind	Nil	1 July 2023 (17:00)

It's Good Advice to Password Protect Your Account
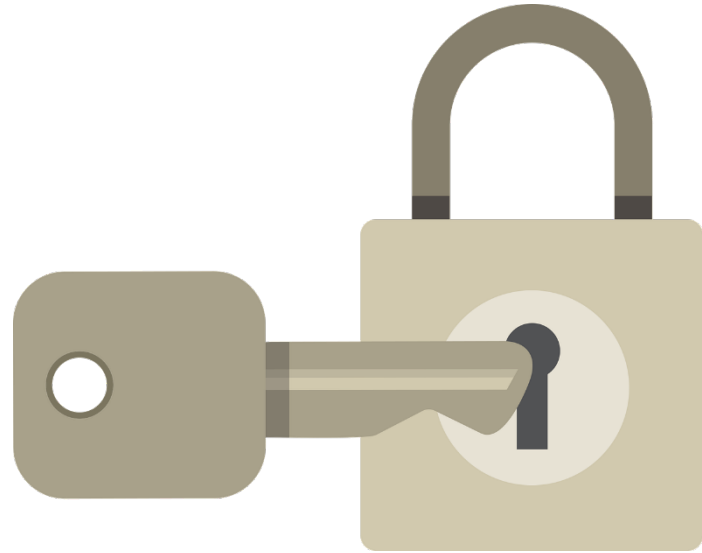
☐ I understand this form is for practice only and that no details will be sent to CAO.

Create Account Password :

Account Password   ••••••••••

Confirm Password   ••••••••••

Your Account Password must be at least eight 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.

Demo Application

Level 8 Course Choices

No courses selected.
Please enter all your course choices below, in order of preference.
You may type the course codes directly into the boxes below or click on the `Courses` button to select course codes.

N.B. Enter all courses for which you wish to apply.

New Choices
Enter your new list below

1. MH101
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.

> Courses in order of Genuine Preference

> Nothing goes on this form that you wouldn't be happy to accept, if offered

STOP

If you are a **Deferred Applicant** from last year, tick the following 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 2020 competition for places in the normal way.

Cancel   Continue with Course Choices (no details sent) »

SUSI - Maintenance/Fee Grant Application (Further Information)

All new student Maintenance/Fee Grant applications will be made online to SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland) through their website at www.susi.ie (see also www.studentfinance.ie).

Please refer to the SUSI web site for details of courses that may be eligible for student grant funding from SUSI.

If you wish to apply 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).

This is NOT your SUSI application

Modify Maintenance/Fee Grant Application Status »

Exemptions from Minimum Entry Requirements

If you are seeking exemption from minimum entry requirements, such as Irish or a third or modern language, you must contact the Admissions Office of the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) you are applying to (in the case of NUI institutions contact the NUI, see www.nui.ie for details).

If you wish to apply for an NUI exemption, you must also indicate this on your CAO online application. To indicate this on your CAO application, click the "Modify NUI Exemption Status" button below and follow the instructions. Please note: CAO plays no role in processing exemption applications.

Have you applied for your language exemption?

Modify NUI Exemption Status »

www.accesscollege.ie

Disability

Socio-Economic

DARE Application Timeline

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From November 2022	CAO applications open from **4 November 2022 at 12 noon**. 1. Review the DARE Handbook with your parent(s)/guardian(s). 2. Make a CAO application at www.cao.ie. 3. Fill in the online Supplementary Information Form (SIF) at www.cao.ie. 4. Complete your Educational Impact Statement with your school. 5. Gather your Evidence of Disability documentation.
By 1 February 2023	Apply to CAO by 17:00 on 1 February.
By 1 March 2023	1. You must indicate your wish to be considered for DARE by ticking **'Yes' to Question 1** of the Supplementary Information Form on www.cao.ie by 17:00 on 1 March. 2. You must complete Section A (Questions 1-5) of the Supplementary Information Form on www.cao.ie.
By 15 March 2023	You must return the **completed, signed AND stamped** 1. Educational Impact Statement (Section B) 2. Evidence of Disability (Section C) or other evidence of Disability to the **CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway** by 17:00. Make sure your documents are clear and can be easily read. Put your name and CAO number on all documents. Faxed/emailed documents are not accepted.
April – June 2023 Late June 2023	Assessment of DARE applications. You will be notified of the outcome of your DARE application by the end of June.
End June/Early July 2023	DARE Review and Appeals Application.
Early August 2023	Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the Review and Appeals application.
August 2023	Leaving Certificate Exam Results. Eligible DARE applicants compete for reduced points places. CAO Offers to eligible DARE applicants. Course offers are made and should be accepted through the CAO.
Late August/September 2023	Attend Orientation and register with Disability Support Services.

