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**CAO Press Release**

**Embargo to 6am on 04/08/2016**

**Over four thousand offers issued in CAO Round Zero today**

A total of 4,232 offers have been issued by CAO today (4<sup>th</sup> August) to 3,521 applicants.

The offers will be available to view online from 6am (on 4<sup>th</sup> August), and successful applicants will also receive a paper offer notice by post, email and a text message (if they have selected this option) with details of their offer.

Round Zero offers concern applicants who are not competing with those awaiting 2016 examination results 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.

This year there were 2,841 Level 8 offers and 1,391 Level 7/6 offers issued in Round Zero.

The reply date by which applicants must accept their offer is the 11<sup>th</sup> August at 5:15 pm.

Speaking about the offer process, CAO communications officer Eileen Keleghan commented; "We urge all mature, deferred, and other non-standard applicants to log in to their CAO accounts after 6 am 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.

"Offers must be accepted by 5:15 pm on Thursday next, August 11<sup>th</sup> – failure to accept an offer by the reply date will result in the offer being cancelled" she added.

To date, a total of 11,845 offers have been issued by CAO in Round A and Round Zero to a total of 9,600 applicants.

For all other successful applicants, Round One offers will be issued on Monday August 22. Round One offers will be available to view online from 6 am, and successful applicants will also receive offer notification by email and text message if they have selected this option, as well as by post.

The reply date for Round One offers is August 29 at 5:15 pm.

Round Two offers will be available to view online from September 1 at 6 am.

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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