



CAO Information Evening: Pathways & Progressions

Purpose

- Increase your knowledge and awareness of the CAO application process
- Raise awareness of other possible routes



Rationale



LHS Landscape-22/23 cohort



Score	22/23
625	8%
600	18%
550	44%
500	64%
450	79%
400	92%

National Average is 52%



NCAD DUBLIN

National College of Art and Design



National
College of
Ireland



UCC
University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh



94 of our students
progressed to
Third Level
Education



St. Angela's College, Sligo
Coláiste San Aingeal, Sligeach
A College of NUI Galway

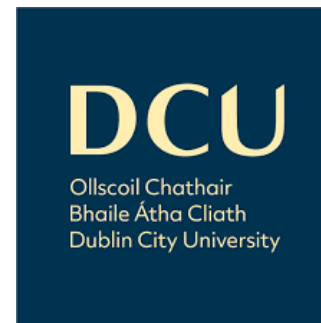


Ollscoil
Teicneolaíochta
an Atlantaigh

Atlantic
Technological
University



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin



DCU

Ollscoil Chathair
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City University



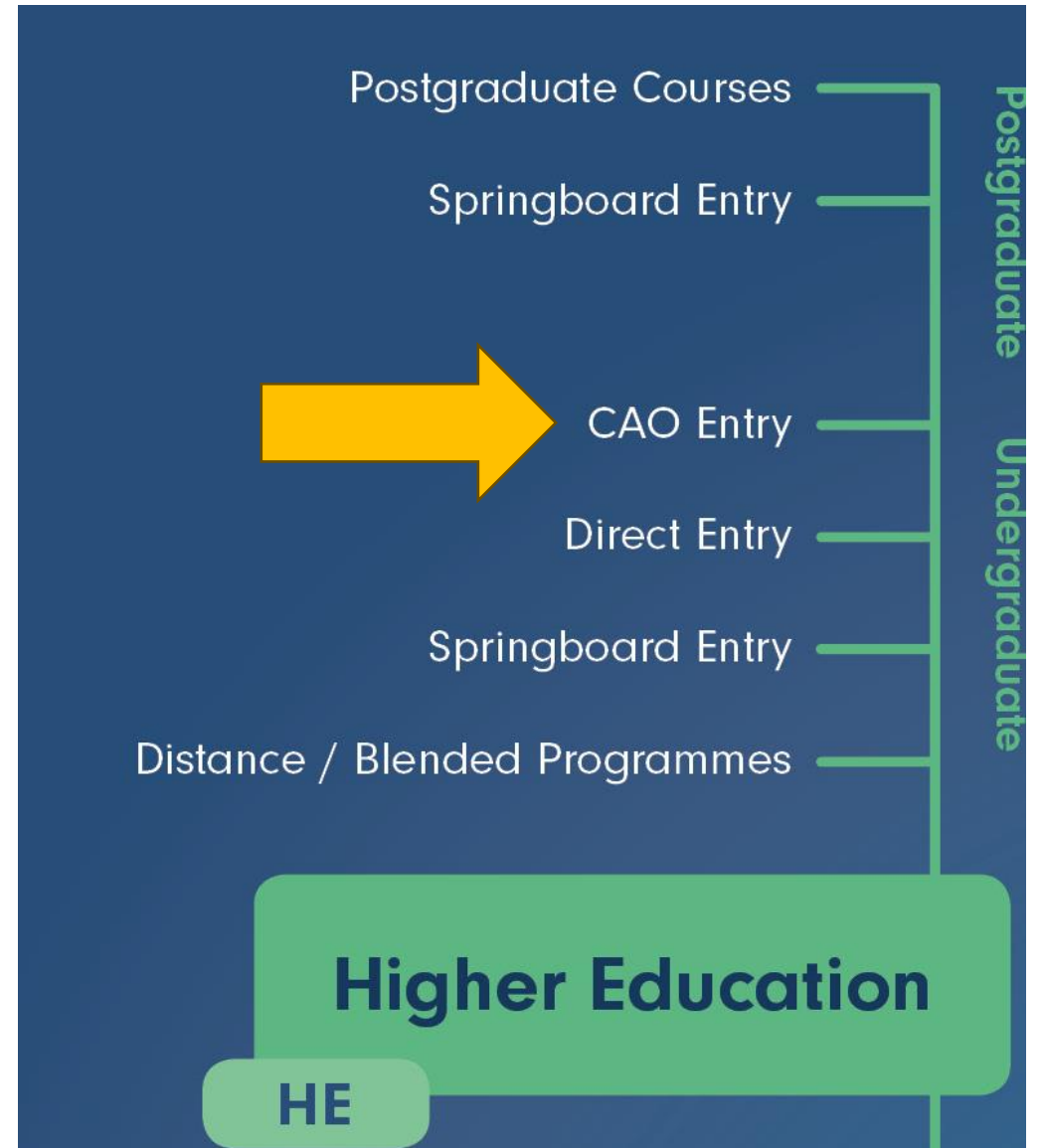
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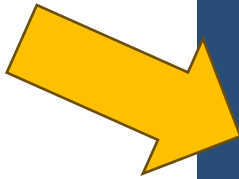
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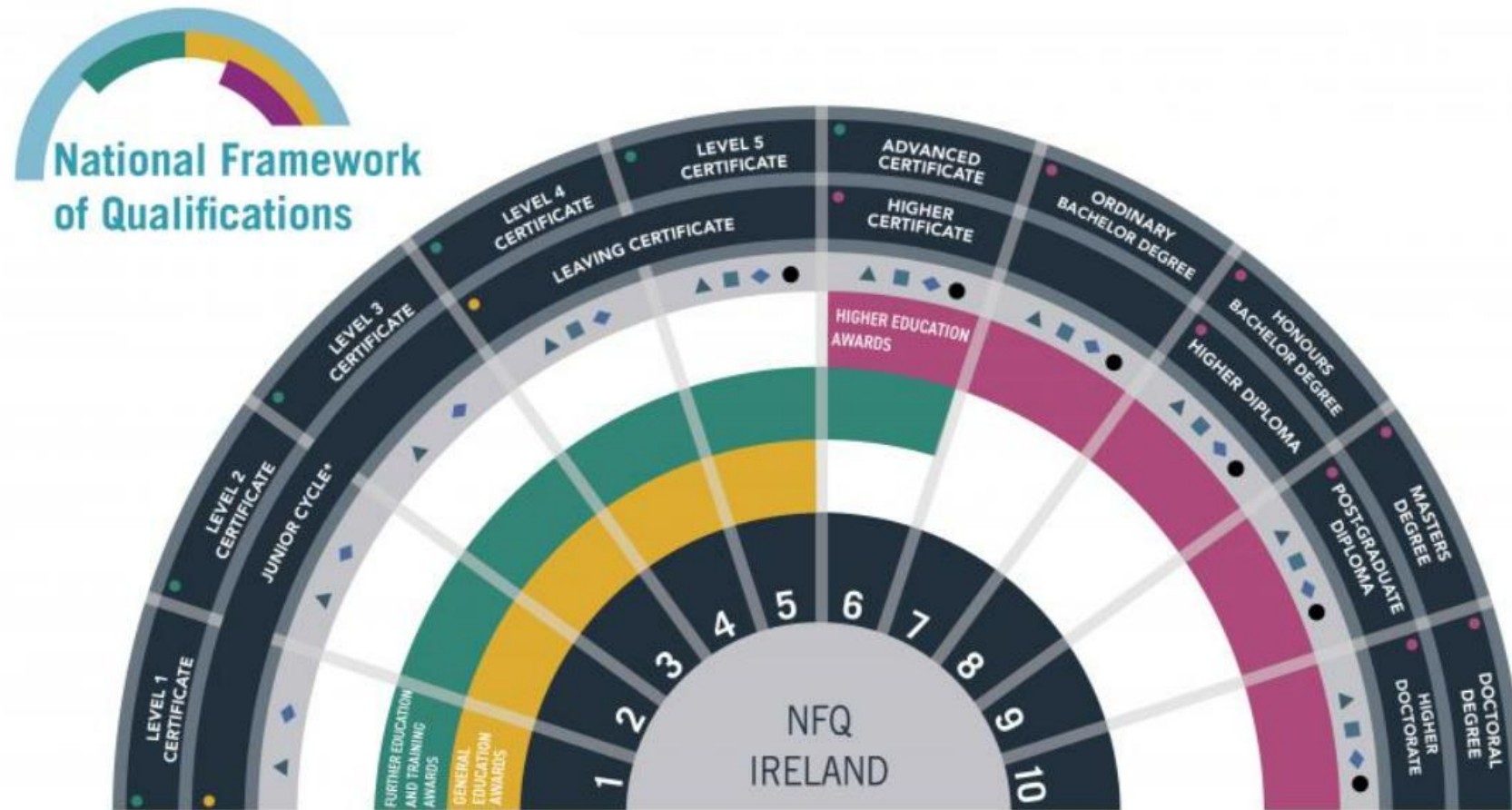
Higher Education Route



