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CAO Press Release

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CAO release 2016 course choices data

The Central Applications Office (CAO) has released 2016 application data up to the Change of Course Choices closing date of 1 March at 5:15 pm.

The data shows applications by category, level and by address group.

There are 17 statistical categories used to present the CAO data for Level 8 and Level 7/6 courses, and figures are based on CAO applications to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Republic of Ireland.

A total of 76,081 applications were received by CAO by the 1 February closing date, an increase of 1,657 applicants on the previous year - 307 of these applicants were Advanced Entry applicants only.

There was a total of 10,280 applications from applicants over 23 years of age – down 483 applications from 2015. Included in the figure for mature applicants are 123 applicants aged 23 years or over who applied for Advanced Entry only.

The data provided at this stage is interim data and is subject to change when late applications are taken into account and when the 'Change of Mind' facility closes on 1 July at 5:15pm.

Speaking about the application figures, General Manager of CAO, Joseph O'Grady, commented: "The majority of CAO applicants will be permitted to use the 'Change of Mind' facility when it opens on 5 May to add, remove or re-order course choices, which will result in changes to the figures released today".

Late applications are currently being accepted up to May 1st at 5:15pm -to apply to CAO go to www.cao.ie and click on 'Apply'.

All CAO applicants will receive a 'Statement of Application Record' before the end of May, and CAO advises applicants to read this document carefully. The Statement of Application Record will contain details of important information held on file for the applicant - including course choices and examination details - and any errors or omissions identified in this document must be communicated to CAO immediately. Applicants are advised to contact CAO using the 'Contact' page on the CAO website.

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Notes to the Editor:

- There are limitations to the year-on-year data comparisons by category due to the introduction or cancellation of courses, and as a result of some courses being re-categorised by HEIs. The statistical category for each course is given in the accompanying spreadsheet and corresponding data is also given in the spreadsheet for 2015 courses.
- The address data is broken down by the address given on the application – these are grouped: county in Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Britain, EU (Other than Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Britain) and Non EU.

		2016	2015	Diff	%inc				
	Applicants-March	76,081	74,424	1,657	2.23%				
	Level 8 List	65,030	63,130	1,900	3.01%				
	Level 7/6 List	34,885	35,525	-640	-1.80%				
Group	Applicants by Group - March Details	Level 8 2016		Level 8 2015		Diff	% Diff	Diff	% Diff
		Total	1st Pref	Total	1st Pref	Mentions		1st Pref	
1	ARTS/SOCIAL SCIENCE	83,645	14,406	86,361	14,641	-2,716	-3.14%	-235	-1.61%
2	SCIENCE/APPLIED SCIENCE	53,355	8,213	53,353	8,282	2	0.00%	-69	-0.83%
3	AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE	1,990	455	2,651	595	-661	-24.93%	-140	-23.53%
4	EDUCATION	19,242	4,839	18,836	4,731	406	2.16%	108	2.28%
5	ADMINISTRATION/BUSINESS	60,604	10,843	58,138	10,053	2,466	4.24%	790	7.86%
6	ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY	37,625	7,207	35,201	6,384	2,424	6.89%	823	12.89%
7	ARCHITECTURE	3,236	708	2,837	624	399	14.06%	84	13.46%
8	ART & DESIGN	8,626	2,196	8,774	2,247	-148	-1.69%	-51	-2.27%
9	LAW	13,622	2,477	13,086	2,341	536	4.10%	136	5.81%
10	HUMAN MEDICINE (incl GMED)	12,654	3,246	12,732	3,283	-78	-0.61%	-37	-1.13%
11	VETERINARY MEDICINE	834	560	846	602	-12	-1.42%	-42	-6.98%
12	DENTISTRY	1,085	303	1,057	320	28	2.65%	-17	-5.31%
13	PHARMACY	1,942	353	1,856	342	86	4.63%	11	3.22%
14	PHYSIOTHERAPY	3,457	820	3,299	778	158	4.79%	42	5.40%
15	NURSING	39,252	5,955	35,441	5,368	3,811	10.75%	587	10.94%
16	OTHER HEALTH CARE	10,171	2,021	10,515	2,141	-344	-3.27%	-120	-5.60%
17	BUILT ENVIRONMENT	2,216	428	1,907	398	309	16.20%	30	7.54%
ALL	COURSES	353,556	65,030	346,890	63,130	6,666	1.92%	1,900	3.01%
TOTAL	APPLICANTS		65,030		63,130				
Group	Applicants by Group - March Details	Level 7/6 2016		Level 7/6 2015		Diff	% Diff	Diff	% Diff
		Total	1st Pref	Total	1st Pref	Mentions		1st Pref	
1	ARTS/SOCIAL	14,031	4,789	15,139	5,080	-1,108	-7.32%	-291	-5.73%
2	SCIENCE/APPLIED	26,347	7,835	26,761	7,810	-414	-1.55%	25	0.32%
3	AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE	1,256	441	1,777	633	-521	-29.32%	-192	-30.33%
4	EDUCATION	495	149	602	150	-107	-17.77%	-1	-0.67%
5	ADMINISTRATION/BUSINESS	43,277	11,081	45,642	11,165	-2,365	-5.18%	-84	-0.75%
6	ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY	28,132	7,310	29,210	7,270	-1,078	-3.69%	40	0.55%
7	ARCHITECTURE	586	165	542	122	44	8.12%	43	35.25%
8	ART	2,340	870	2,841	1,056	-501	-17.63%	-186	-17.61%
9	LAW	1,041	326	1,032	321	9	0.87%	5	1.56%
12	DENTISTRY	1,585	644	1,700	643	-115	-6.76%	1	0.16%
13	PHARMACY	793	237	828	238	-35	-4.23%	-1	-0.42%
16	OTHER HEALTH CARE	1,660	598	2,101	651	-441	-20.99%	-53	-8.14%
17	BUILT ENVIRONMENT	1,735	440	1,805	386	-70	-3.88%	54	13.99%
ALL	COURSES	123,278	34,885	129,980	35,525	-6,702	-5.16%	-640	-1.80%
TOTAL	APPLICANTS		34,885		35,525				

