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CAO Press Release

39,832 CAO applicants accept Round One offer

At the close of the Round One reply date for CAO offers (Monday August 24 at 5:15pm) 39,832 applicants had accepted a Round One offer.

A total of 52,028 applicants received an offer in Round One, with almost 50 per cent of these applicants receiving a Level 8 first preference and 79 per cent receiving either a first, second or third preference on their Level 8 list.

Eighty-four per cent of applicants received an offer of their first preference Level 7/6 course in Round One.

Round Two offers will be available to view online at www.cao.ie from 6am on Thursday August 27. Round Two offers will also be issued by post, email and SMS text for those who have selected this option.

General Manager of CAO, Joe O'Grady, commented; 'Applicants who have accepted a second or lower preference course in Round One may still receive an offer of a higher preference course in a subsequent offer round.

'If an applicant is deemed eligible for a course in a later offer round - dependent on their position on the 'Order of Merit list' - they may be made an offer which they can either accept or ignore.

'Accepting a new offer automatically cancels any previous acceptances' he added.

The Available Places facility is also taking applications from new and existing applicants for places on courses that have not been filled after the waiting list of eligible applicants has been exhausted – this facility is free for existing applicants and is accessible via the 'My Application' facility on the CAO website. For new applicants an application for 'Available Places' can be made for a fee of €40.

'Applicants can apply for one or more of the 200 courses advertised as Available Places on our website. Previously published points can be ignored, but minimum entry requirements must be met and an application does not guarantee an offer. This facility is open to new and existing applicants.

'If you still wish to be considered for courses on your existing application you must place the Available Places course below these courses on your order of preference list.

'Alternatively, if you wish to prioritise an Available Places course you must place this at the top of your list, and above any offers already received.

The 'Available Places' facility will remain open until mid-October or until all available places have been filled. Applications for 'Available Places' should be made before 11am on Monday to be considered for offers on the Friday of the same week, and an application does not guarantee an offer.

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