



6th Year Parents CAO/PLC Information Evening

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What do we want?

- ▶ The same as you.
- ▶ Your child to be happy
- ▶ Achieve their best and reach their potential
- ▶ Be ready for the world after secondary school.



What you need to do...

- ▶ **Encourage** your child to come to school every day –before assembly at 8.40am to organise their books
- ▶ Where possible **organise** appointments outside of school
- ▶ **Absence notes / Early Excuse Notes** in the **Dialann – This will be moving to Compass**
- ▶ **Monitor the Dialann** closely for positive/poor behaviours
- ▶ Review study habits /plans with your son/daughter
- ▶ Uniform



What we will do...

▶ Teaching and Learning

Our main goal is for your son/daughter to achieve to the utmost of their potential in Senior Cycle.

▶ Care

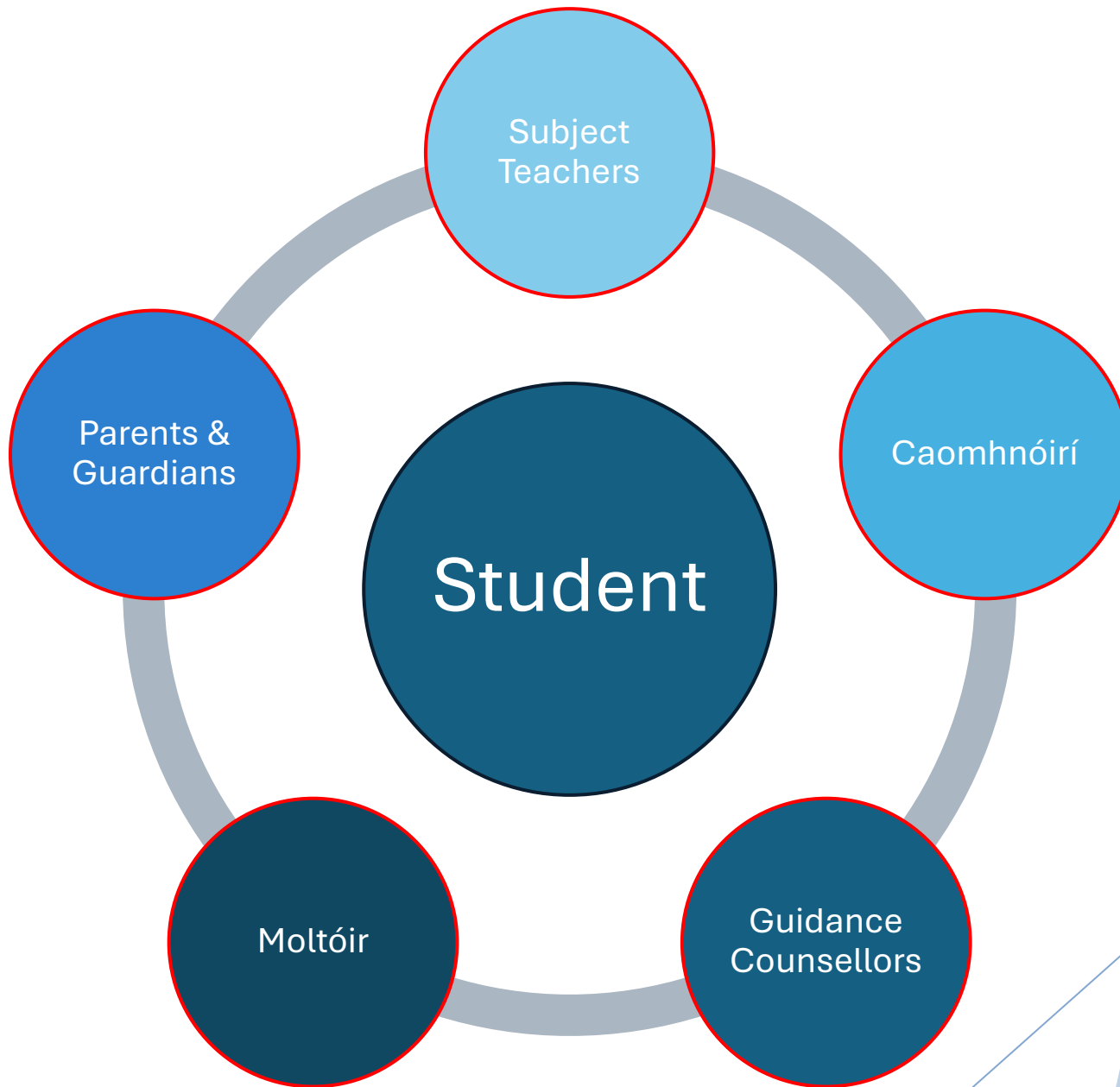
To achieve this, we will work with you to ensure your son/daughter remains happy, comfortable and confident in school

