Note: It is the applicants responsibility to research fully
And verify information needed. Items on this Powerpoint
may change or have changed, it is intended to be used only as a guide.

Coláiste Rís

Leaving Certificate Information Evening
11th January 2020
Mr. Mc Nicholas

My Intention for this Evening:

- Applicants Responsibilities- Using Guidance Resources.
- General Points Regarding the CAO.
- Entry Requirements and the Points System.
- Making an Application.
- How Places are Allocated by CAO.
- After submitting the Application.
- Other Options- PLC
- Apprenticeships
- HEAR: Higher Education Access Route.
- DARE: Disability Access Route to Education.
- Exemptions

It is the Applicants Responsibility to:

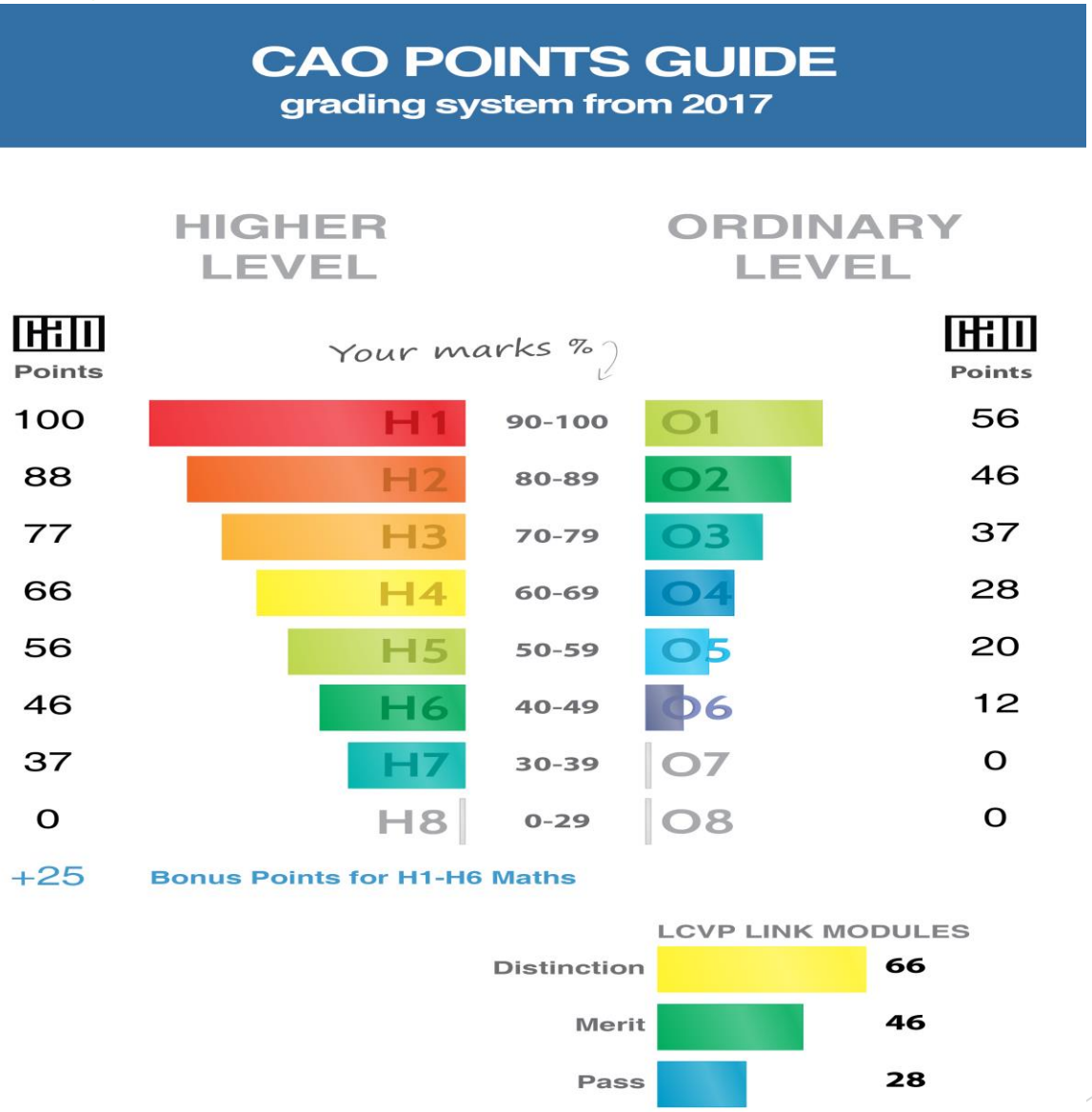
- Research thoroughly all the courses for which he/she is making application.

- Be ‘au fait’ with all aspects of the application system used (CAO) for these courses, i.e., procedures, dates, fees, rules, etc... (all in white pages of CAO Handbook)
- Fee €3,000 a year (Contribution Fee). Private colleges pay more
- 1 in 7 Stats
- Look at Modules in course- Engineering(maths) and Psychology (maths)…Music (bit of maths)
- Dropout after deadline €8,000

Students- Researching Appropriate Courses that will Interest them.

- Virtual Higher Options
- Weekly careers classes- Talks- Maynooth, DCU, TUD, DKIT
- 20/30mins Daily Research- Jump in…do not be afraid!
- Third Level Open Days- A Must! Recorded on College websites
- Third Level Prospectus
- CAO Alerts list- New Courses/ Removed Courses
- Guidance Newsletter- App and Careers and News Newsletter
- University/College websites
- Talk to Family/ Friends/ Work Shadow if possible
- School Liaison Officers talks from Universities/Colleges
- Individual consultations with Guidance Counsellor- one to one appointments

New Points System- Pick Your Best Six Results !

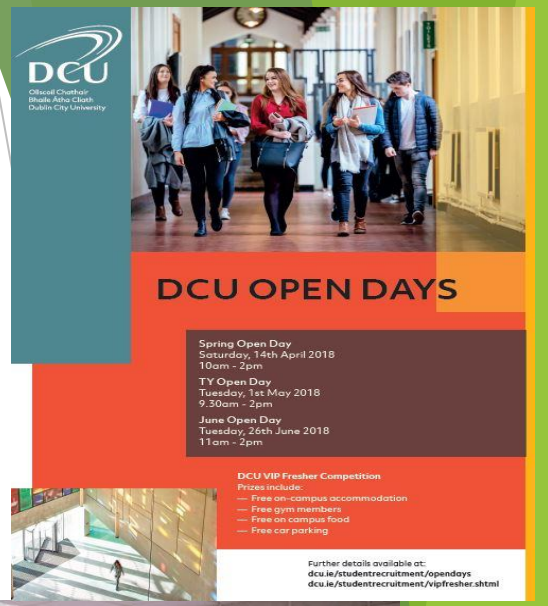


Note: p.17 Of CAO Handbook

CAREERSPORTAL.ie
Ireland's Leading Career Guidance Website

Useful Resources

To assist with Course Research / Application



Publications

- College Prospectuses – 2021 Entry
- CAO Handbook 2021
- University/College Websites – go to open days!

