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CAO Press Release

Embargo to 10am on 06/08/2026

8,980 offers to be issued in CAO Round Zero from 10 am on 6 August

A total of 8,980 offers will be issued by CAO today (6 August) to 6,792 applicants.

Round Zero offers concern applicants who are not competing with those awaiting 2026 Leaving Certificate examination grades, or who are assessed on other criteria. The applicants who fall into this category include graduate entry medicine applicants, additional mature applicants, deferred and Access applicants, and applicants presenting QQI FET/FETAC qualifications for consideration for entry to courses with a quota for QQI FET applicants.

The offers will be available to view online from 10am (on 6 August). Successful applicants will also receive an email and a text message (if they have selected this option) with details of their offer.

This year there were 5,831 Level 8 offers and 3,149 Level 7/6 offers issued in Round Zero.

The reply date by which applicants must accept their offer is 11 August at 3pm.

Speaking about the offer process, head of communications for CAO, Eileen Keleghan, commented; “We urge mature, deferred, graduate entry medicine, and access applicants to log in to their CAO accounts today to check if they have received a Round Zero offer.

“QQI FET/FETAC applicants who applied for a course with a quota for QQI FET applicants should also check their account. To ascertain whether your course is a QQI quota course, go to www.cao.ie/qqisearch and search the entry requirements section.

“Offers must be accepted by 3 pm on 11 August. Failure to accept an offer by the reply date will result in the offer being cancelled” she added.

To date, a total of 16,052 offers have been issued by CAO in Round A and Round Zero to a total of 12,297 applicants.

For other successful applicants, Round One offers will be issued on 26 August. Round One offers will be available to view online only from 2pm on 26 August, and successful applicants will also receive offer notification by email and text message if they have selected this option.

The reply date by which Round One offers must be accepted is 1 September at 3pm.

Round Two offers will be available to view online from 7 September at 2pm.

For more information about the CAO offer and acceptance process watch the video guide available here: <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=video&l=102134759>

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