Real World Example

CAO Code	Title	2022 Course Entry Requirements and notes	Current Points 2022	Final points 2021	Approx Places 2022	DARE	HEAR	Graduate Entry	Mature	Progression	QQI-FET
DN100	Architecture	O6/H7 in Irish, English, another language, Mathematics and 2 other recognised subjects *Fees apply for the Master's portion of this course*	555*	553	57	✓	✓		✓	✓	
DN120	Landscape Architecture	O6/H7 in Irish, English, Mathematics and 3 other recognised subjects	440	430	27	✓	✓		✓		✓
DN130	City Planning and Environmental Policy	O6/H7 in Irish, English, Mathematics and 3 other recognised subjects	455	420	31	✓	✓		✓		
DN150	Engineering	H4 in Mathematics and H6 in a Laboratory Science subject and O6/H7 in Irish, English and 2 other recognised subjects	566	556*	265	✓	✓		✓	✓	
DN200	Science	O2/H6 in Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject (OR Geography OR Applied Mathematics OR Computer Science) and O6/H7 in Irish, English, and 2 other recognised subjects *For details of options available please see prospectus*	556	566	420	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

Multiple Access Points

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

Dream Courses

Realistic Courses

Safety Net

Genuine Order of Preference
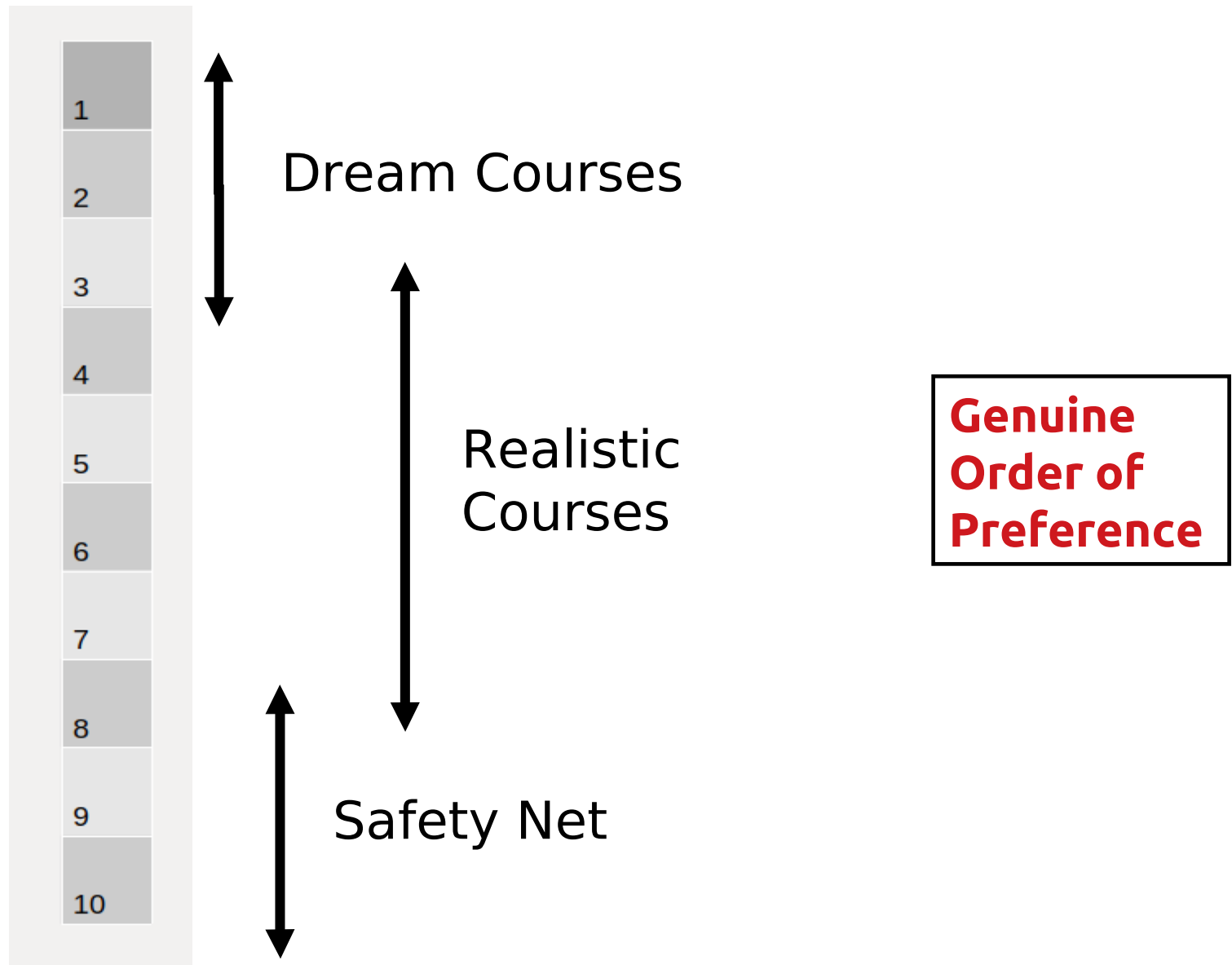
After Completing the Application