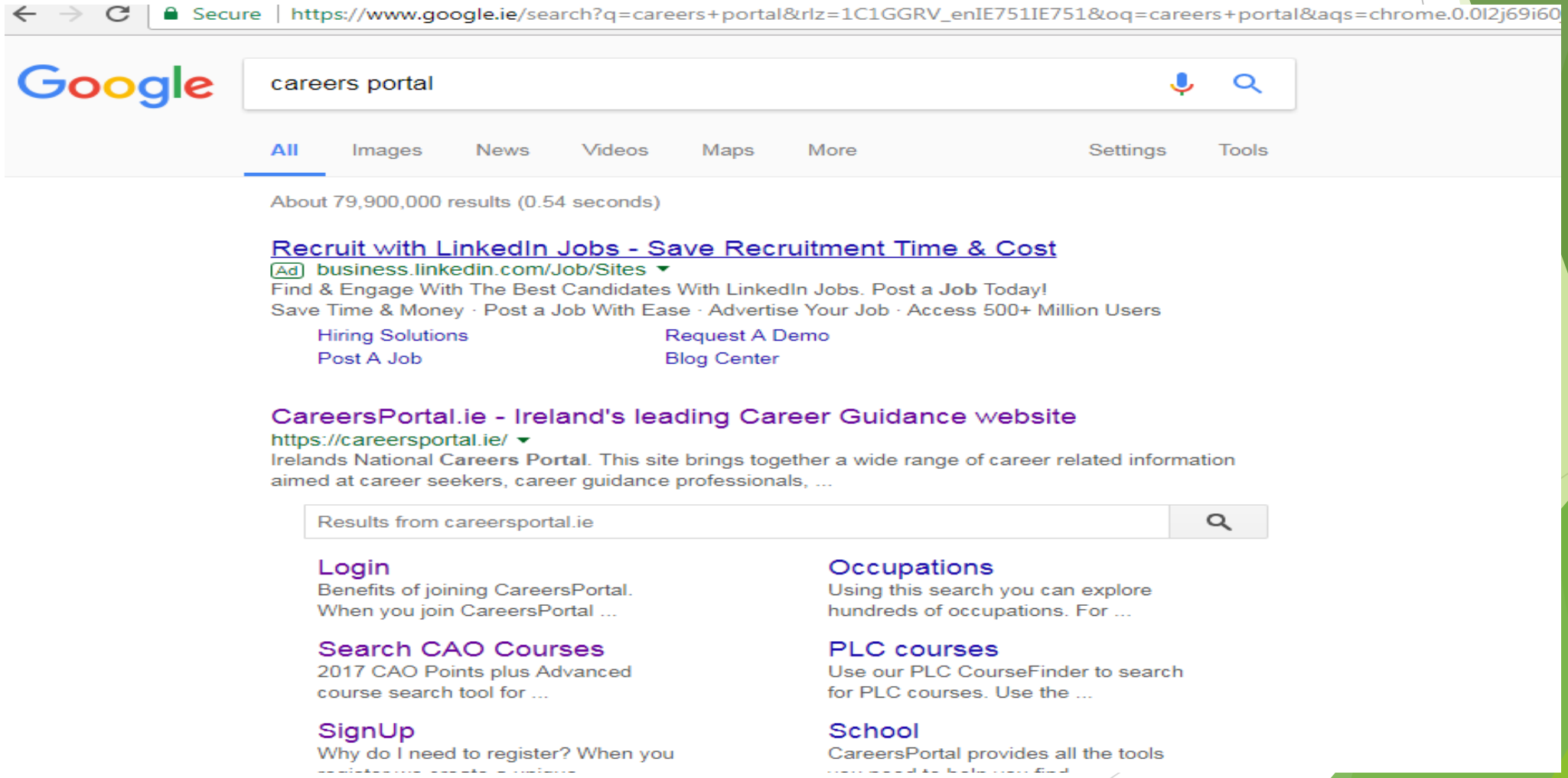
Newspapers

- **The Irish Times**
  - Tuesdays -Education Section- Brian Mooney
- **The Irish Independent**
  - Wednesday- Careers Articles – Aoife Walsh

On Line Resources

- Qualifax
- Careers Portal
- Allow students/ parents to check-points, entry requirements, summary of course, career progression, Youtube clips of students studying the course, Level of courses etc.

Careers Portal- Checking Courses with your Son/ Daughter



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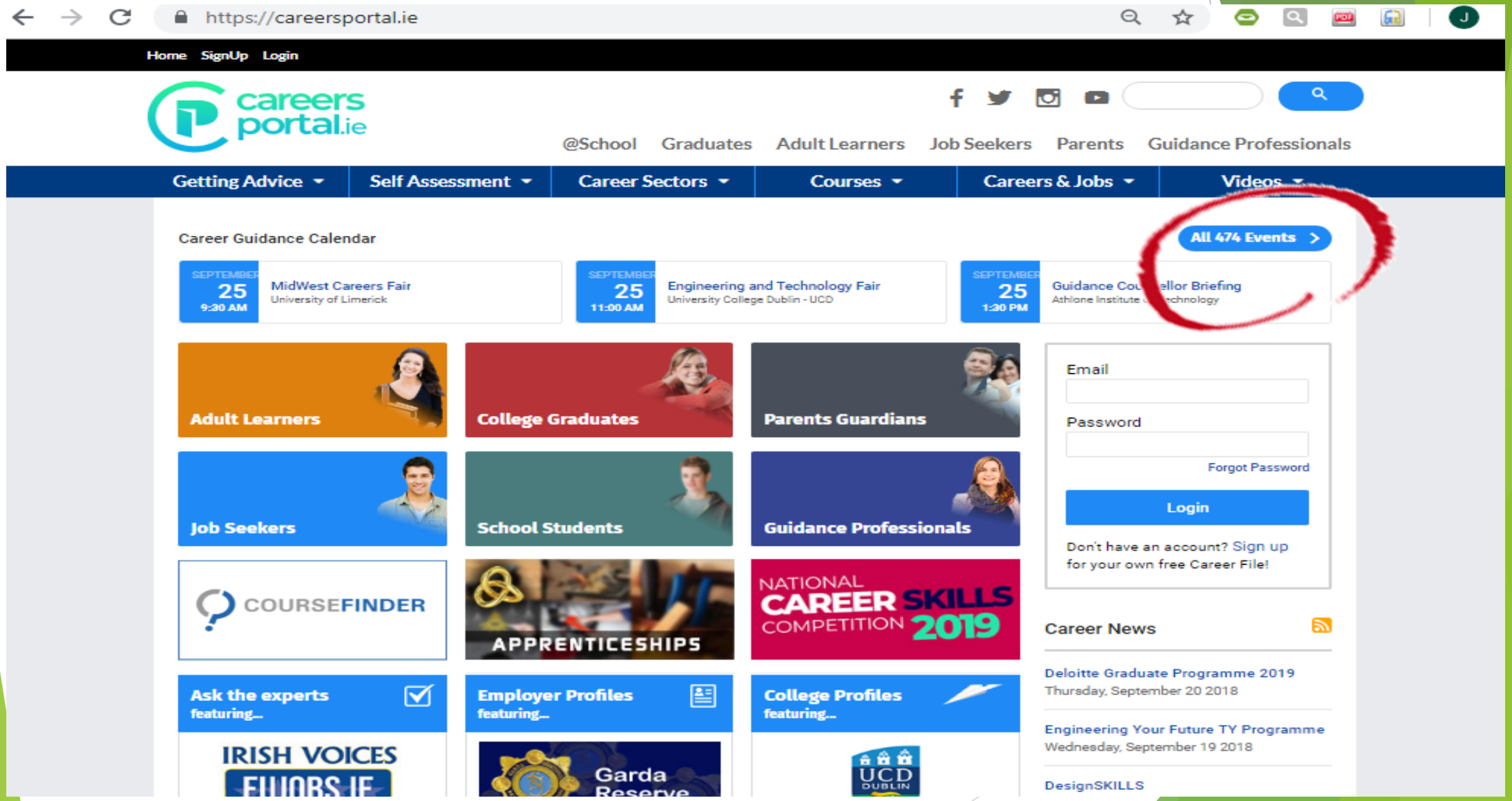
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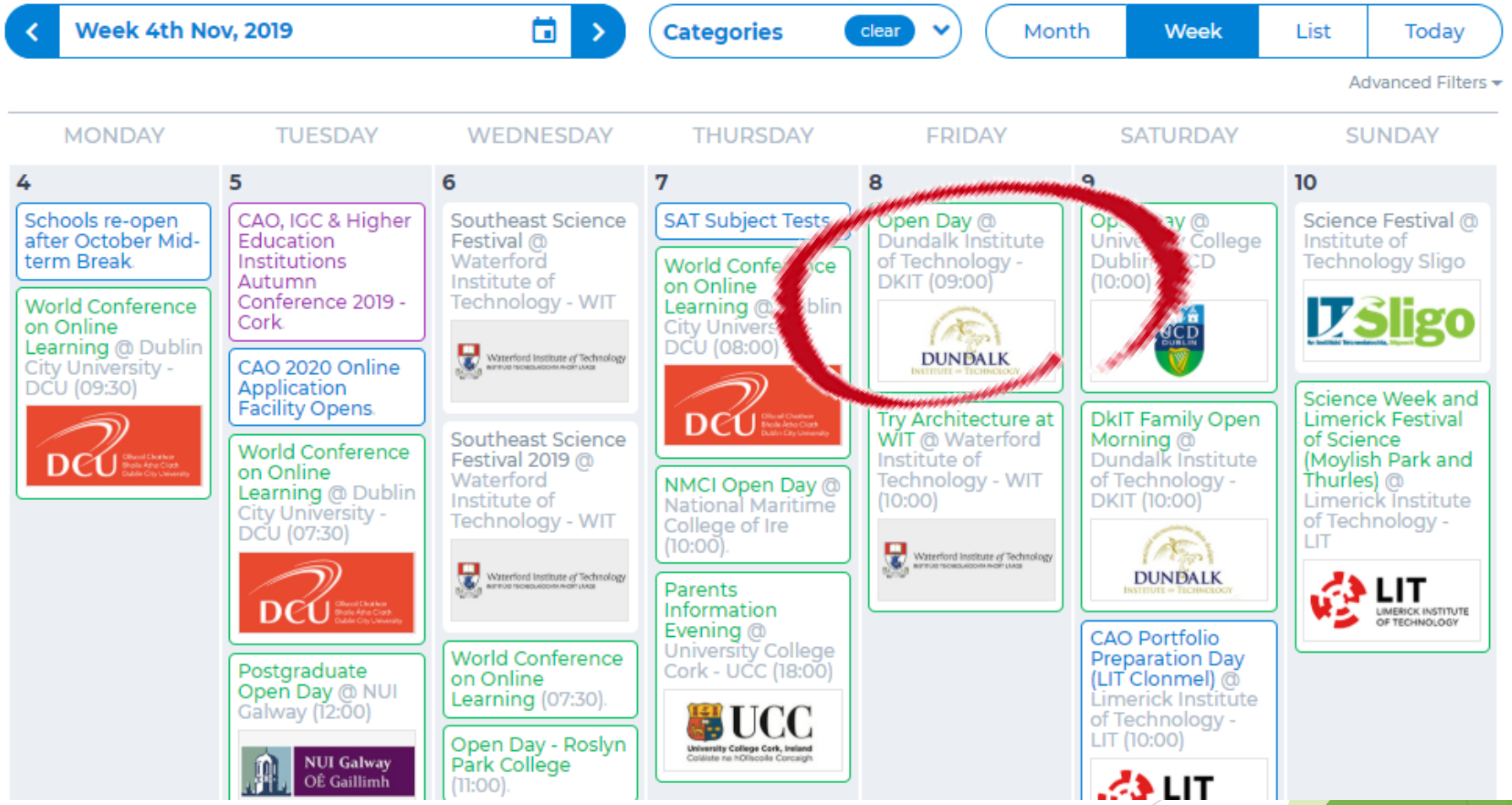