2016 Feb 1 Applicants by County

COUNTY	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	COUNTY	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
DONEGAL	2,578	1,197	1,381	GALWAY	4,090	2033	2057
CAVAN	1,235	553	682	MAYO	2,147	1032	1115
MONAGHAN	984	495	489	ROSCOMMON	1,091	514	577
				SLIGO	1,152	574	578
DUBLIN	17,394	8,359	9,035	LEITRIM	571	285	286
CARLOW	973	443	530				
KILKENNY	1,524	747	777	CLARE	1,901	946	955
KILDARE	3,448	1,639	1,809	LIMERICK	2,818	1371	1447
WESTMEATH	1,554	748	806	KERRY	2,638	1282	1356
LAOIS	1,215	593	622	CORK	8,009	3965	4044
WEXFORD	2,288	1,130	1,158	TIPPERARY	2,556	1234	1322
LONGFORD	650	327	323	WATERFORD	1,882	904	978
LOUTH	2,143	1,003	1,140				
MEATH	3,115	1,527	1,588	CONNACHT	9,051	4,438	4,613
OFFALY	1,298	623	675	ULSTER(3)	4,797	2,245	2,552
WICKLOW	2,115	1,077	1,038	MUNSTER	19,804	9,702	10,102
				LEINSTER	37,717	18,216	19,501
BRITISH	1,035	419	616	26-COUNTY	71,369	34,601	36,768
E.U.	1,440	484	956	N-IRL.	1,718	654	1064
NON-E.U.	519	208	311	TOT-APPS	76,081	36,366	39,715

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1,657	516	1,141

2015 Feb 1 Applicants by County

COUNTY	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	COUNTY	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
DONEGAL	2,389	1,074	1,315	GALWAY	4,286	2,106	2,180
CAVAN	1,158	511	647	MAYO	2,152	1,051	1,101
MONAGHAN	935	498	437	ROSCOMMON	1,068	491	577
				SLIGO	1,097	531	566
DUBLIN	17,146	8,349	8,797	LEITRIM	525	243	282
CARLOW	881	398	483				
KILKENNY	1,521	782	739	CLARE	1,989	989	1000
KILDARE	3,405	1,655	1,750	LIMERICK	2,890	1,446	1,444
WESTMEATH	1,528	740	788	KERRY	2,599	1,296	1,303
LAOIS	1,139	538	601	CORK	7,703	3,796	3,907
WEXFORD	2,300	1,157	1,143	TIPPERARY	2,542	1,237	1,305
LONGFORD	630	324	306	WATERFORD	1,915	905	1010
LOUTH	2,083	1,001	1,082				
MEATH	3,106	1,511	1,595	CONNACHT	9,128	4,422	4,706
OFFALY	1,194	572	622	ULSTER(3)	4,482	2,083	2,399
WICKLOW	2,165	1,060	1,105	MUNSTER	19,638	9,669	9,969
				LEINSTER	37,098	18,087	19,011
BRITISH	1,072	431	641	26-COUNTY	70,346	34,261	36,085
E.U.	1,158	416	742	N-IRL.	1,383	548	835
NON-E.U.	480	203	277	TOT-APPS	74,424	35,850	38,574