Education and Training Options



National Framework of Qualifications

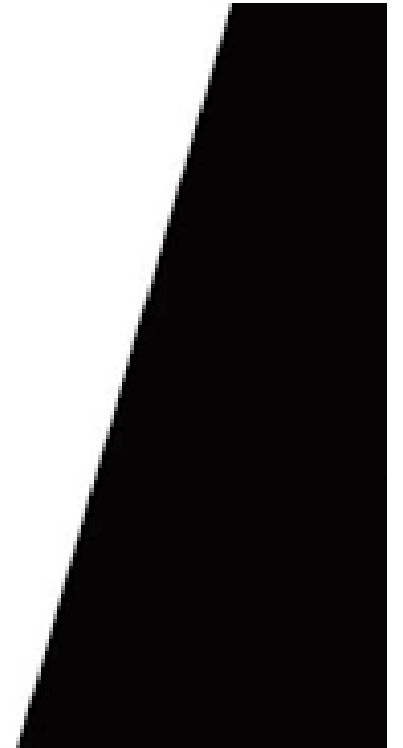


Central Applications Office

- purpose

- CAO processes applications to undergraduate courses in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).
- Offers are issued and acceptances are recorded by CAO.
- Assessment of applications and decisions on admissions are made by HEIs Admissions Officers.