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COURSEFINDER

Course Finder

Use our CourseFinder to search for Further & Higher Education courses in Ireland. Use the filters to narrow down your preferences. Click on the star to add a course to your favourites. Your favourites will be saved to your Career File if you are logged in.

Search Fetchcourses.ie

Filter by: Clear All

Course Name or Code

Example: 'ani' will find animal and mechanical.

My favourites

Course Type

- PLC (Further Education)
- CAO (Higher Education)
- Direct Entry (Higher Education)

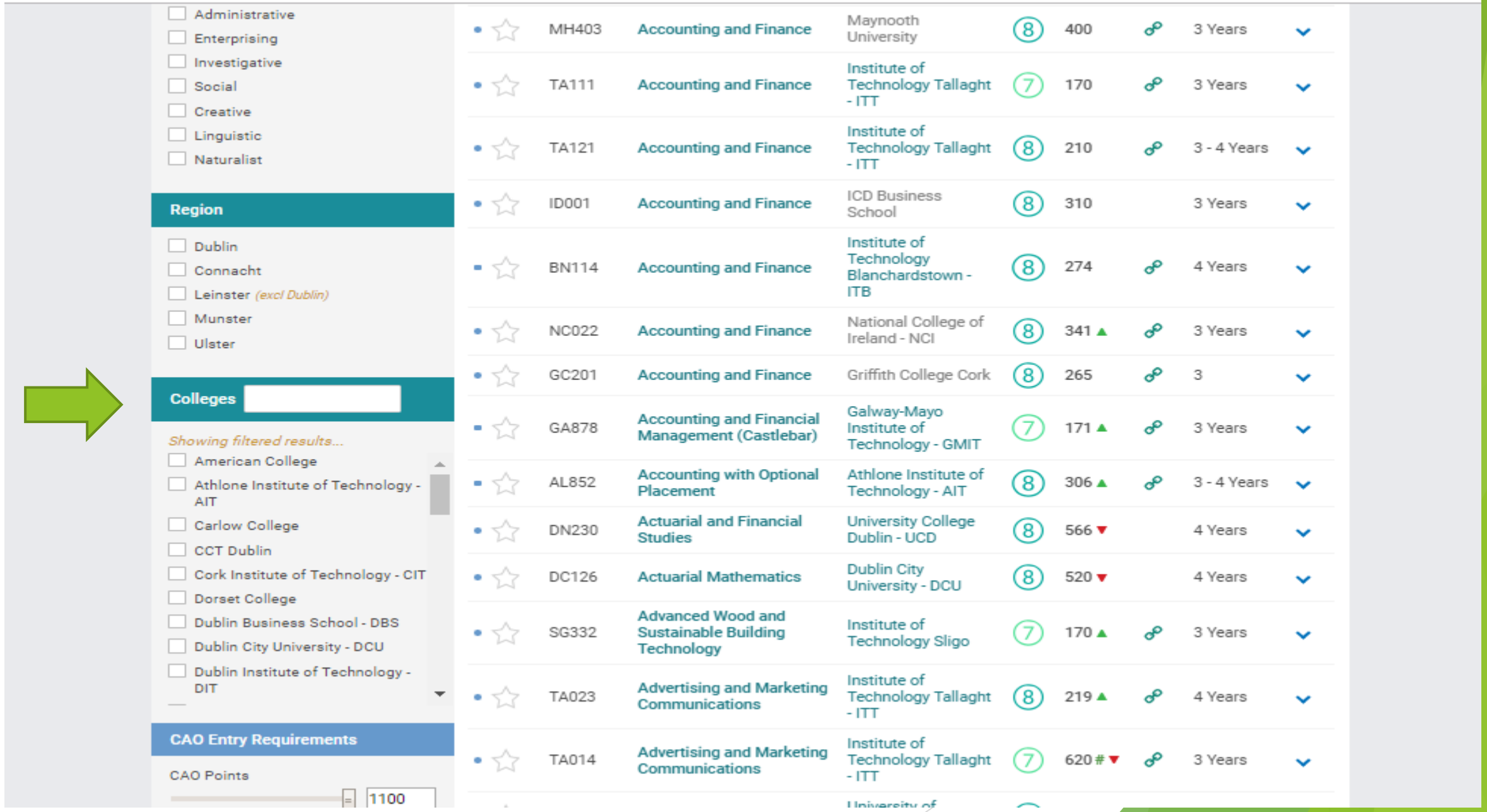
Found **4140** courses

Sort by Course Title

Print

	Code	Course Title	College	Level	Points 2020	QQI Link?	Years
☆	PLC 5M2208 CI061	3D Design & Graphics	Cavan Institute	5			1 Year
☆	PLC 5M5048 ME	3D Game Design	Bray Institute of Further Education	5			1 Year
☆	INHEF-ABI	Ability	Dublin City University - DCU	...			8 weeks
☆	PLC 5M3114 APFC	Access Course for Higher Education Young Adults (TAP)	Liberties College	5			1 Year

Other Way to Filter- By College



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My favourites

Course Type clear

- PLC (Further Education)
- CAO (Higher Education)
- Direct Entry (Higher Education)
- Apprenticeship Courses

