

CAO Alert list updates for 2026/2027

<https://www.setu.ie/courses>

1. Changes to the handbook.

New programmes – Level 8 (all updated and correct in handbook)

Page	Course Code	Course Title	Location
43	SE214	Home Economics	SETU Waterford Campus
44	SE525	Pharmacy	SETU Waterford Campus
44	SE526	Veterinary medicine	SETU Waterford Campus
44	SE527	Forestry	SETU Waterford Campus
44	SE528	Horticulture	SETU Waterford Campus
44	SE529	Agriculture	SETU Waterford Campus

Discontinued programmes

Page	Course Code	Course Title	Location
45	SE732	Agricultural Systems Engineering	SETU Carlow Campus
47	SE733	Agricultural Systems Engineering	SETU Carlow Campus
Removed	SE734	Set Design and Construction	SETU Carlow Campus
Removed	SE735	Set Design and Construction	SETU Carlow Campus

handbook Changes

Page	Course Code	Course Title	Change to Handbook
43	SE200	Arts	New subject choices added (Geography Environment and Sustainability – Group 2) and Politics and Society (Group 4)
43	SE205	Psychology	No audition required
43	SE206	Music	No interview required – just audition

2. Dates for your diary

SETU Open Days – We have a number of Open day events planned across all our campuses

- **WEXFORD CAMPUS** Wed, 8 October 2025 10am-2pm
- **CARLOW CAMPUS** Thurs, 23 October 2025 10am-2pm
- **WATERFORD CAMPUS** Fri, 7 November 2025 10am-2pm

Spring Open Days

- **WATERFORD CAMPUS** Thurs, 23 April 2026 6-8pm
- **CARLOW CAMPUS** Sat, 9 May 2026 10am-2pm

Information Evenings

- **PARENTS' INFORMATION SESSION (ONLINE)** - Tues, 25 November 2025 – focus CAO 6.30-7.30pm
- **CAO information Evening** – Wed, 14 January 2026 (Carlow Campus)

SETU Try Events – SETU continues to deliver a wide range of successful TRY events for senior cycle students interested in exploring potential career paths. So far, confirmed events across our campuses include Try Early Childhood Care and Education, Try Tourism and Hospitality, Try Sport and Nutrition, Try Business, Try Computing, Try Nursing and several new additions such as Try Pharmacy.

Last year, SETU hosted more than 33 different Try events, welcoming over 1,500 students, and plans are in place to expand this further in the years ahead. These events provide valuable insight and experience for students as they prepare to make their CAO choices.

The full list of events are published on www.setu.ie/try. Please feel free to share these widely with your friends and family.

3. SETU Rising Stars

SETU also continue to run it's successful Rising Stars initiative which allows CAO applicants who have finished or are in the process of completing their Leaving Certificate or QQI FE course to seek extra points across various categories. Students have the opportunity to apply by showcasing their accomplishments and involvement in the following categories: sports, active citizenship, creative arts, and innovation and entrepreneurship. Through this initiative, SETU can recognize the societal contributions of students and express appreciation by granting extra points via the SETU Rising Stars program.

4. Maths Entry Exam 2026

SETU is delighted to confirm that the 'second chance' maths entry exam will continue again in 2026. The purpose of this exam is to provide applicants with a second chance opportunity to achieve the minimum maths entry requirements. The examination will follow the standard format based on the existing leaving certificate ordinary level paper. Attaining a qualifying standard in the SETU maths exam does not in itself guarantee a place on any course at SETU. The cut off points and normal eligibility criteria will still apply. CAO offers are subject to available places post Round 1. Date of the maths exam for 2026 to be confirmed

5. Schools Visit

To arrange a school visit, please contact our Schools' Liaison Administrator by emailing schoolvisits@setu.ie to arrange.