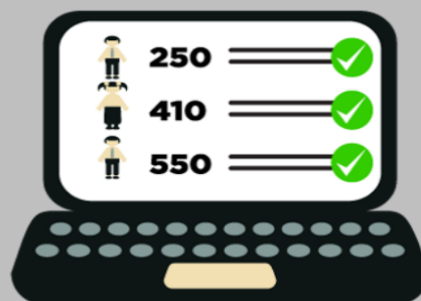
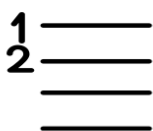


How are points decided for a course?



The published points for Round 1 offers represent the points score of the last applicant to receive an offer on that course in that round.



For every course that you apply for, CAO will check that you meet the matriculation and minimum entry requirements before calculating your points score. If you meet these requirements your score is calculated and you are placed on a list in order of merit, with the person with the highest score going to the top of the list and the person with the lowest score going to the bottom of the list.



At the offer stage, the institution tells CAO how many places to offer. If they ask CAO to issue 40 offers, the top 40 people on the Order of Merit list for that course will receive an offer. The published points for the course in that offer round will be the points score of the person in 40th place on the Order of Merit list/waiting list - the last person to receive an offer in that round.



To calculate a points score based on Irish Leaving Certificate results (either 2017 or 1992 – 2016) you can use the Points Calculator available at www.cao.ie.