Course Level clear

Found **27** courses

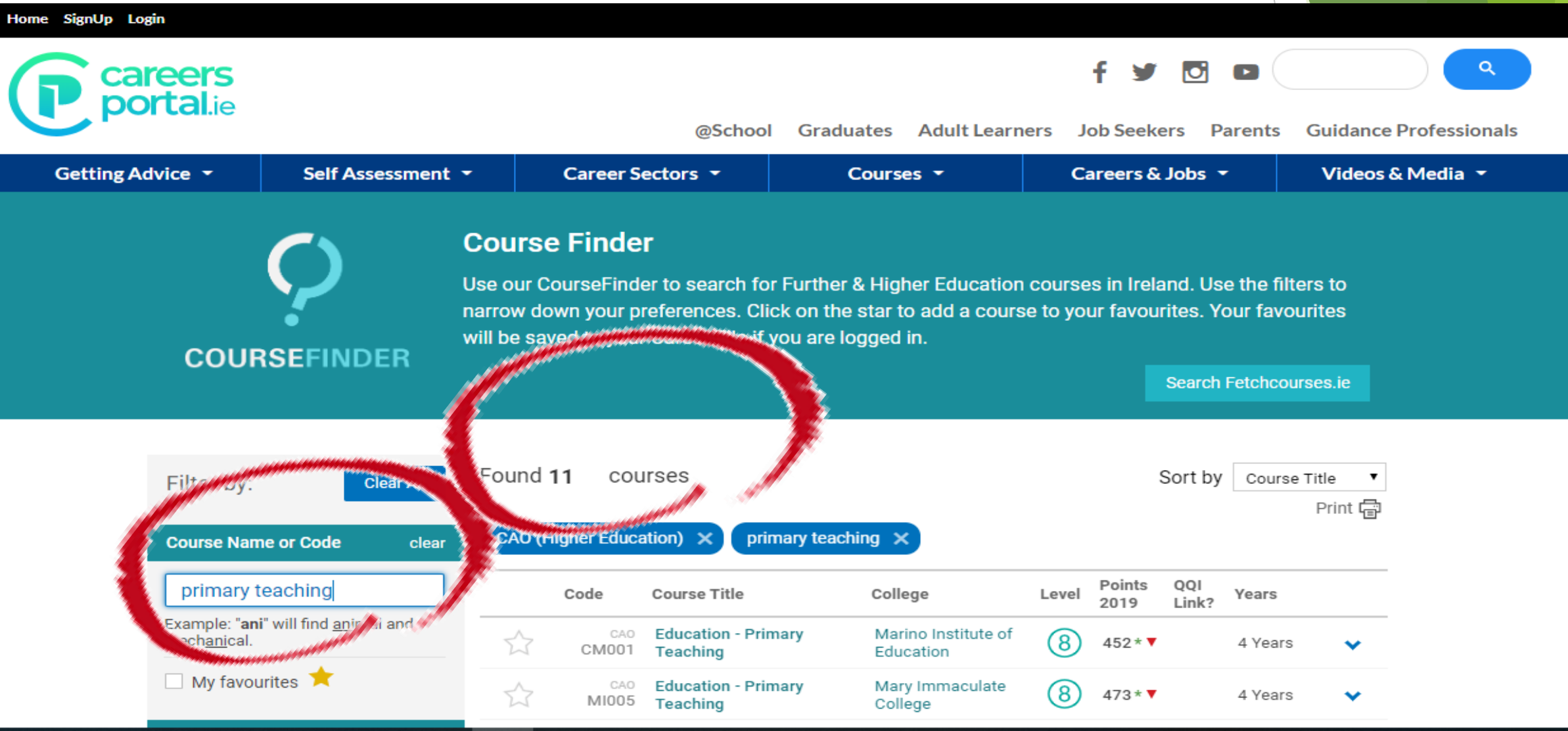
Sort by Course Title

Print

CAO (Higher Education) ✕ Level 8 ✕ Dundalk Institute of Technology - DKIT ✕

Code	Course Title	College	Level	Points 2019	QQI Link?	Years
CAO DK810	Accounting and Finance	Dundalk Institute of Technology - DKIT	8	306 ▲		3 Years
CAO DK882	Agriculture	Dundalk Institute of Technology - DKIT	8	303 ▼		4 Years
CAO DK831	Architectural Technology	Dundalk Institute of Technology - DKIT	8	301		4 Years
CAO DK865	Audio and Music Production	Dundalk Institute of Technology - DKIT	8	301 ▼		4 Years
CAO DK830	Building Surveying	Dundalk Institute of Technology - DKIT	8	302 ▲		4 Years
CAO DK816	Business Studies	Dundalk Institute of Technology - DKIT	8	300 ▼		3 Years

One Way to Filter- Entre Actual Course for example *Primary Teaching*



CAO (Higher Education)

Degree - Honours Bachelor

Education - Primary Teaching

Dublin City University - DCU

Add to favourites

Course Code	Career Zone	Level	NFQ Type	Duration	Attendence	CAO Points 2019 r2	Points Change
DC002	1 2 3 4 5	QQI 8	Major	4 Years	Full Time	462	

Course Summary

Entry Requirements

QQI FET/FETAC Links

The Student

Course Summary

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The DCU Incorporation with St Patrick's College, Drumcondra and Mater Dei Institute Explained

School Placements

In this course you will gain the skills required to handle the complex, challenging and ever-changing primary education environment.

The course will enable you to develop your subject knowledge of the Primary School Curriculum, deepen your understandings of how children learn and how schools work, and also provide an opportunity to develop your classroom management skills.

You will be prepared to teach in the full range of primary schools including Gaelscoileanna, Educate Together and Community National Schools.

Course Details

College Link > DC002 - Education - Primary Teaching

Colleges often have information about the course on their own website, along with other useful information relating to the college.
(Note: Not always available)

RELATED COURSES

Education - Primary Teaching
Marino Institute of Education
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Education Studies
Marino Institute of Education
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Physical Education with Mathematics
Dublin City University - DCU
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Montessori Education
St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Early Childhood Education
Marino Institute of Education
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Early Childhood Education
Dublin City University - DCU
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Education - Primary Teaching - (Church of Ireland Centre)
Dublin City University - DCU
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Bachelor of Education in Gaeilge, and French or German or Spanish
Dublin City University - DCU
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Baitsiléir san Oideachas Trí Mheán na Gaeilge (Bunmhúinteoireacht)
Marino Institute of Education
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Baitsiléir san Oideachas Trí Mheán na Gaeilge (Bunmhúinteoireacht) - Gaeltacht Applicants
Marino Institute of Education
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

Early Childhood Care and Education
TU Dublin - Blanchardstown
CAREER ZONE: 1 2 3 4 5

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Course Summary
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Points History

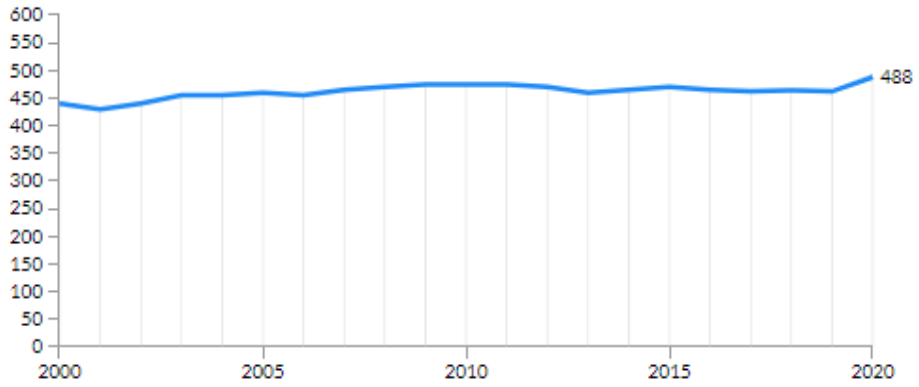
488

Minimum Subjects

3 H5 & 3 O6/H7

- ✔ **O4/H7** IN English
- ✔ **H4** IN Irish
- ✔ **O4/H7** IN Maths

CAO Points History



COLLEGE PROFILE

Dublin City University

Visit College Profile

View Prospectus

Chat with Students

CAO College Hub

View Scholarships

View Courses

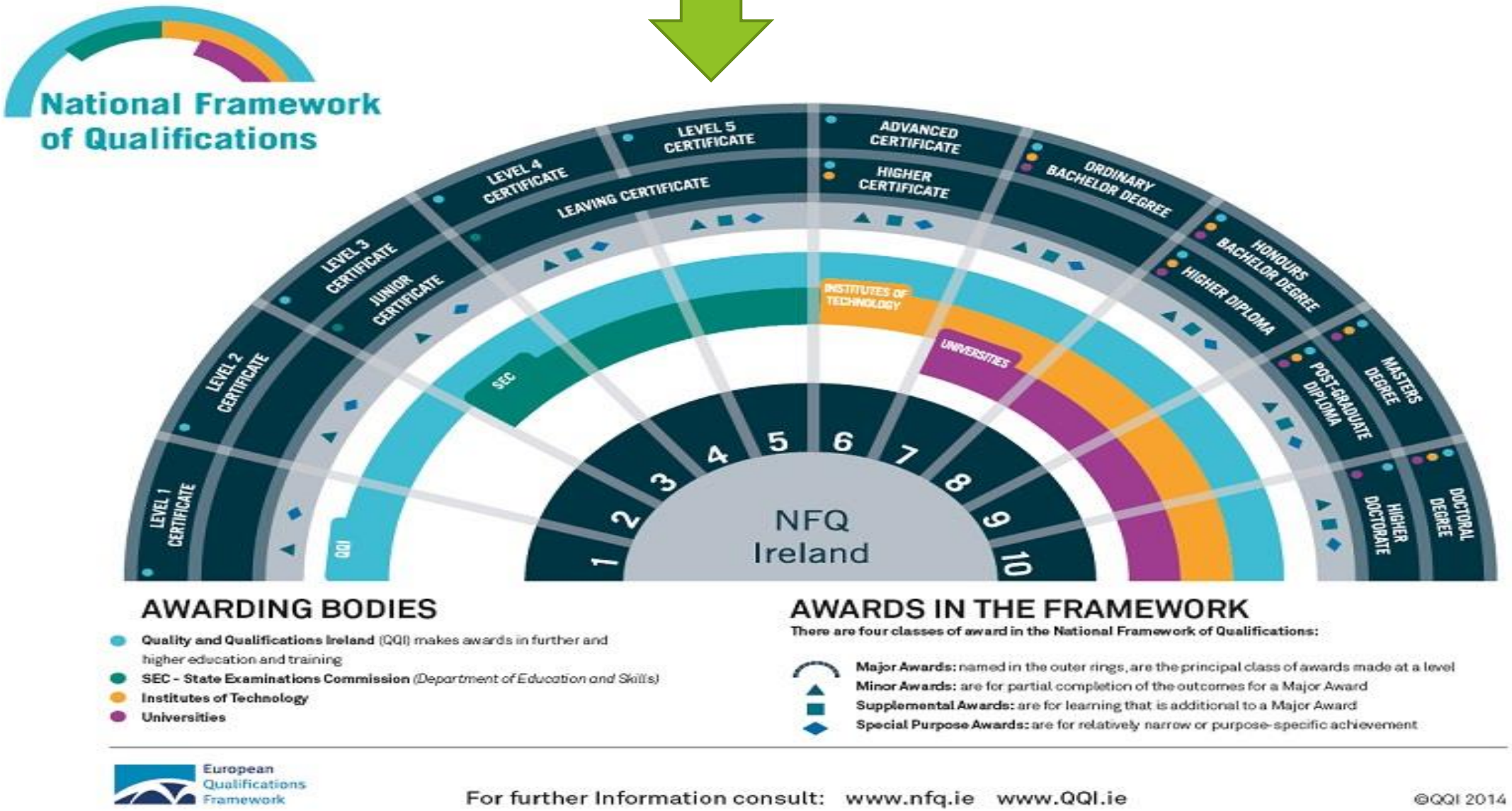
CAO – General Info.

