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**CAO Press Release**

**CAO Change of Course Choices facility closes on 1 March at 5:15 pm**

The CAO Change of Course Choices facility is available to all applicants for a fee of ten euro up to 1 March at 5:15 pm. Registered applicants who wish to use this facility simply log in to their CAO account and click on the 'Change Course Choices' tab and follow the steps provided.

Mature applicants to CAO, and applicants considering applying for courses that are classified as "restricted courses", should take note of this upcoming CAO deadline.

CAO Communications Officer, Eileen Keleghan, commented: "In the main, this facility will be used by those who have forgotten to include a restricted course before 1 February, or by those who are classed as a restricted category applicant, for example a mature applicant.

"In the case of mature applicants, many of the institutions need such applicants to have applied for their courses no later than 1 March in order to allow adequate time for their application to be assessed.

"Other institutions will still consider applicants who use the Change of Mind facility, but in order to avoid any unnecessary restrictions we would encourage restricted category applicants to make any changes before 1 March.

Restricted courses are courses that may require an additional assessment, for example a test, interview, or portfolio. Restricted courses are highlighted in the CAO handbook as 'Restricted – see page 3'.

"If an applicant is unsure about a restricted course our advice would be to add the course at this stage. A restricted course can always be removed at a later date, but in most cases, applicants cannot add a restricted course after this deadline", added Ms Keleghan.

For more information about restrictions, applicants are advised to read page three of the CAO handbook, and for a step-by-step guide to using the Change of Course Choices facility applicants can watch the video guide available in the Student Resources section of [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie).

The CAO late application facility will open on 6<sup>th</sup> March at noon for a fee of €50 for online applications.

**The video guide to the Change of Course Choices process is available here:**  
<https://vimeo.com/154717972>

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