▶ Guidance

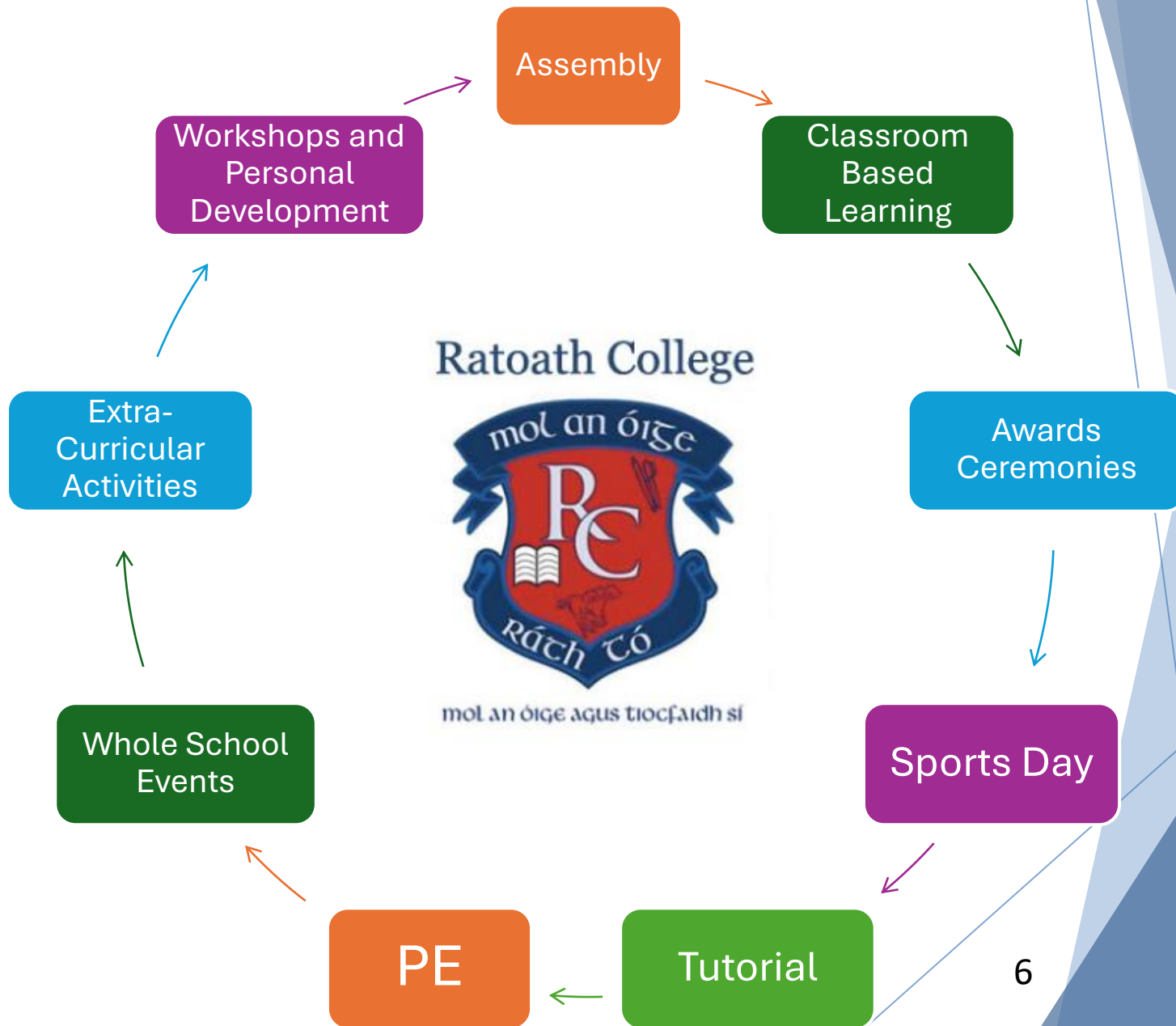
Post Leaving Cert Options & Pathways, The CAO, Wellbeing