- There are 3 types of courses students can apply for under the Nat. Qualifications Framework. Level 6,7,8.
- These are applied for on **2 separate lists** on a single form:
- ADVISE FILL UP BOTH LISTS, DO NOT IGNORE YOUR LEVEL 7 LIST!

Level 6 & 7 Courses	Level 8 Courses
Ordinary Degrees (7) Higher Certificates (6)	Honours Degrees (8)
Up to 10 Course Choices	Up to 10 Course Choices

- The courses are clearly labelled in the CAO Handbook
- N.B. – Care must be taken with courses marked '*Restricted*'. (#- Careers Portal)
- These courses cannot be applied for after February 1st due to extra assessments required. (Interview/ Portfolio/ Exam/ Work Experience/ Performance).
- REMEMBER a level 8 is a level 8! So do not be bias to certain third levels!
- Tick boxes for data protection waiver- SUSI GRANT, EXEMTIONS LANGUAGES, DARE/ HEAR

QQI- Quality Qualifications Ireland- Levels of Courses



Minimum ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

These must be satisfied before "Points" are considered

Minimum Entry Requirements
E.g. UCD

Must Pass 6 subjects:
At least 2x H5's & 4x O6/H7
Often Pass in:

- ✔ Irish
- ✔ English
- ✔ Another Language*
- ✔ Mathematics*
- ✔ Science Subject*

Specific Subject Requirements

E.g.s

Engineering(UCD)

- H4 Maths

Veterinary Medicine(UCD)

- H5 Chemistry

French Law(UCD)

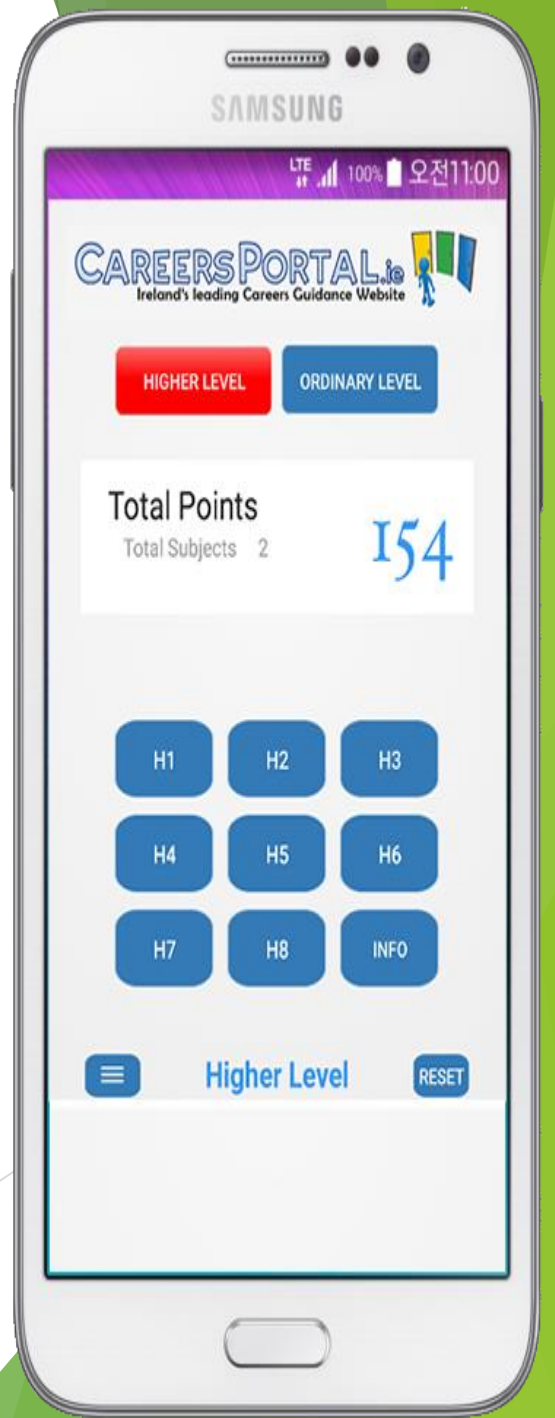
- H3 French (Since Last Year)

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

Points

So how do we calculate points….

- Points are calculated from ONE sitting of the Leaving Certificate only.
- Points total is calculated from **SIX** best subjects.
- Bonus points are awarded for Honours Mathematics. H1-H6 Grade Only. Be aware of pressure!
- Entry Requirements can be satisfied over more than one sitting of the Leaving Certificate. In most cases- Medicine different for example.



Making an application to Central Applications Office

- Applications can be made online or by paper form – use one method only.
- Always keep proof of sending application: online – print screen receipt, paper – obtain certificate of post.
- Form is very straight forward to fill out.
- Website: www.cao.ie

****VERY IMPORTANT****

- Students must fill out both course lists in:

Genuine Order of Preference

- They should not put down courses on the basis of their predictions of next years cut off points. Points change from year to year, look at last year with predicted grades.
- Why? – Look at how places are allocated.

Course Merit Lists

Science – UCD
100 places to be offered

Applicant Position	Points Score
1	560
2	535
3	525
4	520
5	510
6	510
7	505
8	500
9	490
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15	455
16	445
17	440
18	435
19	420
20	410
21	405
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98	340
99	335
100	**330**
101	325
102	315
103	310
104	305
105	295
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182	265

