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Applying to CAO 2018



Important Dates

Nov - Feb

6th November: CAO online application facility opens at noon

20th January (5:15pm): Closing date for discounted application fee of €30

1st February (5:15pm): Normal closing date for CAO applications

5th February: Change of Course Choices facility opens at noon - used for introducing restricted courses or by restricted-category applicants

March - June

1st March: Change of Course Choices facility closes at 5:15pm

1st March (5:15pm): Closing date for completion of HEAR/DARE application forms

1st April: HEAR/DARE supporting documents to be received by CAO by 5:15pm

4th May: Change of Mind facility opens at noon - restrictions apply

July - Oct

1st July: Change of Mind facility closes at 5:15pm

Early July: Round A offers issued

Early August: Round 0 offers issued

20th August: Round One offers available online at www.cao.ie from 6am

Offers are issued on a weekly basis until mid-October, or until all places have been filled

For a list of all deadlines and important dates go to www.cao.ie and read the CAO Handbook.



TIPS

1. To get your CAO application number you need to register with CAO - go to www.cao.ie and click on 'Apply'.
2. You can register from 6th November and add your course information at a later date. Restrictions apply after 1st February at 5:15pm for certain courses and for restricted-category applicants - see the CAO handbook for more information.
3. Please enter your personal details carefully and correctly.
4. You must inform CAO of all qualifications. If you are required to submit supporting documents to CAO make sure to follow instructions on the online form and in the CAO handbook.
5. You may make changes to your CAO application when the 'Change of Mind' facility opens on 4th May and right up to 1st July at 5:15pm - restrictions apply.
6. Before applying for a course, check that you meet the minimum entry requirements - this information is available on the website of the institution. Having the points for a course is not enough; you must meet the course/institution's requirements to be considered.
7. Place your course choices in genuine order of preference.
8. You must always read the CAO handbook before submitting a CAO application.