- 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. (FREE)

- Leaving Cert. Results are sent to CAO

- Places are allocated and offered online.

- Students accept, reject or defer offered places. (NEVER REJECT)

- Further rounds of offers are made until all course places are filled.

CAO Offer Timetable

- Mature/ deferrals in July / early Aug

- Leaving Certificate results – August , 2023??

- Round One Offers – (3 Days Later) August 2023??

- 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

CAO Class 2022

84,811
Total No. of Persons Applying

60,210
Leaving Certificate Candidates

43,137
Level 8 Acceptances

Leaving Certificate Applied Candidates: 3,173

Further Education (PLC) Applicants: 10,523
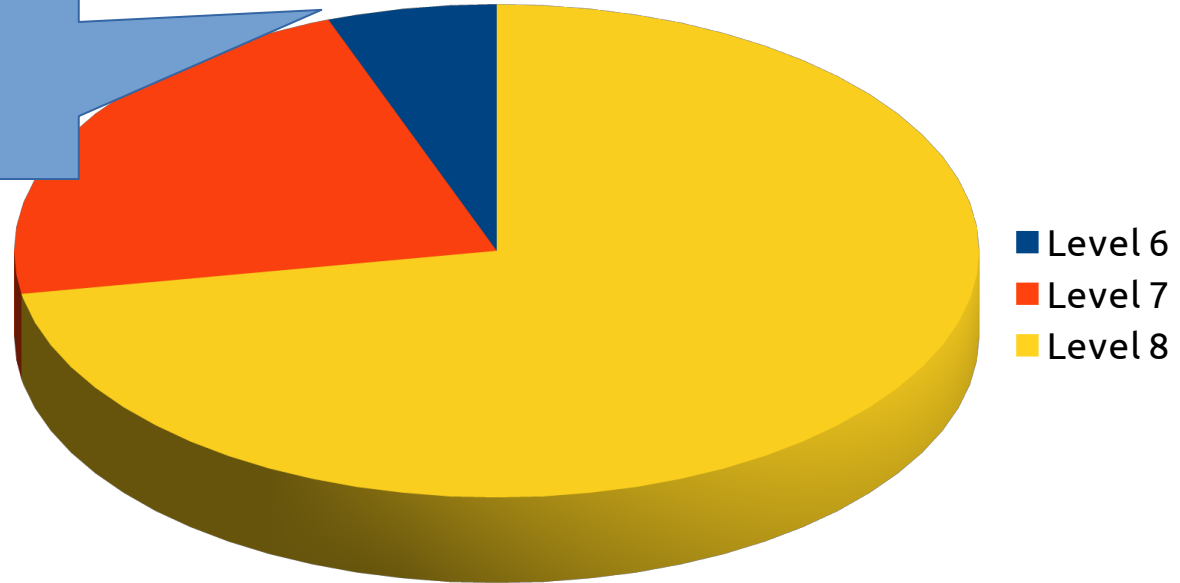
Repeat Leaving Certificate Applicants: 744

