

IMPORTANT - Applicants presenting GCE/GCSE must read these pages carefully and in full.

The following important matters should be noted.

1. When you log in to your CAO account you must check that your summer 2026 Centre and Candidate numbers are present and correct. Your FULL Examination Centre and Candidate Numbers should be shown in the “GCE A/AS Level examinations TO BE TAKEN” table. The 5-digit Centre Number will appear first followed by your 4-digit Candidate Number. If there are any errors or omissions, please click on the ‘Modify Details’ button (accessible from the Qualifications and Assessments section of your CAO account) and update your information in the spaces provided.
2. **Results in August:** we expect to collect the results of summer 2026 ‘A’ and ‘AS’ level British and Northern Ireland examinations electronically from examining authorities in August. In order to do this, we must have your correct Centre and Candidate Number. When the examination results are released in August, we will send you an email with instructions on checking your account for the results of ‘GCSE’, ‘A’ and ‘AS’ examination results on file in CAO. You must upload or post evidence of any certified examination results not appearing on your account without delay.
3. **Prior year result details:** you must check that the examination data appearing in the “2006-2026 GCE A/AS and/or GCSE Examination Details” table is complete and correct. If you entered results in your online application but did not supply supporting documents, then these results will appear in red and will not be considered for assessment purposes. You must upload or post evidence of certificates/statements of results for examinations missing or appearing in red (other than summer 2026) to CAO immediately.
4. **Supporting Evidence:** If you have obtained results which are not appearing on your online application, you must now upload or post evidence to CAO. Documents must be produced by the examination boards (i.e. they must show the exam board logo) and must clearly show the exam sitting, subject, level, and grade awarded.
5. **GCSEs** may form part of minimum entry requirements and therefore should be recorded on your CAO account. If you have taken GCSEs and they do not appear in the Qualifications and Assessments section of your CAO account, you must enter the data in the table provided and upload or post evidence to CAO immediately.
6. Do not fax or email copies of results to CAO. Faxed or emailed documents are not considered sufficient evidence of results, nor are letters or printouts produced by your school listing your results. **Only certificates/statements of results produced by an examining authority will suffice.**
7. A list of subjects recognised by higher education institutions is available here :
<https://www.nui.ie/app/uploads/2025/10/Subjects-recognised-for-the-purposes-of-matriculation-Aug2025.pdf>
The higher education institutions do not take account of the A-level subject ‘General Studies’. Therefore, it is not shown on your account.
8. For further guidance please see cao.ie/gce
9. **Please note:** we may contact you by email. When we send emails, we send them to the email address you registered on your CAO application. Please ensure you monitor this email address for messages from CAO.