← Last place to be filled

Course Cut Off Points = 330

Science – Maynooth
100 places to be offered

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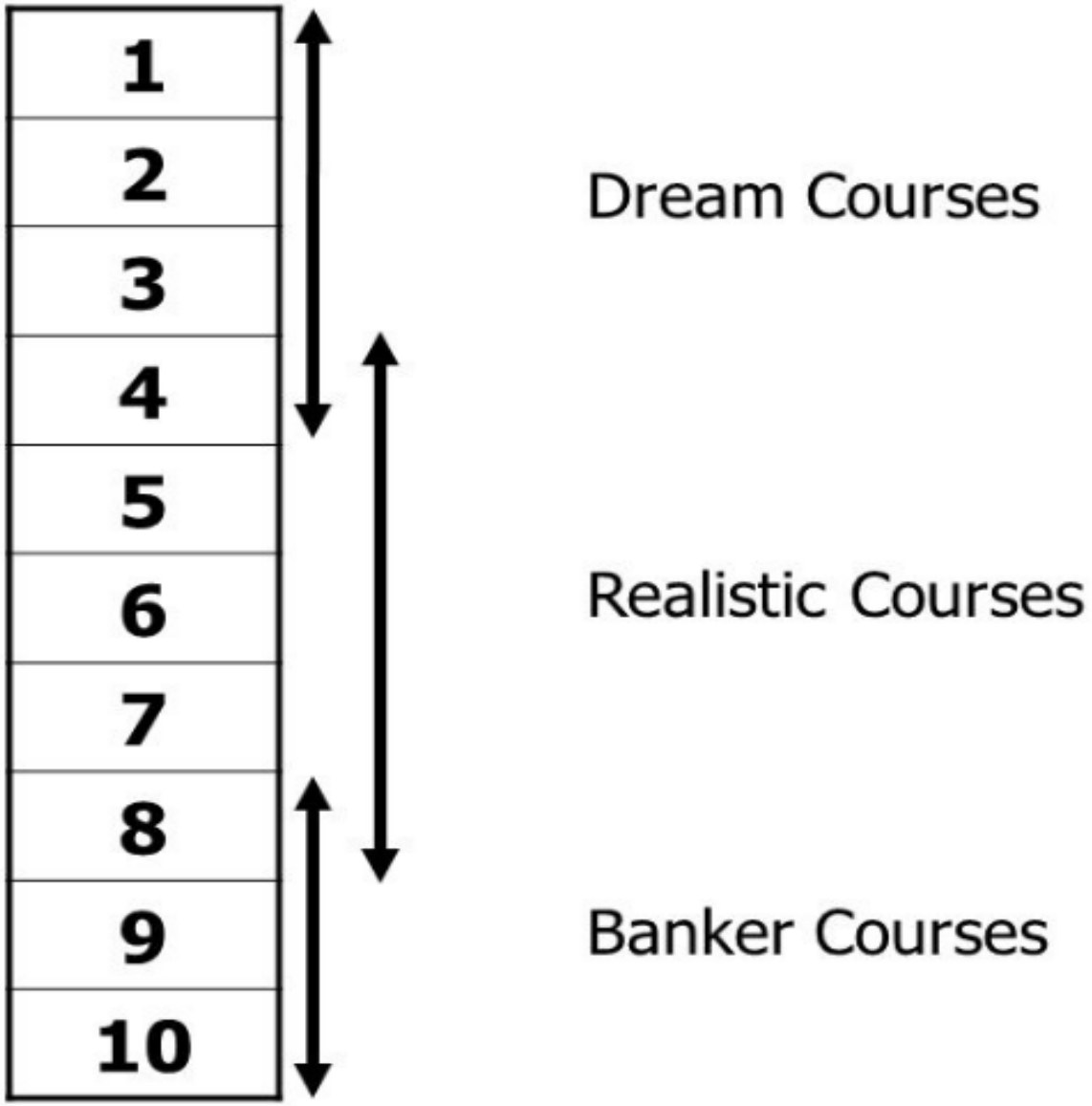
← Random Selection to be used

Course Cut Off Points = 335*

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



How CAO Works-A Students Course Preferences -Example

1	2	3
AL020	GY004	CR105
600	560	595
595	535	595
590	525	590
580	520	580
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**	**	**
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**	**	**
**	**	**
495	485	475
480	**480**	475
470	475	470
465	465	465
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455	440	455
455	435	455
450	420	450
450	410	***445***
450	405	440
450	405	435
445	405	**430**
435	400	430
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280	325	280
275	315	275
275	310	275
270	305	270
NO	**NO**	**YES**

All Lower Preference Courses Disappear From Students Preferences

Students Points Total = 445

Cut Off Points for Course

YES	**NO**	**YES**	**NO**	**YES**	**YES**	**YES**	**NO**	**YES**	**YES**

ROUND 2

1
AL020
600
595
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495
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445
435
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280
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

2
GY004
560
535
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520
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325
315
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 - 460

Places Allocation

Note:

- The position of a course in a student's preference order does not in any way affect their chance of getting a place on that course. In other words- **No favouritism** from college.
- The exact same procedure takes place for both lists on the form. Hence, students may get 2 offers in August – one from each list.
- You may accept only **one course** from either list as the one you wish to study.
- Students should think carefully about not accepting one of these offers, as they may not receive any further offers.
- Regardless of whether or not they accept a course in Round 1, they will still be offered a higher preference course in subsequent rounds **if they become entitled one**.

After Making Application

- Receive CAO number and Statement of Course Choices – check this carefully.
- Some students may be called for extra assessments. (Majority April)
- Receive Statement of Application Record – check details carefully (May). If not details are incorrect or not received contact CAO immediately.
- Change of Mind facility becomes available – use sparingly and carefully (Fee €10- Feb, March, April. Free from May 5th to July 1st 5.15pm).
- Sit the Leaving Cert Exam (June)
- Leaving Cert. Results are sent to CAO. (August)
- Places are allocated and offered by post and online. (August)
- Students accept, reject or defer offered places. (August)
- Further rounds of offers are made until all course places are filled. (August)

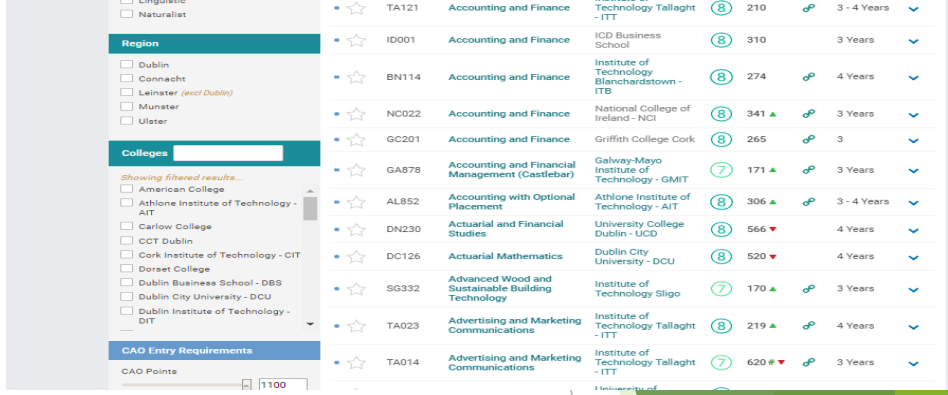
CAO IMPORTANT DATES

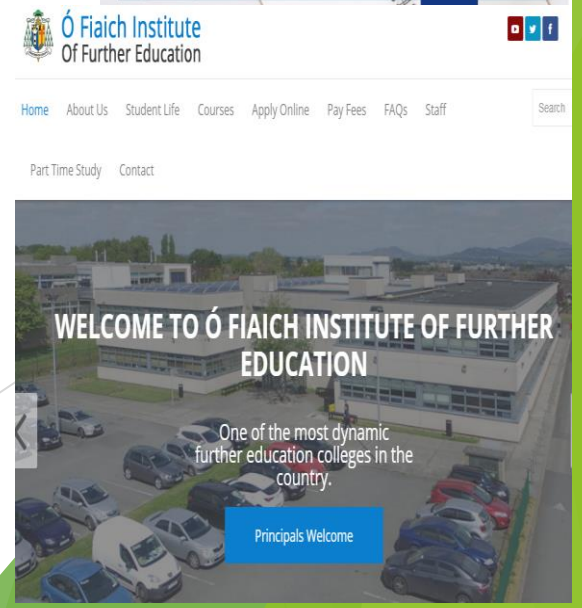
- CAO Application Process Opens- 5th Nov at 12.00pm. Early discount fee €30. You can fill in your personal details and input provisional course choices early and then edit them before the 31st January for no extra charge. SET IT UP NOW!
- Early online Application Closing Date- 20th January 2021 at 5.15pm. Now price increases to €45.
- Closing date free on line Change of Mind- 1st February 5.15pm
- €10 to change courses from 5th Feb. Free from 5th May onwards.
- Normal Early Application Closing Date and Restricted Courses - 1st February 2020
- Late Application Closing Date- 1st May 2020 5.15pm €60
- Statement of Application Record- End of May
- **Change of Mind Closing Date- 1st July 2021 5.15.pm**
- Leaving Cert Results- Mid August
- First Round of Offers will commence- Mid August