CAO
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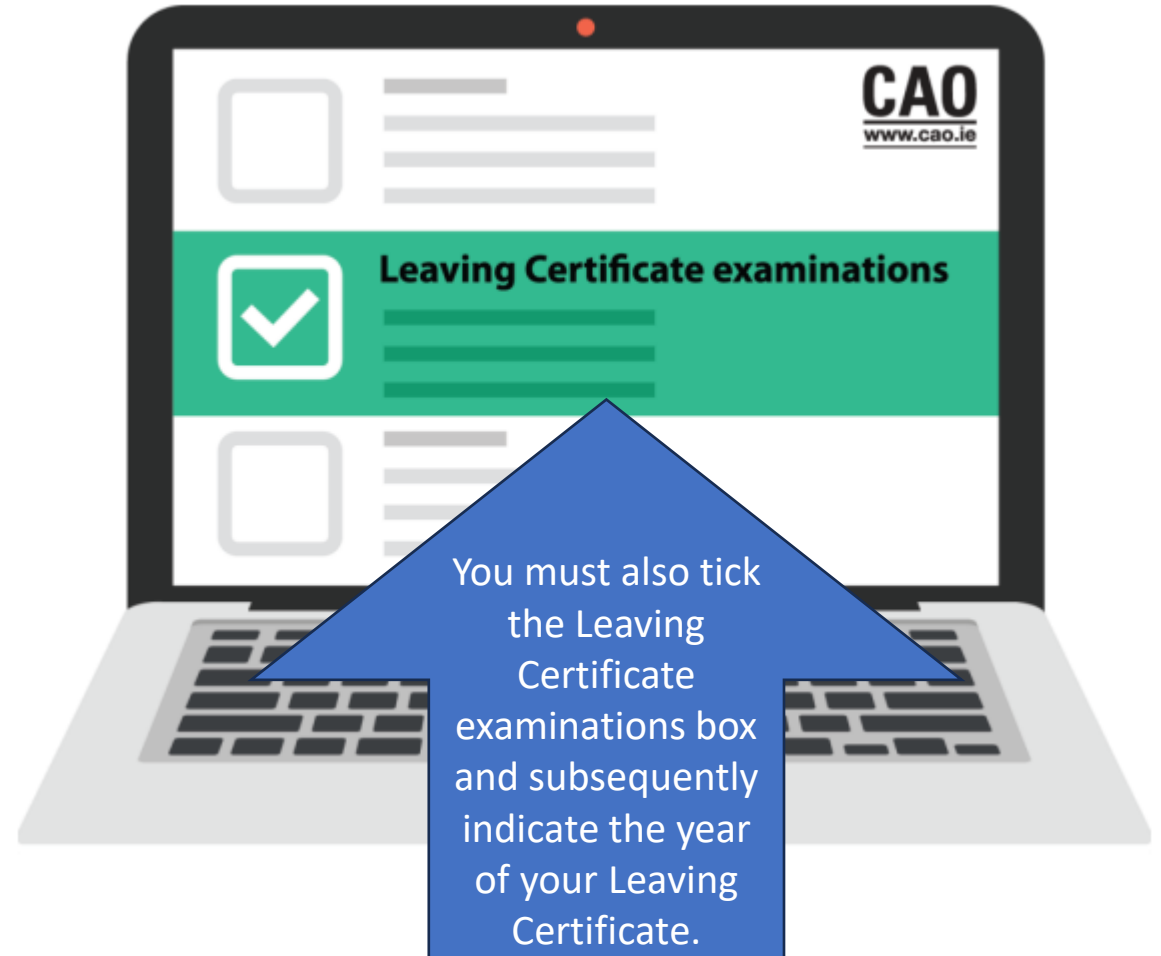
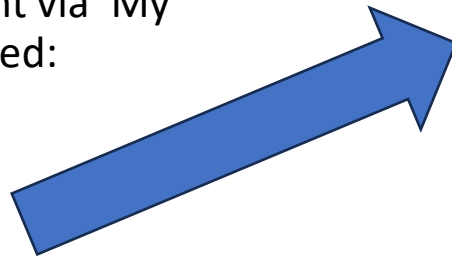
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CAO Application Process

- Applicants apply online at www.cao.ie/apply
- Carefully enter details such as your name, address, date of birth, schools attended, examination information, etc.
- Make sure you inform CAO about all relevant exemptions – select the relevant section(s) on the application form.

