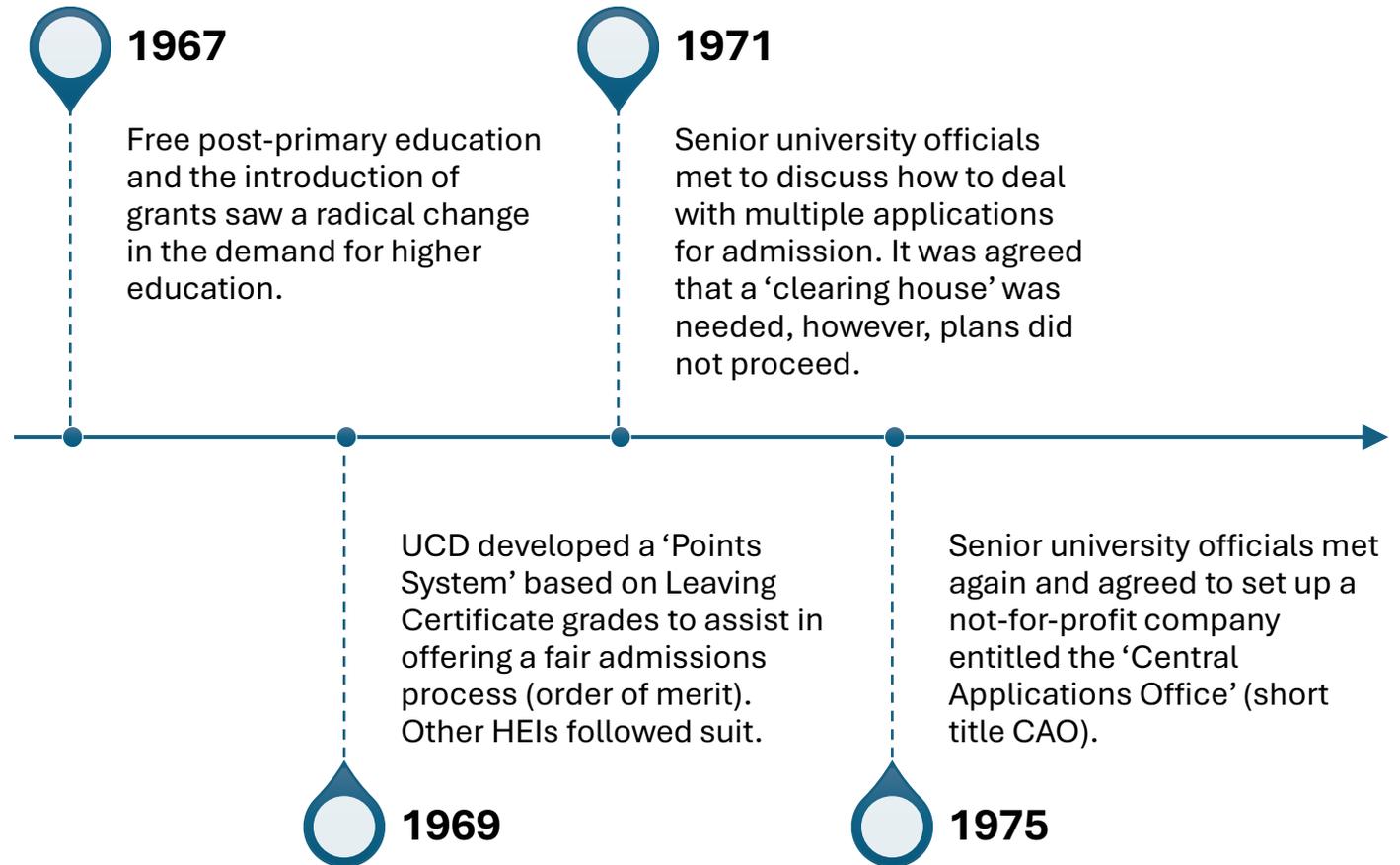




50 Years of CAO

1976 - 2026

HOW CAO CAME ABOUT



CAO KEY MILESTONES AND EVENTS: 1976 - 1990



1976 – The Central Applications Office (CAO) was formally established on 23 January 1976. The first CAO Handbook was published on 1 September 1976.



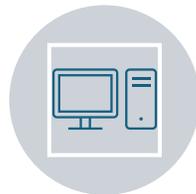
1977 – The first CAO application cycle for 1977 entry saw 14,845 applicants for 69 courses at the 5 participating HEIs (St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Trinity College Dublin, University College Cork, University College Dublin, University College Galway).



1978 – The CAO office moved from its temporary location on Clare Street in Dublin to its current premises on Eglinton Street in Galway.