▶ Communication

▶ A Holistic School Experience



A Holistic School Experience



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Good Goals Are:

S	Specific	What, exactly, do you want to achieve. Avoid Generalisation
M	Measurable	How are you going to measure/quantify achievement of this goal?
A	Attainable	Is this goal realistic? Are you in control of it?
R	Relevant	Is this goal worthwhile?
T	Time-limited	What is the realistic timeframe to achieve this goal?

Important Dates

- ▶ 6th year Parent Teacher Student Meeting – November 21st
- ▶ CAO registering - 5th Nov
- ▶ Mock Exams – January 13th – January 24th
- ▶ Orals & Practical Exams - Easter





***Looking Forward to June 2025
Leaving Certificate Graduation Ceremony –
Monday May 19th***

***“No one can reap the fruit
without planting the tree”***



Agenda

- ▶ Applicant's responsibility
- ▶ National Framework of Qualifications
- ▶ PLC (Post Leaving Cert) courses
- ▶ Apprenticeships
- ▶ Entry requirements and points system
- ▶ HEAR/DARE -Access routes
- ▶ SUSI Grant
- ▶ Study abroad or the UK
- ▶ Making a CAO application
- ▶ Allocation of places
- ▶ Important dates 2024/25
- ▶ Dos and Don'ts of the CAO application