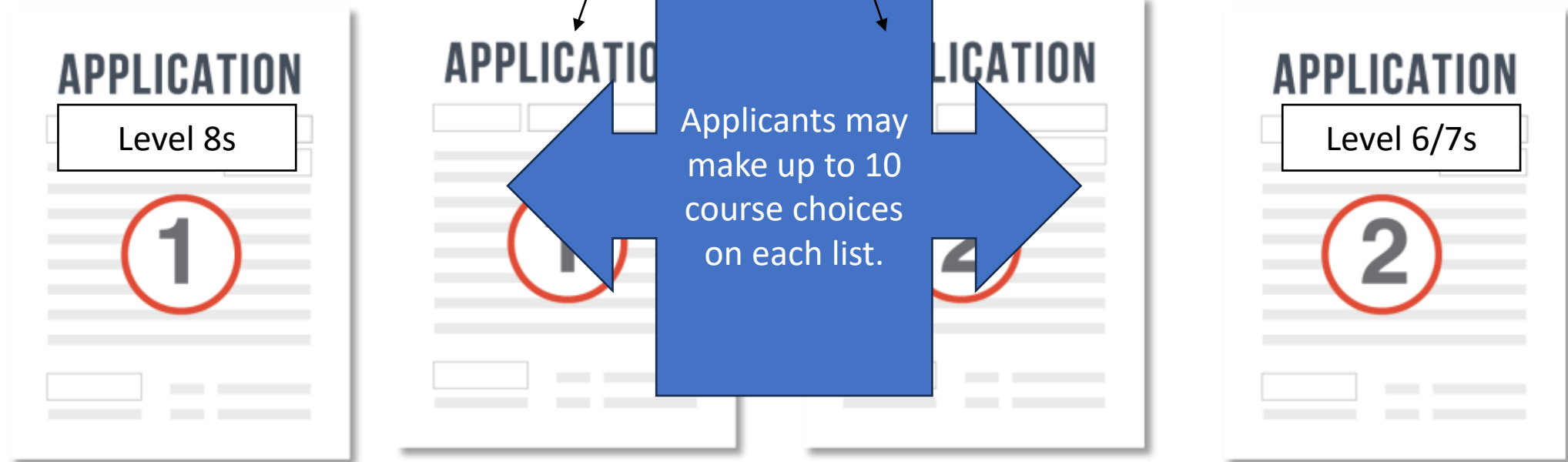
CAO Application Number

- When you apply online your application number will appear on screen (and in an email).
- Your application number is private and it will be **used in every correspondence** between you and the CAO for the rest of the year.
- When logging into your account via 'My Application' facility you will need:
 - CAO application number
 - Date of birth
 - Password



Level 8 and Level 7/6 lists (Course Choices)

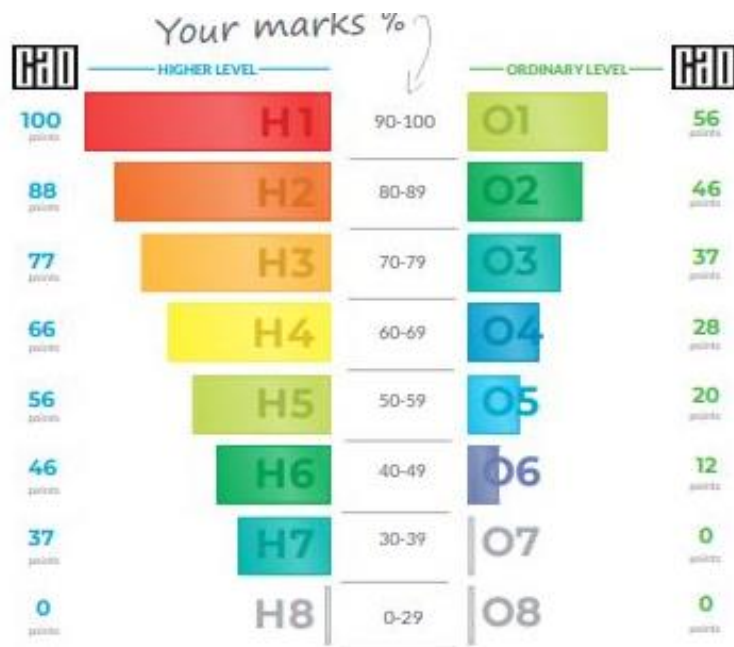
There are 2 course choice lists (Level 8 and Level 7/6)



It is possible to receive an offer on both lists. You may then decide to accept either your Level 7/6 or your Level 8 offer.

Minimum Entry Requirements

1. General requirements
2. Subject/faculty requirements
3. Points



Specific Subjects or course requirements

A minimum of H5 in at least 3 subjects and a minimum of O6/ H7 in 3 other subjects.

Your subjects must include H4 in Gaeilge ; O4 or H7 in English; and O4 or H7 in Mathematics.