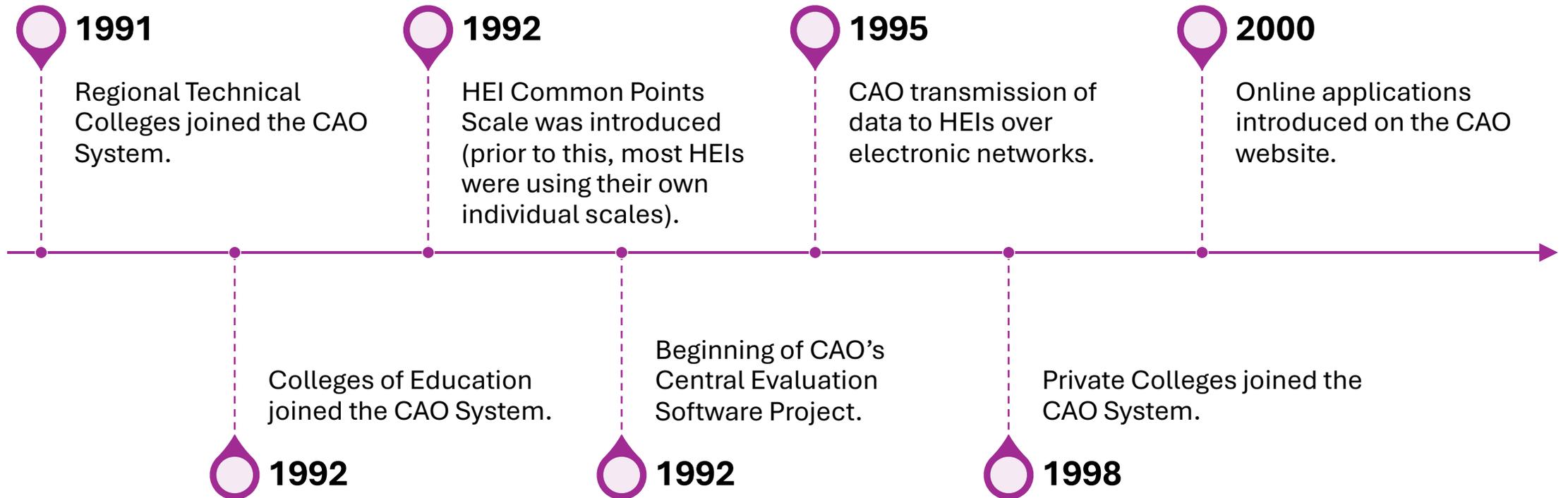


1982 – CAO and the IGC Executive together reviewed the CAO application procedures. This provided the outline for the current structure of the application cycle.

