



NEXT STEPS FOR ISK LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENTS

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FIRST STEPS TOWARDS THE NEXT STAGE:

- Do some research –
 - What jobs appeal to you?
 - What are your interests?
 - What are your strengths?
- Delve deeper than the course title –
 - What subjects are required?
 - What will you study if you do this course?
 - What job/career will you gain from it?

WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

- Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLC's) – Kerrycollege.ie
- Apprenticeships – apprenticeship.ie
- Higher Education Institutes – Universities/Technological Universities/Institutes of Technology

Further Education and Training & Apprenticeships

- Offer pathways to progression, employment, third level and apprenticeship training
- [CAO.ie/options](https://www CAO.ie/options) allows access to information on and how to apply for Further Education and Training & Apprenticeships
- Apply for FET courses through CAO which will direct you to [fetchcourses.ie](https://www.fetchcourses.ie)
- The Apprenticeship option on [CAO.ie/options](https://www CAO.ie/options) offers information on how to find an apprenticeship, links to available apprenticeship employment opportunities and access to guidance via a free phone number for students

What are the benefits of PLC courses?

- Provides an opportunity to try a course before committing to four years of study
- The courses for employment and progression are fully funded (part-time courses are fee paying - €300)
- You can achieve up to 390 points on our courses for progression which you can in turn use to access a range of third-level courses

The Benefits of Apprenticeships

- Four year training course which is funded with a salary
- Combines hands-on learning in the place of work, with learning in an education centre
- On successful completion of a number of phases of training (over 2, 3 or 4 years), apprentices become recognised craftspeople or professionals
- Traditional **Craft Apprenticeships** include those in the Construction, Electrical, Engineering and Motor sectors.
- New **Occupational Apprenticeships** have been introduced in the Computer & ICT, Insurance, Finance and Accountancy sectors and many more
- www.apprenticeship.ie

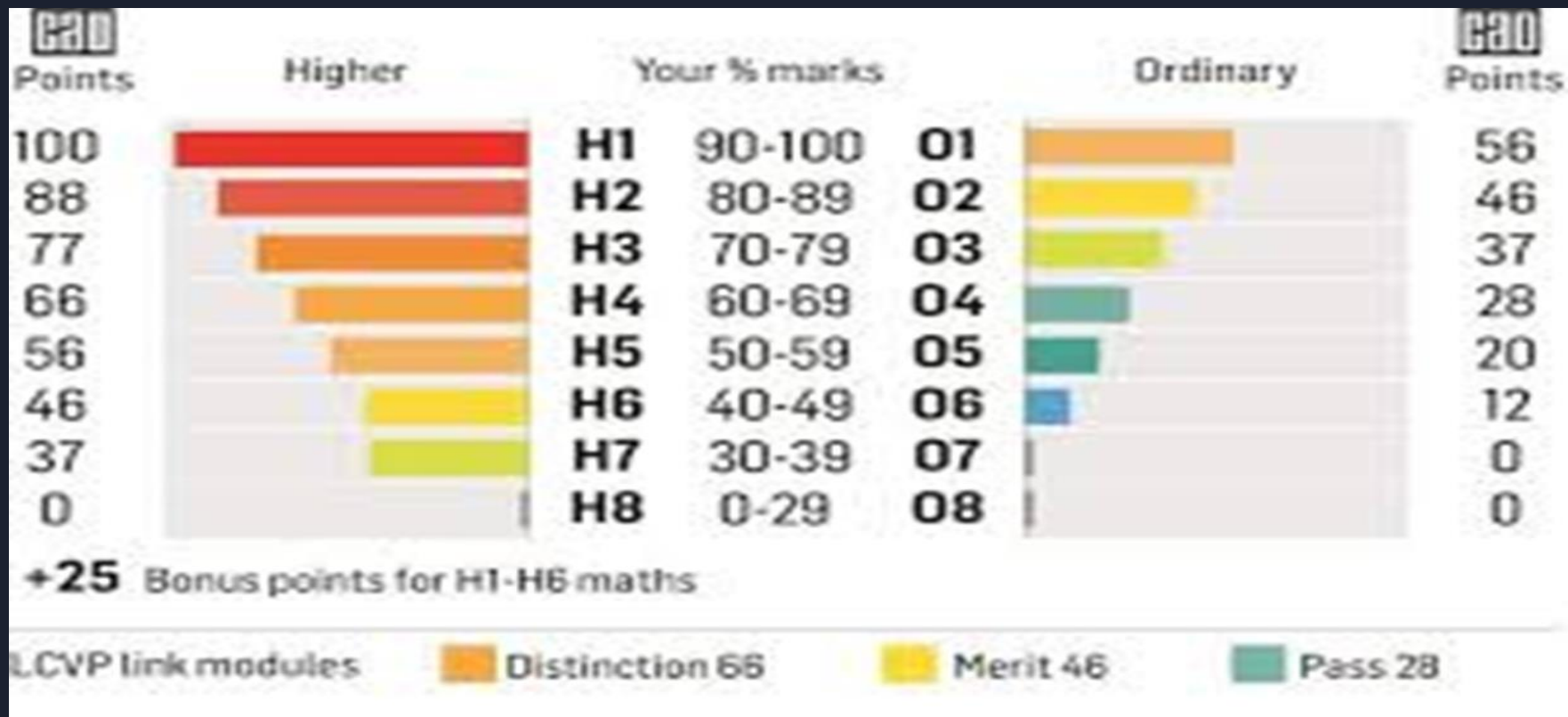
HEI Route – Apply through CAO

- For students to be accepted onto their desired course they must;
 - Have HEI Entry Requirements
 - Meet Minimum Course Requirements
 - Obtain Required Points
- It is up to the individual student to be aware of the specific entry requirements for their chosen course

