

## New Common Points Scale for Entry to Higher Education from 2017

Candidates receiving Leaving Certificate results from August 2017 on will have their results expressed in a new scale of grades.

Consequently, from 2017, a new Higher Education Common Points Scale will come into effect.

The new scale will apply to all applicants applying to CAO on the basis of their Leaving Certificate examination results (1985 – present).

If you sat the Leaving Certificate between 1985 and 2016, scores for grades will be adjusted to conform to the new scale. The points available under the new scale cannot be compared with the points awarded up to 2016.

**The New Common Points Scale for Leaving Certificate from 2017 is as follows:**

Higher Level Grade	Points	Ordinary Level Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

### Maths Bonus Points

25 bonus points will continue to be awarded for Higher Level Mathematics for H6 grades and above. For example, if an applicant receives a H6 grade, an additional 25 points will be added to the 46 points already awarded for a H6 grade i.e. Higher Level Mathematics now carries a points score of 71 for this applicant.

### Foundation Level Mathematics

To be confirmed.

### Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

LCVP Grade	Revised LCVP Points
<b>Distinction</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Merit</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Pass</b>	<b>28</b>

### Changes to basic matriculation requirements from 2017

Where the requirements are currently 2 higher level C3 grades and 4 ordinary level D3 grades, in 2017 these will become 2 H5 and 4 O6/H7 grades.

Where the requirements are currently 5 ordinary level D3 grades, in 2017 these will become 5 O6/H7 grades.

Where the requirements are currently 3 higher level C3 grades and 3 ordinary level D3 grades, in 2017 these will become 3 H5 and 3 O6/H7 grades.

### Revised scoring for QQI-FET awards

From 2017, the maximum possible total score of 360 will be multiplied by 13 and divided by 12, to give a revised maximum overall points score of 390 for applicants presenting QQI further education and training awards. For further information about how points are calculated for QQI-FET applicants please visit the Applicant Scoring page in the 'Student Resources' section of [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie).

### Applicants presenting Leaving Certificate results 1992 to 2016

1992 to 2016 LC Grade	New Points Awarded Higher Level	New Points Awarded Ordinary Level
A1	100	56
A2	88	46
B1	88	46
B2	77	37
B3	77	37
C1	66	28
C2	66	28
C3	56	20
D1	56	20
D2	46	12
D3	46	12
E	33	0
F	0	0
NG	0	0

### Applicants presenting Leaving Certificate results 1985 to 1991

1985 to 1991 LC Grade	New Points Awarded Higher Level	New Points Awarded Ordinary Level
A	100	56
B	77	37
C	66	28
D	46	12
E	33	0
F	0	0
NG	0	0