Degree Courses - First Preferences
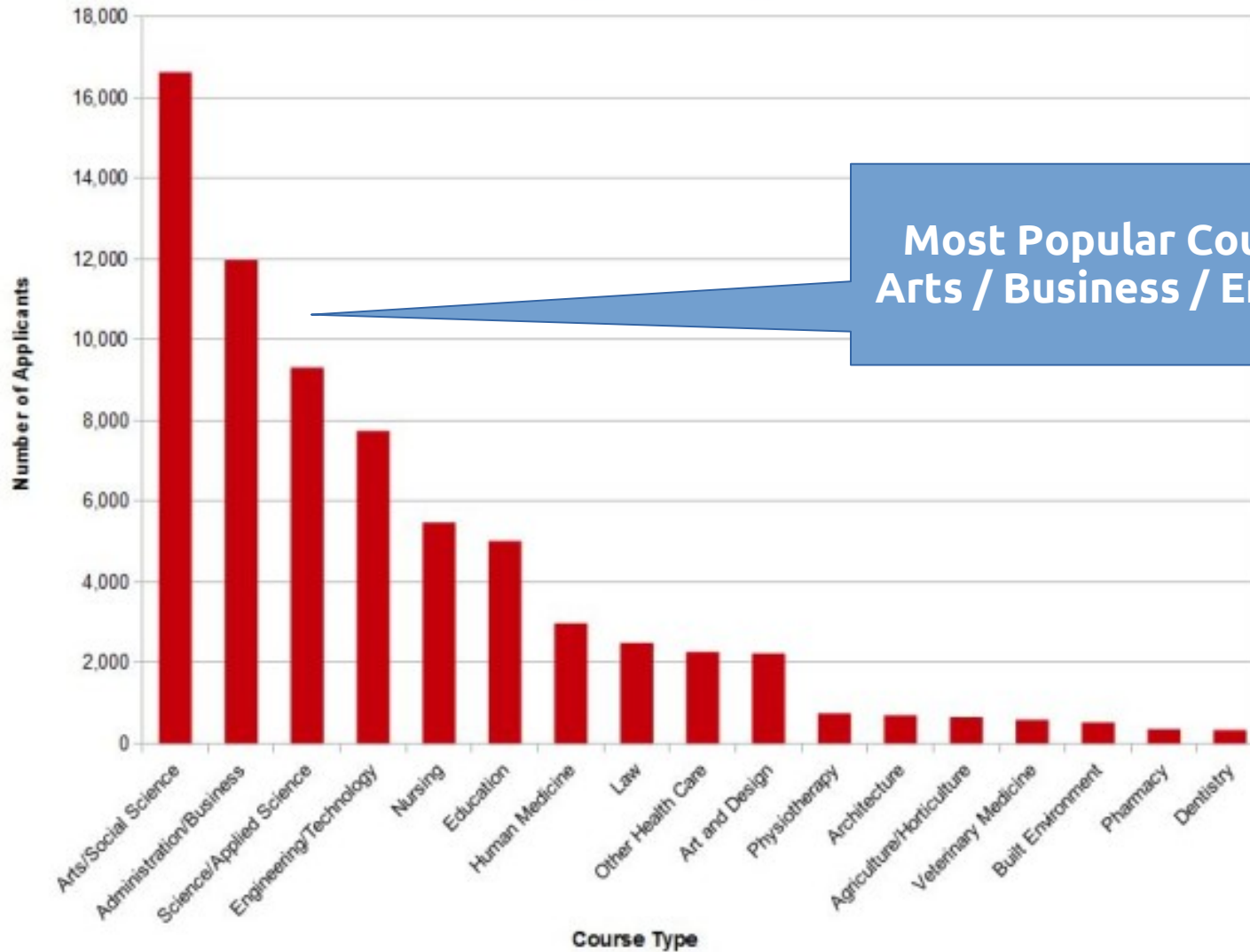
Most Popular Courses are:
Arts / Business / Engineering

Programme Offering by NFQ Level

There are still a number of level 6 / 7 courses available. Remember the ladder of progression.

- Level 6
- Level 7
- Level 8

Our Students and the CAO 2022

Total Number of Applicants	72
Total Number Receiving No Offer	7
Total Number of Level 8 Offers	55
Total Number with Acceptances of Level 8 Offer	31
Total Number of Level 7/6 Offer	46
Total Number with Acceptances of Level 7/6 Offer	10

Level 8

CW188	Sport Rehabilitation and Athletic Therapy	1
DC009	Arts: Joint Honours (Humanities)	1
DC230	Economics, Politics and Law	1
DC292	Arts: Joint Honours (Law)	1
DK816	Business Studies	1
DK846	Civil Engineering	1
DN100	Architecture	1
DN150	Engineering (Common Entry)	2
DN520	Joint Honours (options)	1
GA187	Rural Enterprise and Agri-Business	1
GA683	Agricultural Engineering	1
GY261	Business Studies (International Hotel Management, interview)	1
LC252	Civil Engineering Management	1
LM050	Business Studies (options)	1
MH101	Arts	4
MH202	Biotechnology	1
MH401	Finance (options)	1
MH502	Law (options)	1
PC410	Arts and Humanities (fulfils Teaching Council requirement)	1
RC006	Advanced Therapeutic Technologies	1
SG147	Sport with Business	1
TR060	Biological and Biomedical Sciences	1
TR209	Economics/Philosophy	1
TU811	Product Design	1
TU860	Computing (Information Technology)	1
TU942	Culinary Arts	1
TU955	Sports and Leisure Management	1
TU995	Early Childhood Education	1