Garda Vetting

Garda vetting has been introduced for students who have unsupervised access to children and vulnerable adults as part of their studies at DCU. You must successfully pass the Garda vetting process in order to complete the process of registration.

Order of preference

If you learn nothing else from this presentation let it be this...

**PLACE YOUR
COURSES IN
GENUINE ORDER
OF PREFERENCE!**



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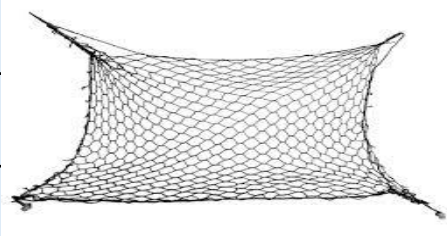


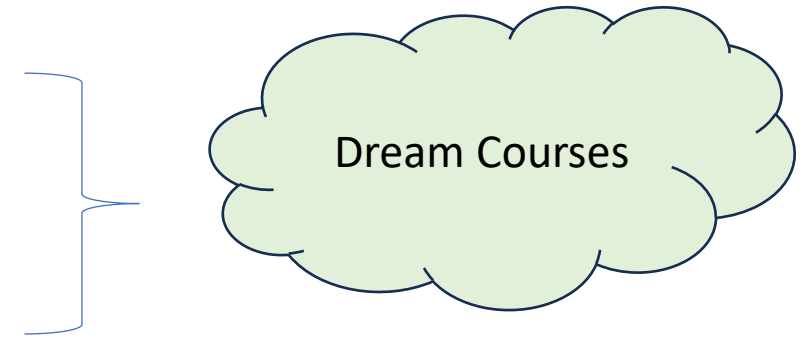
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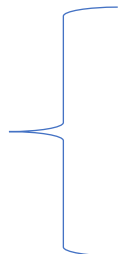
To do otherwise is a
grave mistake.

Order of preference

LEVEL 8 Courses		
	Course Code	Course Name
1	DC002	Primary Teaching
2	DN520	BA Joint Honours
3	TU857	Computer Science
4	Realistic! Already meeting the General Entry requirements. Meeting or Very nearly meeting the subject entry requirements	
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10		



Safety Net



Choosing your courses and their order

Entry Requirements:
points and/or subjects

Course content:
Modules, assessment,
learning environment

Place of study: location,
class sizes, 'feel' etc.

Attend Open Days &
specific
department/faculty talks
and presentations

Work placement
opportunity

Opportunity to study
abroad if that's
something you're
interested in



Key Dates

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Restricted Courses

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Change of Mind Facility



Change the order of your course choices and/or to introduce new courses, subject to the restrictions detailed in the handbook.

Statement of Application



Check the following carefully, and if there is any error or omission amend the Statement and return it to CAO.

Are your exam numbers correct? (do not assume that they are)

Are all exams mentioned?

Are all exemptions listed?

Are all the courses shown and in the correct order?

If you do not receive a Statement by



contact CAO immediately.

The Offer Process

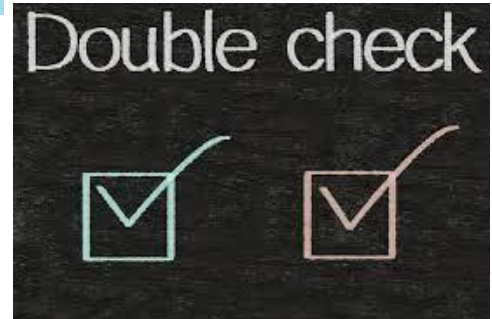
Following the release of the Leaving Certificate results CAO will send a communication to all applicants.