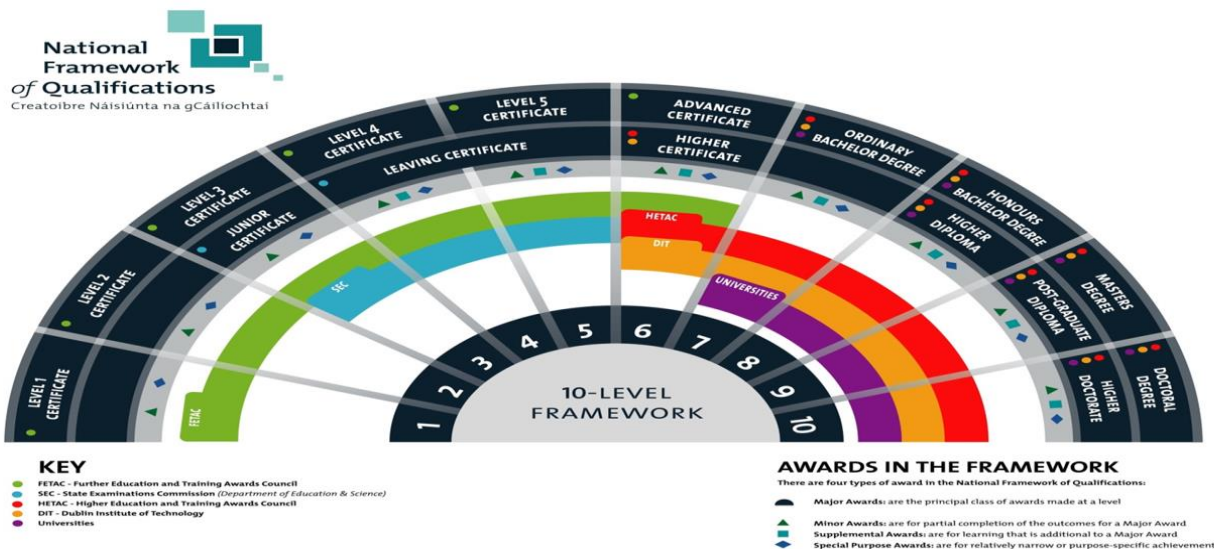


Applicant's Responsibility

- ▶ Research, Research, Research!!!
- ▶ Open Days – attend at weekends
- ▶ Complete Interest Tests/Identify talents and skills
- ▶ Consider subjects you enjoy
- ▶ Guidance Appointments
- ▶ www.careersportal.ie
- ▶ Be familiar with how to make an application
- ▶ PLCs - **Separate application**