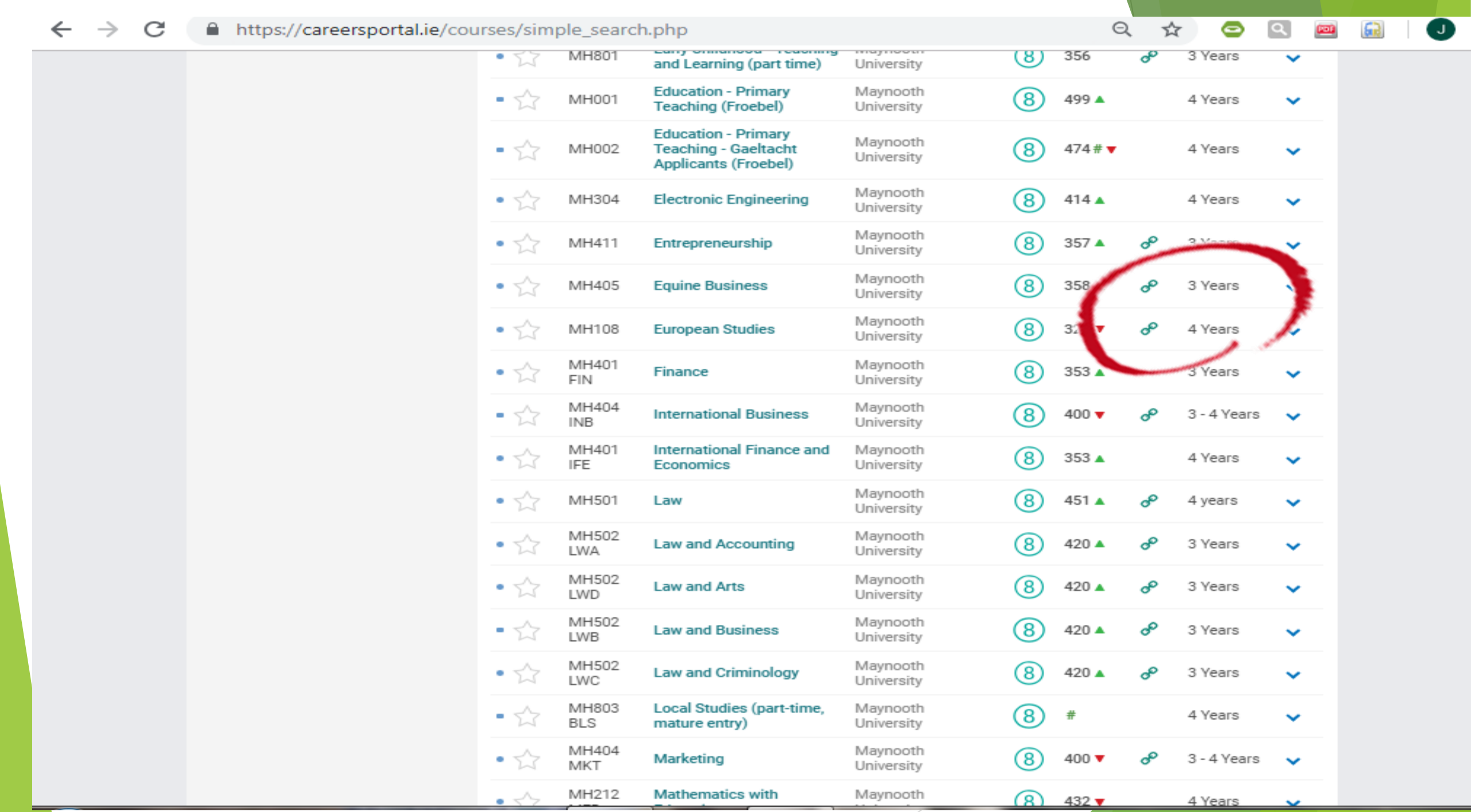
Other Options (PLC)

Post Leaving Certificate Courses

- Progression from Further to Higher operates in 2 main ways;
  - (1) HELS- Higher Education Links Scheme links specific courses to reserved higher education places, e.g. Nursing, childcare, engineering
  - (2) Pilot – Some IT's and HEIs award PLC points up to a max of 390 on an open competition basis. 'Distinctions to Points'
- Research preferred course, check colleges for links/reserved places and then decide on which PLC suits you.



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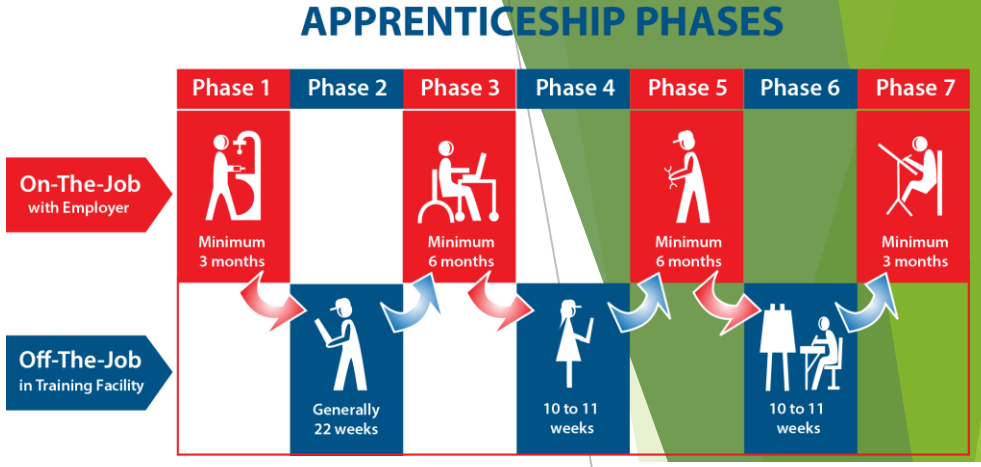
MH001 Education - Primary Teaching (Froebel) Maynooth University 499 4 Years
MH002 Education - Primary Teaching - Gaeltacht Applicants (Froebel) Maynooth University 474 # 4 Years
MH304 Electronic Engineering Maynooth University 414 4 Years
MH411 Entrepreneurship Maynooth University 357
MH405 Equine Business Maynooth University 358 3 Years
MH108 European Studies Maynooth University 4 Years
MH401 FIN Finance Maynooth University 353 3 Years
MH404 INB International Business Maynooth University 400 3 - 4 Years
MH401 IFE International Finance and Economics Maynooth University 353 4 Years
MH501 Law Maynooth University 451 4 years
MH502 LWA Law and Accounting Maynooth University 420 3 Years
MH502 LWD Law and Arts Maynooth University 420 3 Years
MH502 LWB Law and Business Maynooth University 420 3 Years
MH502 LWC Law and Criminology Maynooth University 420 3 Years
MH803 BLS Local Studies (part-time, mature entry) Maynooth University # 4 Years
MH404 MKT Marketing Maynooth University 400 3 - 4 Years
MH212 Mathematics with Maynooth 432 4 Years

1) Apply Online After Christmas
2) Check Text/ Email Confirmation
3) References
4) Interview

Apprenticeships



- Earn as you learn
- Find an employer to train you as an apprenticeship
- On the job (work Placement) and off the job theory (college/centre)
- 50% in each setting
- Learn on the job essential skills and be ‘moulded’
- Can lead to a level 5-10 on National Framework Qualifications
- Usual 2-4 years in duration
- Formal contract between employer and centre
- Salary usually increases with service
- Growing constantly currently 36 available- construction, electrical, engineering, finance (new), motor
- Check careers portal/ apprenticeships.ie / rstc.ie Dundalk.
- ESB- Careers Services (Prep) and esb.ie/careers

SOLAS
learning works

Student University Support Ireland
Grant READ- Page 8 CAO HANDBOOK

- **Eligibility:** Based on parental income, number of dependent children, nationality, course choice etc.
- **Multi-step process:**

Registration, application, supporting documentation, confirmation of course choice

