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CAO Press Release

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CAO release 2017 course choices data

The Central Applications Office (CAO) has released 2017 application data up to the Change of Course Choices closing date of March 1st.

The data shows applications by category, level and by address group.

There are 17 statistical categories used to present the CAO data for Level 8 and Level 7/6 courses, and figures are based on CAO applications to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Republic of Ireland.

A total of 76,086 applications were received by CAO by the February 1st closing date; 272 of these applicants were Advanced Entry applicants only. From 2015, the CAO processes applications for entry to years 2, 3 and 4 of undergraduate courses in some Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). This entry route is known as Advanced Entry.

There was a total of 9,707 applications from Applicants over 23 years of age – down 573 applications from 2016. Included in the figure for mature applicants are 108 applicants aged 23 years or over who applied for Advanced Entry only.

The data provided at this stage is interim data and is subject to change when Late Applications are taken into account and when the 'Change of Mind' facility closes on July 1st at 5:15pm.

Speaking about the application figures, General Manager of CAO, Joseph O'Grady, commented: "The majority of CAO applicants will be permitted to use the 'Change of Mind' facility when it opens on May 5th to add, remove or re-order course choices, which will result in changes to the figures released today".

Late applications are currently being accepted up to May 1st at 5:15pm – to apply go to www.cao.ie and click on 'Apply'.

All CAO Applicants will receive a 'Statement of Application Record' before the end of May, and CAO advises applicants to read this document carefully. The Statement of Application Record will contain details of important information held on file for an applicant - including course choices and examination details - and any errors or omissions identified in this document must be communicated to CAO immediately. Applicants are advised to contact CAO using the 'Contact' page on the CAO website.

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For more information email Eileen Keleghan before 4.00pm on Wednesday, March 8th.

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Notes to the Editor:

- There are limitations to the year-on-year data comparisons by category due to the introduction or cancellation of courses, and as a result of some courses being re-categorised by HEI. The statistical category for each course is given in the accompanying spreadsheet and corresponding data is also given in the spreadsheet for 2016 courses.
- In 2017, the number of nursing courses available for application reduced from 88 to 44 as a result of the removal of mature nursing course codes (mature applicants now apply using the standard codes), which may impact the number of mentions for 2017 when compared to 2016.
- The address data is broken down by the address given on the application – these are grouped: county in Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Britain, EU (Other than Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Britain) and Non EU.