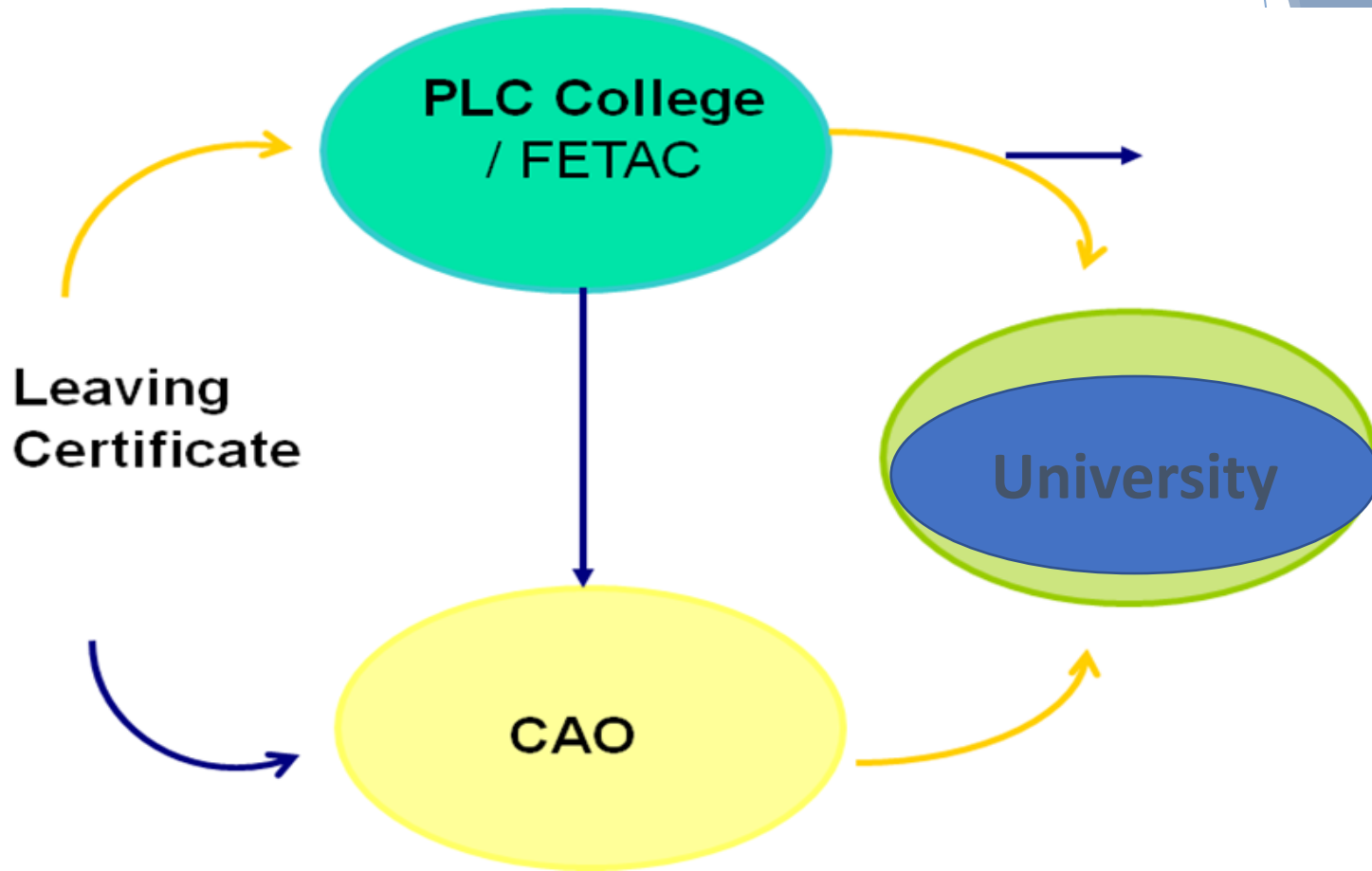
National Framework of Qualifications

- ▶ Students can apply for 3 levels of award on their CAO application
 - ▶ Level 8 Honours Degree
 - ▶ Level 7 Ordinary Degree
 - ▶ Level 6 Higher Certificate
- ▶ Opportunity to apply for 20 courses
 - ▶ Ten level 8 choices
 - ▶ Ten level 6 & 7 choices
- ❖ PLCs are level 5 – Not on CAO but there is information regarding courses



PLC Courses

- ▶ Small classes and support services
- ▶ Small fee
- ▶ Wide range of courses on offer
- ▶ Only one year long with certification on completion
- ▶ Gain confidence and maturity
- ▶ Graduate with a level 5 (Level 6 for a two-year course)
- ▶ Can progress onto third level (CAO)

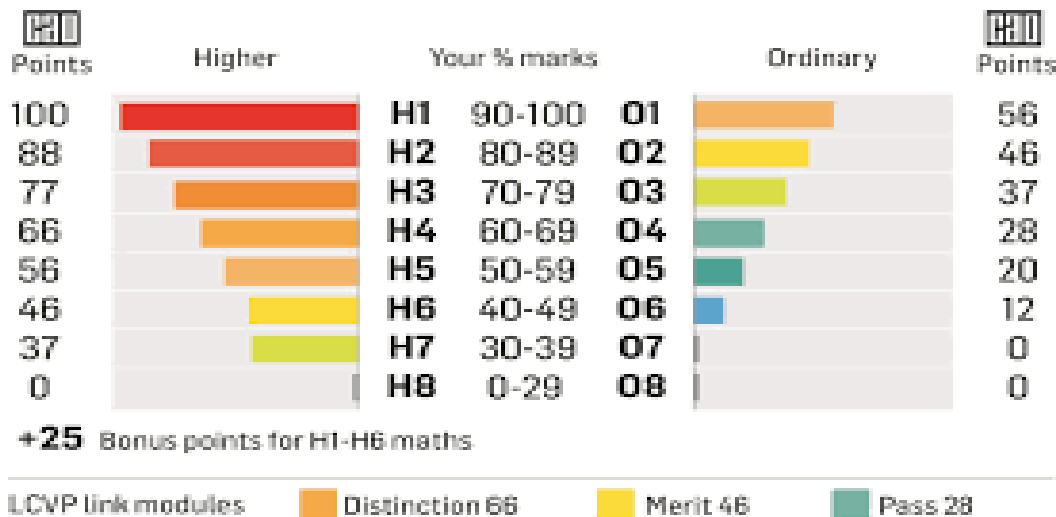


Course Entry Requirements

- ▶ Minimum entry requirements
 - ▶ NUIs (Maynooth, UCD, U Galway, UCC)
 - ▶ 2H5 & 4 H7/06
 - ▶ Pass at HL or OL in English, Irish Maths and a 3rd language
- ▶ Specific Entry Requirements
 - ▶ E.g. H4 Irish - Primary Teaching (English & Maths 04/H7)
 - ▶ Human Nutrition & Dietetics (TUD) H4 Chemistry
 - ▶ Computer Science (TCD) H4 Maths

Points System

- ▶ Points are calculated from ONE sitting of the Leaving Cert
- ▶ Points are awarded for highest 6 subjects
- ▶ 25 bonus points awarded for HL Maths (Being one of your best 6 after you add the bonus points)
- ▶ Entry requirements can be achieved over more than one sitting





Disability Access Route To Education

The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a college and university admissions scheme which offers places on a reduced points basis to school leavers with disabilities/learning difficulties/ongoing illness.