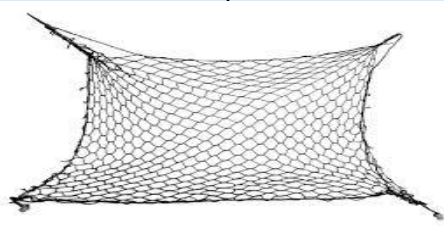
The Offer Process

- Offers will also be available on the CAO website.
- You may check for and accept offers on the website.
- If you are entitled to an offer, you will be sent an email with details of your offer(s). You may receive more than one email if you have received an offer off both your Level 8 and Level 7/6 lists.
- You will also receive an SMS text message if you have selected this option.
- You should check that all of the details in your CAO Account are correct and that there are no errors or omissions.

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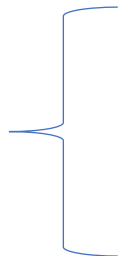
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If you are offered your 3rd/4th/5th choice in the First Round, you should accept

You may* be offered something higher up on your preference list, in the Second/Third Round

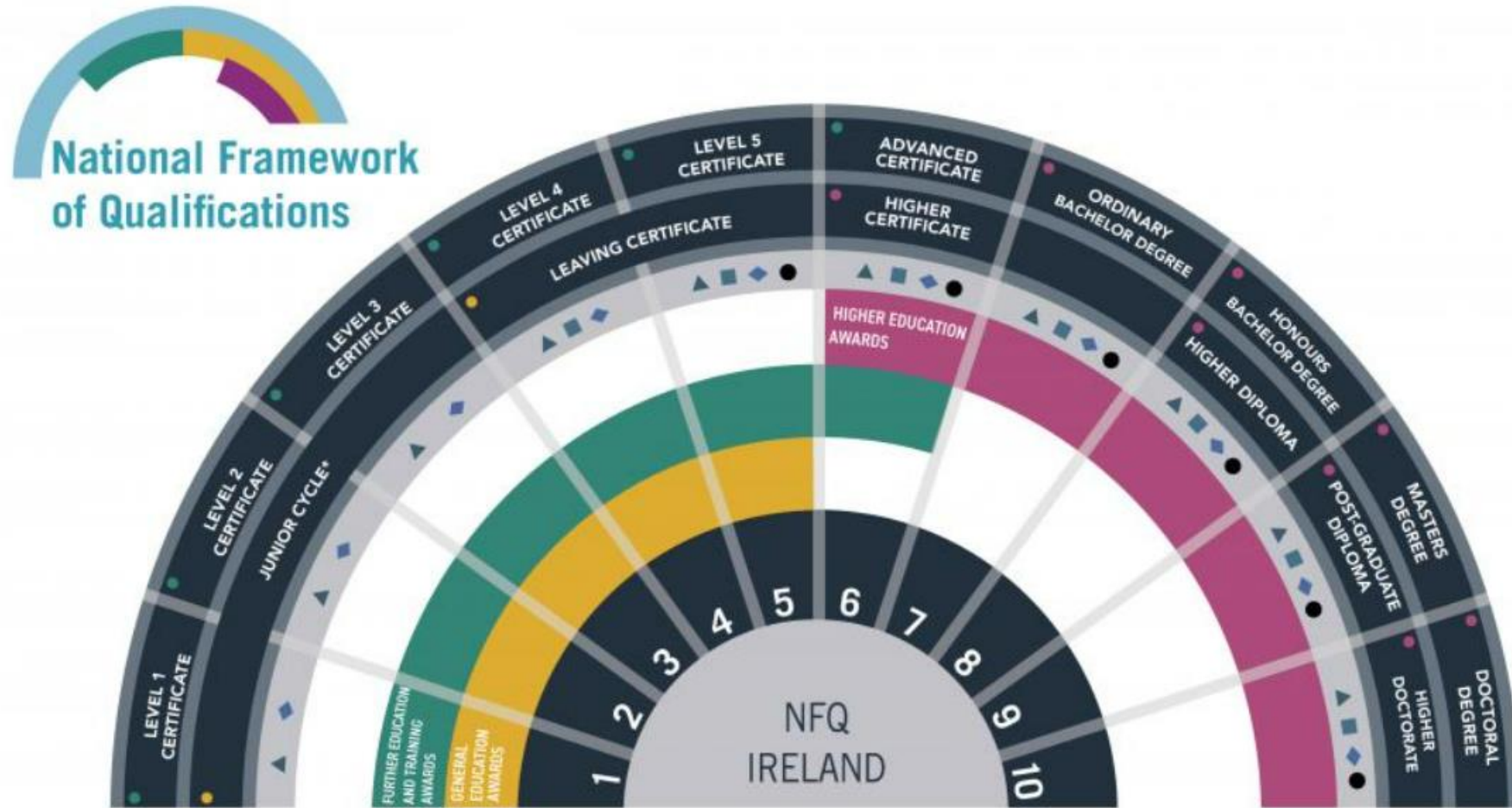
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Alternative Progression Routes



