

Section 7: Carrying Forward HEAR eligibility from 2025 to 2026

This section is only relevant to applicants who made a HEAR application and were eligible in 2025 (e.g. applicants who are now repeating the Leaving Certificate or taking up a deferral from 2025).

Eligibility for HEAR carries forward for one year provided that you:

- apply to CAO by 17:00 on Sunday February 1st 2026 and indicate that you wish to apply to HEAR by 17:00 on Sunday March 1st 2026.
- supply your correct CAO 2025 application number.

The outcome of your 2025 HEAR application was communicated to you by email in June 2025. If you applied to CAO in 2025 and you were deemed eligible for HEAR in 2025, then your HEAR eligibility can be carried forward to your application for entry in 2026. You must enter your correct CAO 2025 application number in the box provided. You are still required to complete all relevant sections of the 2026 HEAR application form, however you do not need to supply supporting documents as part of your application. You can contact the CAO helpdesk if you require information about your 2025 HEAR eligibility.

In the event of being offered and accepting a HEAR place in 2026, you may be required to provide the supporting documents which accompanied your 2025 HEAR application.

You must be under the age of 23 as of January 1st 2026 to carry forward HEAR eligibility from 2025 to 2026.

Please do not complete this section if you did not apply to or were not eligible for HEAR in 2025.

Deadline:
February
1st 2026

By 17:00
- apply to CAO

Deadline:
March 1st
2026

By 17:00
- apply to HEAR
and complete all
sections of form

**Insert 2025
CAO application
number under
Section 7 if deemed
eligible for HEAR
in 2025**