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CAO Press Release

CAO Round 4 Offers to include applicants affected by the Leaving Certificate calculated grades error

The higher education institutions and CAO have agreed to include offers arising from corrections to Calculated Grades along with Round 4 offers this week.

Round 4 offers will be available to view online at www.cao.ie from 10am this Thursday, 8 October. Successful applicants will also receive an email, and a text message if they have selected this option on their application form.

Round 4 will also include applicants who have applied for - and been deemed eligible for - Available Places courses, as well as other applicants who were deemed eligible because a place has become available and they are next on the waiting list for that particular course.

Speaking about the Leaving Certificate upgrades, CAO's General Manager, Joseph O'Grady, commented; "On receipt of the data from the Department of Education on Saturday, CAO processed the corrections to the Leaving Certificate grades over the weekend.

On Sunday, HEIs began the process of reviewing the affected applications. Where possible, HEIs will authorise CAO to issue offers to applicants who have been upgraded and, as a result of this upgrade, are now eligible for a new offer.

Applicants who receive a Round 4 offer have until 3pm on Tuesday, 13 October to accept the offer if they wish to do so.

For applicants who have already received an offer in a previous offer round, CAO provides the following advice:

1. Accept the new offer by the 'Reply Date' of Tuesday, 13 October at 3pm if you prefer this course to the one that you have already accepted - this action automatically cancels your previous acceptance.
2. If you do not wish to accept the new offer you can simply do nothing and your previous acceptance will still stand.
3. If you wish to defer your current offer do not accept it now, you must contact the Admissions Office of the offering institution immediately by email with the text 'Deferred Entry' in the subject line of the email. See CAO Handbook page 19 or the CAO website for more information.

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