CAO POINT SYSTEM

- The point system purely depends on the demand for a specific course.
- Points are calculated from ONE sitting of the Leaving Certificate.
- Irrespective of how many subjects the student studies their total points is calculated from their best 6 subjects.
- NOTE: 25 bonus points will continue to be awarded for H6(over 40%) and above in higher level maths

GRADING SYSTEM



CAO HANDBOOK

- Courses are imputed on CAO by **CODE NOT TITLE**
- These codes are found in the CAO handbook
- The handbook can be downloaded from CAO.ie
- It is the students responsibility to do this
- Once you apply you receive a CAO number
- This code is used for all correspondence between the student and CAO

Download CAO Handbook on CAO.IE



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Central Applications Office

The Central Applications Office processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Decisions on admissions to undergraduate courses are made by the HEIs who instruct CAO to make offers to successful candidates.

APPLY NOW

Apply on-line before 20th January for a reduced fee of €30.

Need Help?
Click here for the demo application, video guides and answers to frequently asked questions.

Advanced Entry
Click here for applications to year 2, 3 and 4.

Important Dates:
JAN 20 Apply online by this date to avail of the discounted fee of €30
FEB 1 Normal closing date for applications (17-15)

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Important

Statement of Application Record

- This notifies the candidate of what information the CAO has about them on file
 - Name
 - Address
 - Courses applied for and
 - Order of Preference etc.
- If the candidate has not heard from them by 1st June 2023 contact CAO immediately.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that all information is accurate & correct

ORDER OF PREFERENCE

****VERY IMPORTANT****

- Students must fill out both course lists in **GENUINE ORDER OF PREFERENCE**
- First preference should be put down as number 1, second as number 2 and so on
- Applicants should not try to guess what the points will be for each of the courses

CAO FORM

Courses are applied for on 2 separate lists on a single form:

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 on the CAO online Handbook, ie Level 6,7 & 8
- It is possible to receive an offer from both lists – the applicant must choose which one to accept

Example:

- A student receives 450 points in their Leaving Certificate Exams.
- They filled their CAO in the following way:
 1. Arts in UCC - 300 points
 2. Social Care in MTU Kerry - 308 points
 3. General Nursing MTU Kerry - 450 points
 4. Primary Teaching in Mary I - 522 points
- They will never be offered anything below their first choice because they received the points for it.
- You can always move UP as points change (2nd and 3rd round offers).

Example 2:

- A student receives 525 points in their Leaving Certificate Exams.
- They filled their CAO in the following way:
 1. Engineering in DCU- 534 points
 2. Engineering in UCC - 510 points
 3. Engineering in UL - 488 points
- They receive an offer for UCC, they can accept this offer.
- Even though this student has enough points to study Engineering in UL they will never be offered it as they have placed UCC above UL on their CAO form
- If the points come down for DCU in the 2nd round offer this student will be offered a place on this course
- NOTE: You can always move UP as points change (2nd and 3rd round offers).

IMPORTANT CAO DATES

Online Application	Fee	Closing Date
Early Discounted	€30	20 January 2023 (5.15pm)
Normal	€45	1 February 2023 (5.15pm)
Late	€60	1 May 2023 (5.15pm)
Change of Mind	No Fee	1 July 2023 (5.15pm)

RESTRICTED COURSES

- Must be applied for BEFORE 1ST FEBRUARY 2023
- Marked clearly on the handbook
- Have extra assessments - Art (portfolio), Music (audition), Drama (audition), Medicine (hpat) , Animation (portfolio), Hotel Management (interview)

HEAR/DARE SCHEMES

- **HEAR** – Higher Education Access Route
- Third level admissions scheme for school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds

- **DARE** – Disability Access Route to Education
- Third level admissions scheme for school leavers with disabilities

- **Very important to indicate on CAO form the applicants wish to be considered for either of the above schemes.**

www.accesscollege.ie

Benefits of HEAR

- **Reduced points CAO offers** in the participating colleges provided you meet the minimum entry requirements.
- **Post-entry supports** such as financial, academic, social and personal.

Benefits of DARE

- Offered a HEI place with lower points
- Orientation Programmes
- Learning Support
- Assistive Technology
- Library Support
- Exam Accommodations
- Educational Support Worker
- Academic Tuition

HEAR/DARE APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE

- March 1st 2023
- You must have indicated on the CAO form that you are intending to apply
- Further information : www.accesscollege.ie
 - Application Online Information Presentation:
 - Date: Saturday 14 January 2023
Time: 10 am (DARE) 1pm(HEAR)
 - Location: Nationwide

SUSI GRANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **Nationality:** Irish, EU, EEA, Swiss nationals or have specific leave to remain in the State.
- **Residency:** 3 of last 5 years in Ireland, EU, EEA or Switzerland.
- **Progression** in education
- **Approved College/Course**
- **‘Reckonable’ Income**

Scholarships:

- **Academic Scholarships** – based on academic performance in the Leaving Certificate and awarded by individual colleges.
- **Sports Scholarships** – must apply to individual colleges. Awarded on the basis of competing in a particular sport to a very high level.
- **Other Scholarships** : Liebherr Engineering Scholarship, Naughton Foundation Scholarship (STEM), Credit Union Scholarships

Thank you for your attention

- Any further questions please feel free to contact:
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