The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) is a college and university admissions scheme which offers places at reduced points to school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

www.accesscollege.ie



DARE

DARE | DISABILITY
ACCESS
ROUTE TO
EDUCATION

- The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education.
- Eligibility (Must have Evidence of Disability), eg Physical, Mental Health, SLD's
- The SLD report or school based testing must also have been completed in the last two years.
- DARE offers reduced course points (Supply & Demand)
- Tick the HEAR box on the CAO application and application to be completed, along with supporting documentation by 15th March
- 3 Sections:
Part A – completed on CAO application by the student and/or parent/guardian
Part B – completed by Guidance counsellor using the EIS form
Part C – evidence e.g. a report OR form to be completed by medical professional
- www.accesscollege.ie



HEAR



Six Indicators

- Income falls below a certain limit
- Medical/GP Visit card
- Means tested Social Welfare
- Socio Economic group under - represented in higher education
- Attend a DEIS School
- Area Profile

This is separate to a SUSI grant



SUSI Grant



- ▶ Student Universal Support Ireland (**SUSI**) is Ireland's national awarding authority for all further and higher education grants.
- ▶ **SUSI** offers funding to eligible students.
- ▶ Online www.susi.ie
- ▶ <https://susi.ie/eligibility-reckoner-app-irish/index.html>
- ▶ Opens in April 2025 based on household income 2024.



Apprenticeships

A craft apprenticeship will generally last for 4 years, during which time you will spend 3 different periods in off-the-job training.

New apprenticeships in ICT, finance and hospitality include software development and accounting technician.

Steps in Securing an Apprenticeship

1. Research- www.apprenticeships.ie
2. Contact local ETB
3. Find an Employer/ Service Provider
4. Make an application (by online application or Cover Letter and Curriculum Vitae)

Study Abroad in the UK

Students wishing to study in the UK apply directly to the college their wish to attend.

Visit <http://www.eunicas.ie/> to research courses.

Students wishing to study in the UK must apply through the UCAS system:

<http://wwwucas.com/>

Fees for these institutions and courses abroad/UK vary. You should check out the specific college websites to find out more.



Central Applications Office (CAO)

The CAO is the organisation responsible for overseeing most undergraduate applications in the Republic of Ireland. The primary mission of the **Central Applications Office** is to centrally process applications in a fair and efficient manner.

- ▶ Apply online – Online facility opened on 6th November 2023
- ▶ 20th January - €30 (5:00pm)
- ▶ 1st February - €45 (5:00pm)
- ▶ 3rd February - 1st March amend courses (€10 fee)
- ▶ 1st May - €60 (5:00pm) **Late online application**
- ▶ Change of mind: 5th May – 1st July (free of charge)
- ▶ Before end of May **Statement of Record** sent to all applicants (Contact CAO if you don't receive it)
- ▶ Restricted courses to be included by February 1st

These are clearly identified in the handbook e.g. Drama, Music, Medicine, Art

- ▶ **September** - Leaving Cert Results/Round 1 Offers issued and Round 2 Offers issued



Making a CAO Application

- ▶ www.cao.ie Click apply (PDF of CAO Booklet online)
- ▶ Personal Information, pay and create an account/password.
 - ▶ CAO number/password – log in
 - ▶ Course Choices
 - ▶ Qualifications and Assessment – LC 2023
 - ▶ HEAR/DARE – Tick a box if you wish to be considered for either