Level 6/7

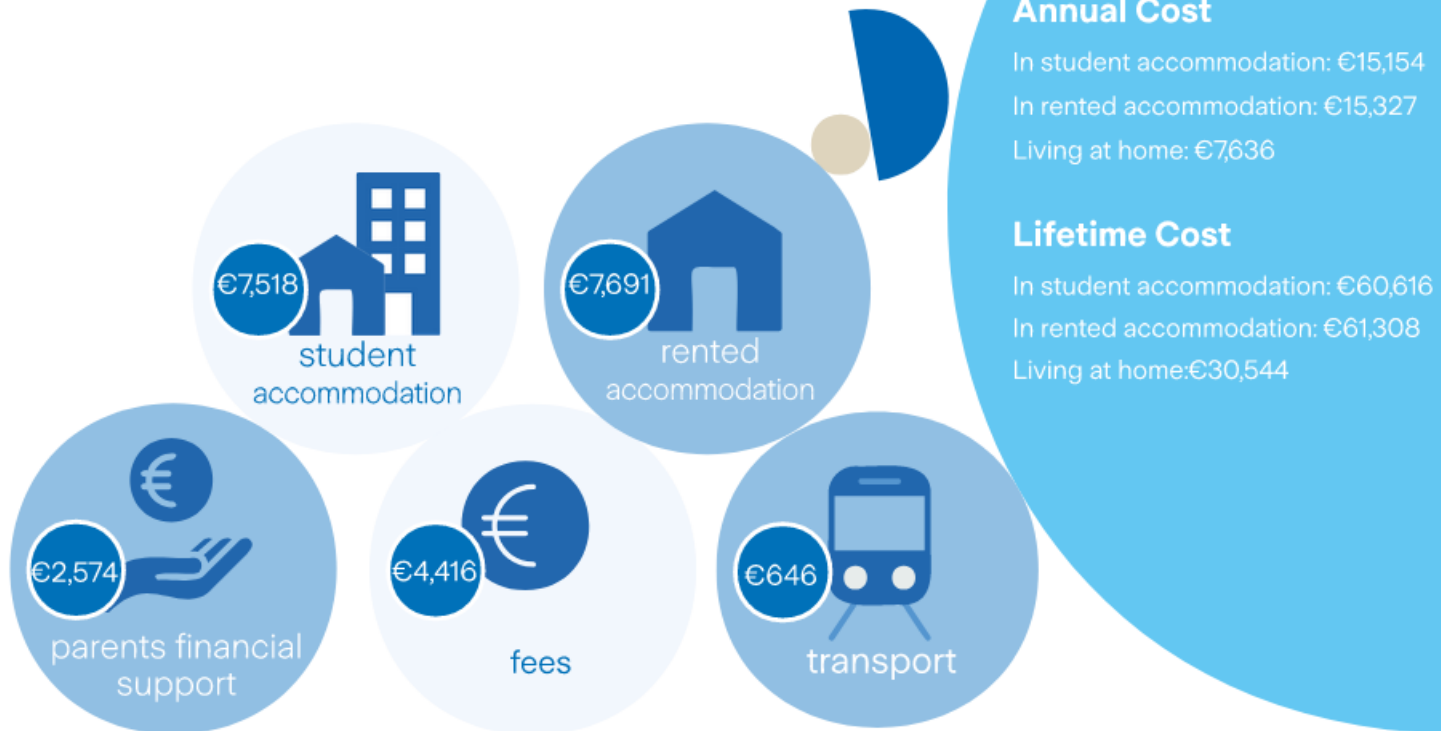|		
DK722	Augmented and Virtual Reality	1
DK742	Engineering - Mechanical Engineering	1
DK752	Event Management	1
DK763	Sport, Exercise and Enterprise	2
SG439	Environmental Science with Ecology (Level 7)	1
TU735	Sports Management and Coaching	1
TU772	Business (options)	1
WD094	Architectural Technology	1

Are there Non- CAO Options?