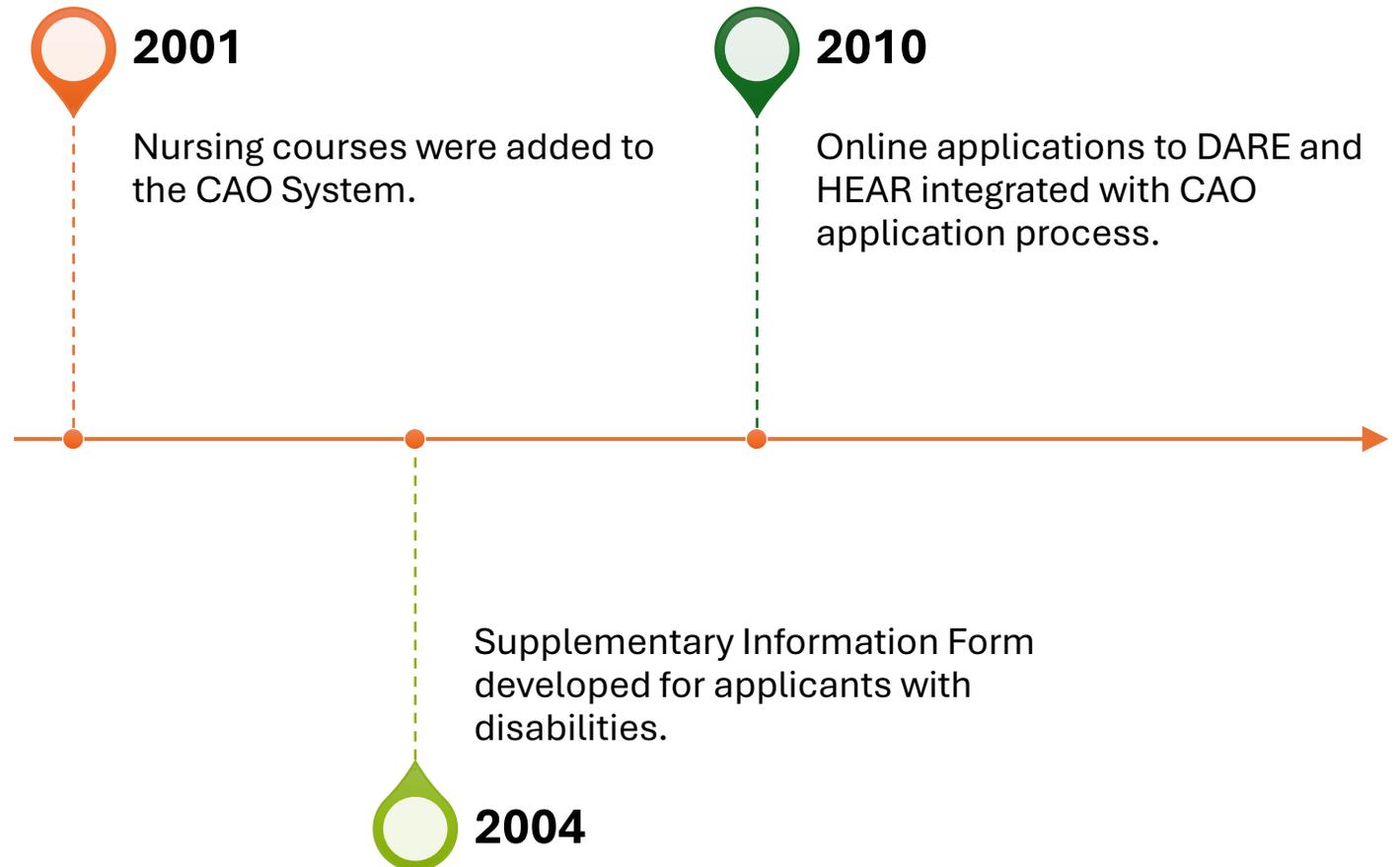


1990 – Computerisation of Leaving Certificate examination procedures helped with necessary efficiencies to meet the growing demand for the organisation's services.

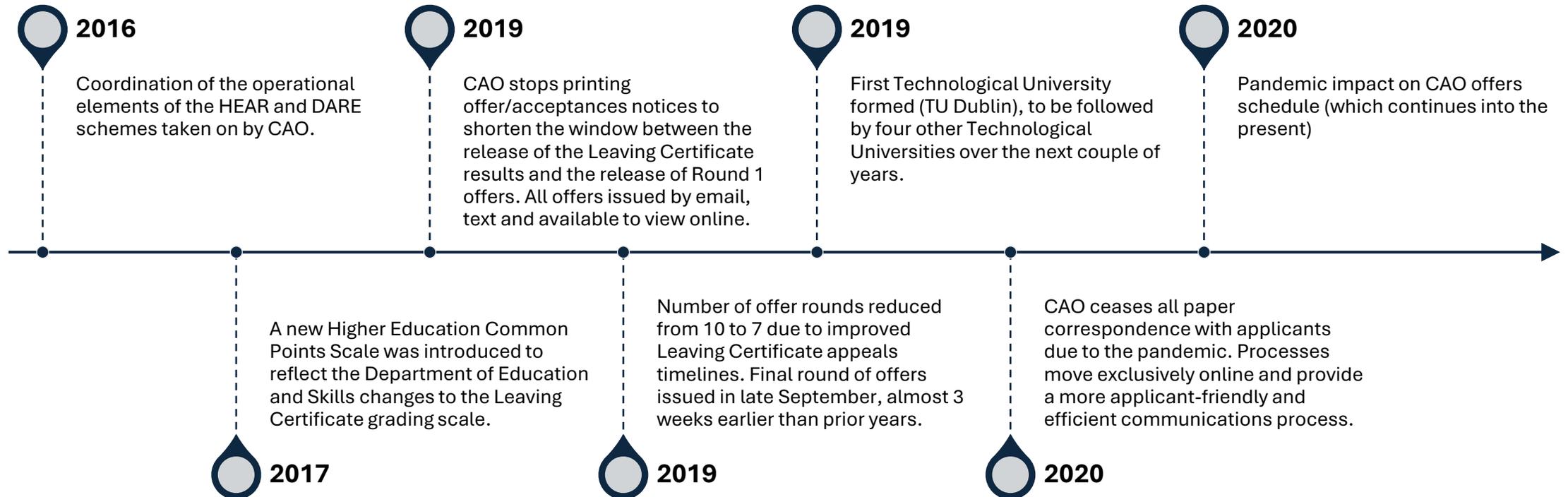
CAO KEY MILESTONES AND EVENTS: 1991 - 2000



CAO KEY MILESTONES AND EVENTS: 2001- 2010



CAO KEY MILESTONES AND EVENTS: 2011-2020



CAO KEY MILESTONES AND EVENTS: 2021-2026

