

**07/09/2021**

## **CAO Press Release - EMBARGO to 07/09/2021 at 2pm**

### **82,175 Round One CAO Offers Issued**

The Central Applications Office (CAO) has today (Tuesday, 7 September) issued 82,175 Round One Offers to 55,221 CAO applicants. These offers consist of 49,358 Level 8 course offers and 32,817 Level 7/6 course offers.

24,758 (50%) Level 8 offers are for the applicant's first preference course, and 39,063 (79%) Level 8 offers are for one of their top three preferences.

29,365 (89%) Level 7/6 offers are for the applicant's first preference course, and 32,314 (98%) Level 7/6 offers are for one of their top three preferences.

CAO applicants can check to see if they have received an offer by logging in to their account using the 'My Application' facility at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) from 2pm today.

Successful applicants will also receive an offer notification via email and a text message if they have selected this option on their application form. Separate emails and texts will issue in respect of Level 8 and Level 7/6 offers. There will be no postal offer notice.

It is possible that applicants may receive two offers at the same time: one from the Level 8 list and one from the Level 7/6 list. Applicants must choose between these lists and can only accept one offer per offer round.

Offers must be accepted by 3:00 pm on Monday, 13 September.

Eileen Keleghan, CAO Communications Officer, asks applicants to carefully consider any offers received in this round.

"One of the common queries that we receive at the offers stage is around order of preference. Applicants who receive a lower preference offer can accept this offer and it will not prevent them from receiving an offer of a course higher up on their courses list in a later round should a place become available and they are deemed eligible.

"Those who have received an offer in this round should also consider the current offer carefully as it may be the only one they will receive.

If an applicant has not received an offer they will receive a 'Statement of Application' email.

"It is important that applicants notify CAO immediately if there are any errors or omissions in their CAO account. They must make sure to do this as soon as possible to allow any corrections to be considered for subsequent rounds.

Applicants with queries or examination updates should first view the 'Have a Question' page, and if they cannot find the answer to their question they can contact CAO by sending an email from the Correspondence Section of their CAO account" she added.

A [short video guide](#) explaining the CAO Offer and Acceptance process is available to view on the CAO website [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie).

Round Two offers will be available to view on the CAO website from 10am on 20 September. The reply date by which Round Two Offers must be accepted is 22 September at 15:00. Offers are then issued on a weekly basis to fill any remaining places.

Applicants who do not receive an offer may wish to check the 'Available Places' facility which re-opens on CAO website on Wednesday, 8 September at noon. This facility is also available to new applicants on the completion of the online application form and the payment of a €45 fee.

For more information on the CAO Offer and Acceptance Process or the Available Places facility, applicants should go to [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) or consult the CAO Handbook.

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**For more information or to arrange an interview contact Eileen Keleghan, CAO communications officer, on [ekeleghan@cao.ie](mailto:ekeleghan@cao.ie)**

### **Note to the Editor**

#### **CAO Figures 2021 (2020 figures are in brackets)**

- 84,874 (78,336) applicants
- 69,594 (66,544) applicants presenting Leaving Certificate (LC) results from 1985 to 2021
- 58,136 (57,989) candidates entered with the SEC to sit the LC this year and, of these,
- 48,068 (47,719) applicants to CAO are presenting LC from this year
- 2,817 (2,090) applicants from Northern Ireland and Great Britain presenting A levels
- 10,164 (8,573) mature applicants (over 23-years of age)
- 13,147 (12,619) presenting QQI FET/FETAC (NCVA)
- 4,423 (3,980) presenting Further Education (FE) awards other than QQI FET/FETAC
- 7,578 (4,501) presenting school leaving exams other than LC, QQI FET/FETAC, and/or GC(S)E
- 7,878 (7,053) presenting with previous attendance at Higher Education
- Change of Mind: 60,117 (61,043) changes submitted by 44,970 (44,817) applicants
- 7,857 (7,246) applicants to the DARE scheme (see [accesscollege.ie](http://accesscollege.ie) for information)
- 10,007 (11,061) applicants to the HEAR scheme (see [accesscollege.ie](http://accesscollege.ie) for information)