List your courses in genuine order of preference

- ▶ **TWO course** lists allowing 10 choices in each:
 - ▶ Level 8
 - ▶ Level 6/7

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2
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Dream Courses

Realistic Courses

Safety Net Courses



After Making an Application

- ▶ Receive confirmation of your application
- ▶ Some students may be called for extra assessments/Interview
- ▶ Change of Mind facility becomes available May 2025 – use sparingly and carefully, this closes on July 1st 2025
- ▶ **Statement of Application Record emailed before end of May-Inform CAO if you don't get this**
- ▶ Leaving Certificate results are sent to CAO
- ▶ Places are allocated and offered by post and online
- ▶ Students accept, reject or defer offered places (You can only move up on the list)
- ▶ You may be offered 2 places, one from level 8 and 1 from level 6/7
- ▶ Further rounds of offers are made until all course places are filled



Allocation of Places

Order	Course	Course Points	Student's Points	Eligible
1	UCD Commerce	502	466	NO
2	DCU Business	468	466	NO
3	TCD BESS	505	466	NO
4	Maynooth Business	423	466	YES
5	TU Business & Law	470	466	No
6	NCI Business	290	466	YES
7	DCU Global Business	470	466	NO
8	NCI Marketing	200	466	YES
9	TU Business	250	466	YES
10	Dundalk IT Business	300	466	YES

All courses below offered course are removed.

Order	Course	Course Points	Student's Points	Eligible
1	UCD Commerce	502	466	NO
2	DCU Business	468	466	NO
3	TCD BESS	505	466	NO
4	Maynooth Business	405	466	YES

Round 2 – points drop on some courses

Order	Course	Course Points Round 1	Course Points Round 2	Student's Points	Eligible
1	UCD Commerce	502	490	466	NO
2	DCU Business	468	465	466	YES
3	TCD BESS	505	510	466	NO
4	Maynooth Business	405	395	466	YES



Important Dates 2024/25

- ▶ **20th January** Apply by this date to avail of the discounted fee of €30
- ▶ **1st February** Normal closing date for applications (€45)
Change of Mind - 5th February (12:00 noon) to 1st March (17:15) €10 Fee
- ▶ **1st March** Deadline for online application HEAR/DARE (On CAO application)
- ▶ **15th March** Deadline for submission of documentation to arrive in CAO
- ▶ **5th May** Change of Mind facility opens (Free of charge)
- ▶ **Before End May** Statement of Record sent to all applicants (**Contact CAO if you don't receive it**)
- ▶ **1st July** Change of Mind facility closes
- ▶ **September** Leaving Cert Results
- ▶ Round 1 Offers issued and Round 2 Offers issued

Dos and Don'ts



DOs



DON'Ts

- ▶ Do list your choices in order of **preference** and not points.
- ▶ Don't guess what the points are going to be for a course.
- ▶ Don't overestimate/underestimate your Leaving Cert results.
- ▶ Do attend college/university Open Days.
- ▶ Do consider level 6/7 & PLCs – remember the Framework of Qualifications.
- ▶ Do continue meetings with Guidance Counsellor.
- ▶ Don't base your choice on one college, it may not have the exact course you are looking for. Think of all options!
- ▶ Don't forget to research the course details/entry requirements.
- ▶ Don't panic!! The change of mind facility is available!

Current provisions and resources

- Weekly **Guidance** Class with Guidance Counsellor
- All 6th Students will receive **1-1 Career Apt** by Mid-term

Ms. Brooks (Smyth, Toher, McCormack, O'Hanlon, K.Conlon)

Ms. Canty (Sansom, McKenna, Applied Maths students)

- All students have received their interview profile booklet
- Individual College Prospectus on college websites or in the Guidance library
- Careers Fair -28th Nov 2024
- UCAS meetings & applications- every Thursday lunch-time
- DARE & HEAR will be done with students before deadline
- Students will always be updated in their class team/guidance & Tutorial class.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions