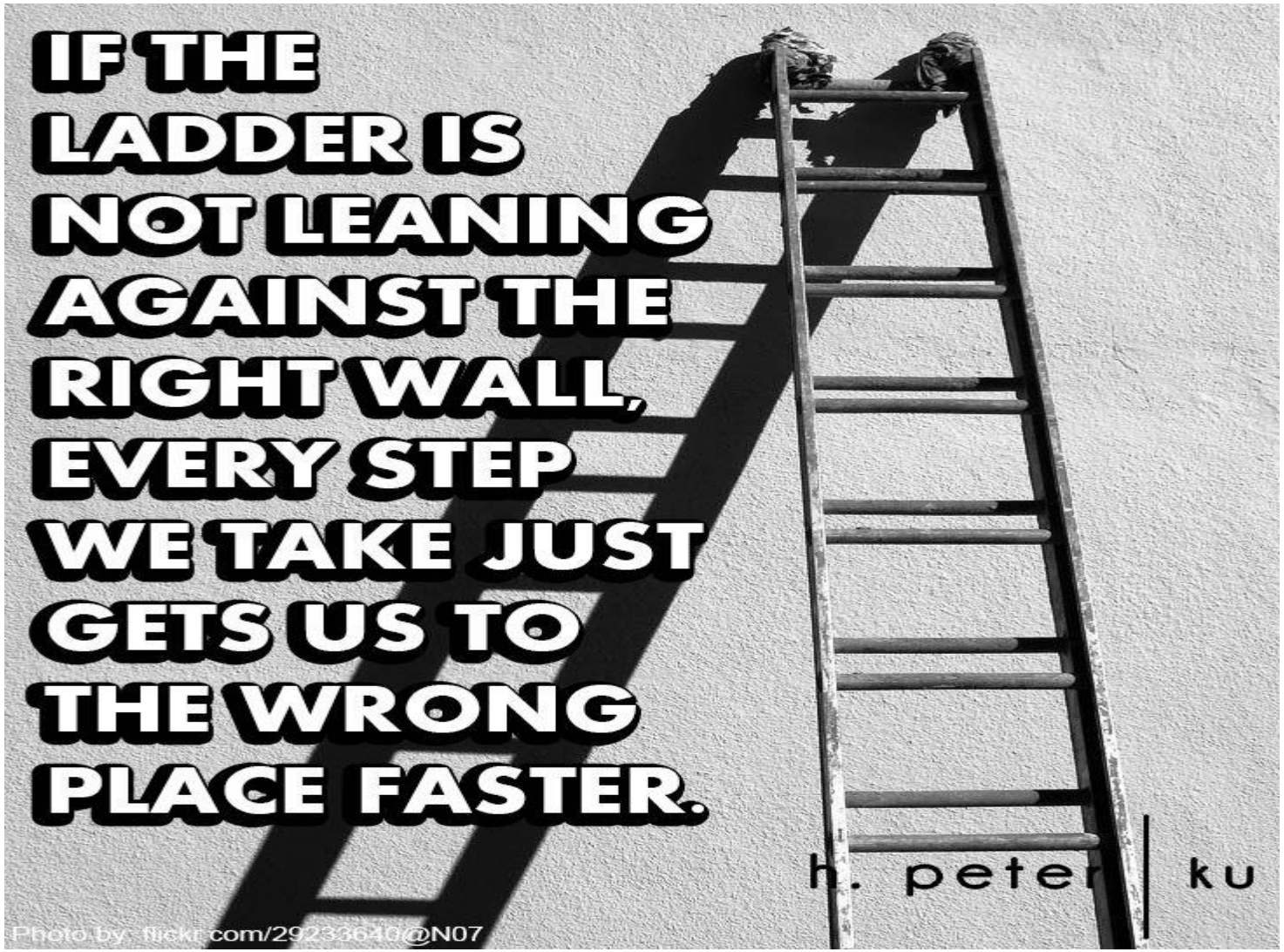
- See SUSI Website and use the **Eligibility Reckoner** to decide whether to pursue it. www.susi.ie
- Application Usually Opens First Week April
- Application Closes TBC (Check last date deadlines online).

Section B Form- Guidance Counsellor will fill in with student- School Experiences with Disability.

Email me for an appointment please, james.mcnicholas@colaisteris.ie

DARE DISABILITY ACCESS ROUTE TO EDUCATION

Thank you and Best of Luck!



What is HEAR?

Higher **E**ducation **A**ccess **R**oute is an admissions route for school leavers who for social, financial or cultural reasons are under-represented at third level education.

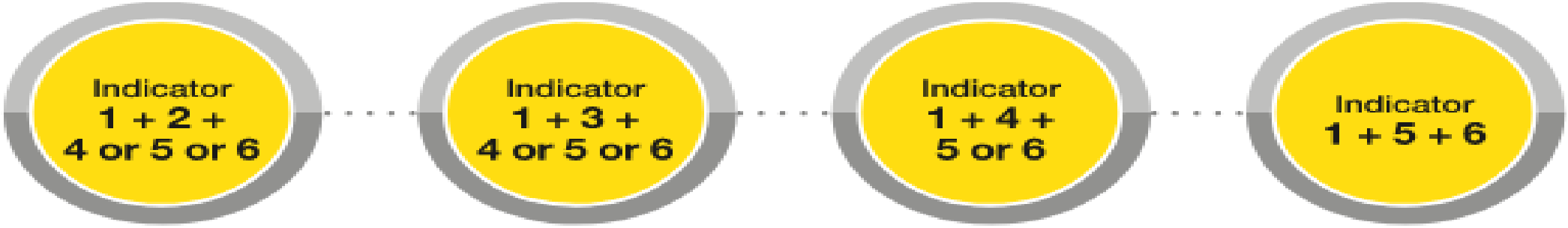
HEAR SCHEME- READ Page 9 CAO HANDBOOK

- Hear applicants must meet a range of financial, social and cultural indicators to be considered for a **reduced points place and extra college support (social, financial and academic) .**

Should I apply?

- **Consider the indicators and decide if it applies to you.**
- **Use the User Friendly Website to decide the best way for you to apply.**

Options on HEAR website and criteria explained



Click on each indicator below for more detailed information:

1. Income (you must meet this indicator)
2. Medical Cards
3. Means-Tested Social Welfare Payment
4. Socio-Economic Group
5. School
6. Area

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Applicants, parents and Guidance Counsellors with questions about completing the HEAR form should consult the published handbooks and contact CAO if they cannot find answers to their questions. We will have staff trained in dealing with queries on completing these sections of the form.

Questions on how applicants will be assessed and how offers are to be determined should be directed to the Access and Disability Offices in Higher Education Institutions and not CAO. CAO plays no part in making decisions on admissions.

To speak to a HEAR representative in the Access Office of each of the participating institutions please use the contact details listed here.

HEAR downloads

Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)	
HEAR Handbook	Download
Request for Information - Dept of Social & Family Affairs	Download

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Helpful Tips!

1. **Study and fill in the guide carefully with your parents / guardians.**
2. **Complete the online application accurately.**
3. **Give an accurate description of parental occupation.**
4. **Request the required supporting documentation early.**
5. **Send good quality copies of all pages of the correct documents.**
6. **Submit all supporting documents requested.**
7. **Keep proof of postage.**
8. **Be aware of the deadlines!**

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Example Some Third Levels Participating Include- All Listed pg.11 CAO HANDBOOK

- AIT
- CIT
- Dublin City University
- Dublin Institute of Technology
- Institute Of Art, Design and Technology Dun Laoghaire
- IT Sligo
- Marino Institute of Education
- Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
- Maynooth University
- National College of Ireland
- National University of Ireland, Galway
- Pontifical University of Maynooth
- Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
- St. Angela's College, Sligo
- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Cork
- University College Dublin
- University of Limerick

Disability **A**ccess **R**oute to **E**ducation

- DARE is a 3rd level admissions scheme for school leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their 2nd level education.

- List of the **types of disabilities and documented requirements** that **DARE** considers on Handout on website. Link given n guidance newsletter on School App.

What is DARE?

DARE offers reduced points places to school leavers who as a result of having a disability have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education.

You Should Apply if You Have any of the Following Disabilities

- Autistic Spectrum Disorders (including Asperger's)
- ADD / ADHD
- Blind / Vision Impaired
- Deaf / Hard of Hearing
- DCD – Dyspraxia/Dysgraphia
- Mental Health Conditions
- Neurological Conditions
  Brain Injury, Epilepsy,
  Speech & Language Communication Disorder
- Significant Ongoing Illness
- Physical Disability
- Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia & Dyscalculia)

Benefits of making a DARE Application:

- If you apply and are considered eligible you may be offered a place for your preferred course even if you don't have the required points.
- Additional help at University/College- exams, extra tuition, accommodation, travel, etc.

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Disability Access Route To Education

Example some Third Levels Participating- Full List Page 10.

- Dublin City University
- Dublin Institute of Technology
- Institute Of Art, Design and Technology Dun Laoghaire
- IT Sligo
- Marino Institute of Education
- Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
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DARE & HEAR **Advice Clinics:**

- Posted on School App- There have been Two Talks already- UL and DARE/HEAR Head Office.

Exemptions- Tips- PAGE 9 CAO HANDBOOK

- If you wish exemption from Irish or modern language contact admission office of College/ University for details.
- Exempt with report from primary/ secondary school.
- Born in north with birth cert- can use Irish as Third Language. Still need to send in forms.
- Indicate on your online CAO application form that you are applying for exemption. Tick box.
- Watch your dates/ deadlines.
- Check your Statement of Application Record in May. Inform CAO immediately if there are any error or omission.
- Send in correct documentations and forms to Universities/ Colleges to prove exemption. Usual can download from online. Copies on desk for NUI Form (welcome to collect end of talk)

Useful Websites to Support Choices

- www.careernews.ie
- www.cao.ie
- www.qualifax.ie
- www.susi.ie
- www.studentfinance.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.daycourses.com
- www.careerdirections.ie
- www.findacourse.ie
- www.gotocollege.ie
- www.fetac.ie