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CAO Press Release

Apply to CAO by 5:15 pm today to avail of the discounted application fee

Applicants who apply to CAO by 5:15pm today (20 January) will avail of a discounted application fee of €25 - the normal application fee of €40 applies if you apply between 20 January (after 5:15 pm) and 1 February at 5:15 pm.

Once registered on the system, you can login to your CAO account to update some of your information and to add, remove or change the order of your courses choices free of charge up to 31 January.

The CAO has produced two new video guides to talk applicants through the process of obtaining their CAO application number and editing their CAO account to provide the additional information that is required.

The video guides can be viewed here:

[Obtaining your CAO application number](#)

[Editing your CAO application](#)

CAO communications officer, Eileen Keleghan, encourages applicants to start adding some of their course choices at this stage, especially restricted courses which should be included on an application by 1 February at 5:15pm. Restricted courses are identified in the CAO handbook, and are generally courses that require an additional assessment, interview or portfolio.

She said, "Most applicants will have the opportunity to edit their account in May and June using the Change of Mind facility which closes on 1 July at 5:15pm, however, it is important that applicants take note of restricted courses which should be included on an application by the 1 February deadline.

"Some other restricted category applicants, for example mature applicants, may encounter restrictions when using the Change of Mind facility".

As well as watching the video guides and reading the CAO handbook, applicants can also practice their application by using the [Demo Application facility](#) available at www.cao.ie

The normal CAO application closing date is 1 February at 5:15pm.

The CAO Change of Course Choices facility opens on the 5 February and closes on the 1 March at 5:15 pm for restricted-category applicants who need to edit their course choices, or for registered applicants who have forgotten to add restricted courses to their application – a fee of €10 applies. All other CAO applicants can avail of the CAO Change of Mind facility which opens in May and closes on the 1 July at 5:15 pm.

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For more information or to arrange an interview contact CAO communications officer, Eileen Keleghan on ekeleghan@cao.ie or 091 509884