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

Our Most Popular PLC Options

Costs of College

Third Level

Annual Cost
In student accommodation: €15,154
In rented accommodation: €15,327
Living at home: €7,636

Lifetime Cost
In student accommodation: €60,616
In rented accommodation: €61,308
Living at home: €30,544

€7,518 student accommodation

€7,691 rented accommodation

€2,574 parents financial support

€4,416 fees

€646 transport

Comparative Costs of College

Shop Around

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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Welcome to studentfinance.ie!

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!

The Closing date to submit new applications for the 2014/2015 Academic year is 1st August 2014

Category Winner
Ireland's eGovernment Awards 2009
Winner of Ireland's Education eGovernment award 2009

Open April 2023

A word about 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

Sources of Information

- CAO Handbook & its warning
- Publications
- Guidance Counsellor / teachers
- Current students / graduates / people in that career
- Open Days - College visits
- Visitors to School
- Parents / older siblings
- YouTube and Social Media

Websites

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

Why is the CAO important?

Digital Transformation

- 1/3 jobs at high risk of disruption

- Majority of sectors growing over next five years but 46,000 less jobs available

- Sectors at risk are those with repetitive manual tasks: Agriculture, Retail/Transport/Hospitality, Manufacturing

- Mainly elementary low-skilled occupations

- Impact greatest on those with lower education levels

- Upskilling and lifelong learning are an imperative

Expert Group on
Future Skills Needs

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So, where are the jobs?

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).

Overall, more than eight out of 10 (81.9%) graduates from the Class of 2021 were in employment nine months after their graduation, up from 75.9% for the Class of 2020

Employment was found to be highest among education graduates (94.2%) and lowest for arts and humanities graduates (65%).

Graduates working in the Dublin region had the highest average salary nine months after graduation, at €35,317. This was followed by the Mid-West region at €33,481.

Graduates employed in the construction sector were the highest paid, receiving an average salary of €40,927. Those working in transportation and industry also reported average annual salaries of €39,468 and €38,362 respectively.
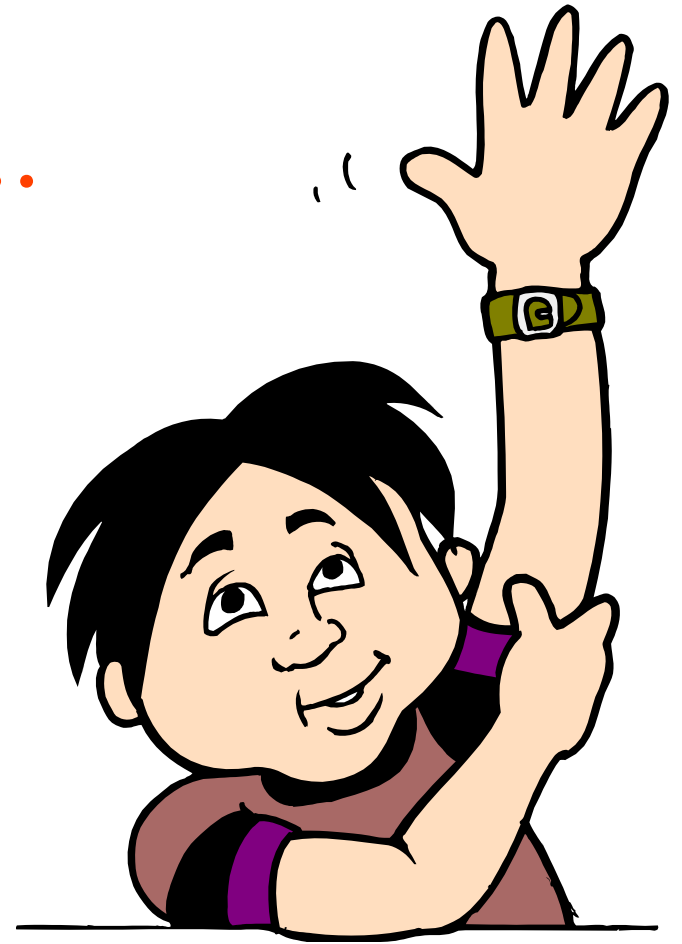
Graduates working in the accommodation and food services as well as the wholesale and retail trade sectors earned the least nine months after graduation.

When comparing like-for-like graduates, predicted earnings for male graduates stood at €39,320 while the predicted salary for female graduates stood at €36,899.

And Finally…

Any
Questions?

info@guidanceoffice.info

Doates@stciaranscs.ie