National Framework of Qualifications



Further Education

Your PLC course can provide a direct route into Higher Education courses through the CAO, without using Leaving Cert points.

Over 800 different CAO courses will accept any QQI Level 5 or Level 6 Major award as an entry requirement for their course.

The majority of CAO courses throughout the country now have places set aside specifically for PLC applicants through the HELS scheme.



Technological Universities

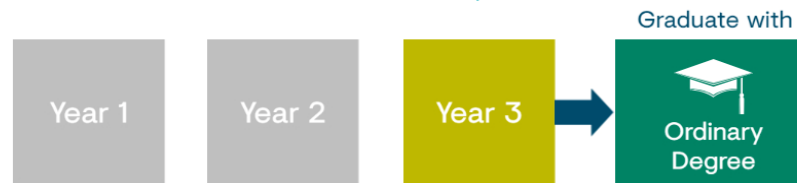
Progression Routes

Example of Progression route from TU Dublin

Commence Level 6 course



Progress to Level 7



Progress to Level 8



*Progression is to Year 3 on some Level 8 Courses



- UCAS stands for **Universities and Colleges Admissions Service**
- It is the service used to apply to higher education in the UK.
- UCAS is similar to the CAO system here in the Republic of Ireland and it manages all of the applications for full-time undergraduate courses for universities and colleges all across the UK.

Studying in the UK

- Although you applying through UCAS, universities judge applicants based on more than just exam results. The UCAS application also involves:
 - Personal Statement
 - Academic Reference (providing information in relation to expected grades, Work Experience etc
 - Some courses require additional assessment(s) for admission e.g. an aptitude test or an interview, or for medical students, tests such as UKCAT, BMAT or HPAT UK.



Fees and cost of living in the UK

- The tuition fees and costs of living vary significantly across the UK.
- These are the maximum tuition fees for Republic of Ireland undergraduate students in the UK:
 - **Northern Ireland:** up to £4,395 per year
 - **England, Wales & Scotland:** up to £9,250 per year



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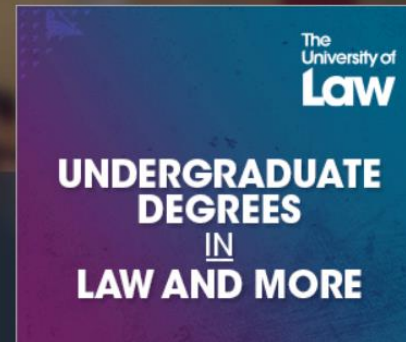
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Reasons to Study Abroad

Entry Requirements



The Experience



Develop Language Skills





EUNiCAS is the European Universities Central Application Support Service.

EUNiCAS is unique. It enables UK and Irish [and other EU] students to apply to up to eight degree programmes , **taught through English**, in universities across Europe.

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Supports Available

- Your Guidance Counsellors!
- Class teachers
- University Open Days
- CAO.ie
- Other useful websites
 - Individual University websites
 - Qualifax
 - Careers Portal



CAO Parents Guide



CAO Video Guides



CAO Applicant Resources



Leaving Cert Points Scale



CAO Handbook



Leaving Cert Points Calculator

