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## **CAO** Press Release

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

A total of 4,817 offers have been issued by CAO today (3<sup>rd</sup> August) to 3,990 applicants.

The offers will be available to view online from 6am (on 3<sup>rd</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 2017 Leaving Certificate 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 3,180 Level 8 offers and 1,637 Level 7/6 offers issued in Round Zero.

The reply date by which applicants must accept their offer is the 10<sup>th</sup> August at 5:15 pm.

Speaking about the offer process, CAO general manager Joseph O' Grady commented; "We urge all mature, deferred, and other 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 10<sup>th</sup> – failure to accept an offer by the reply date will result in the offer being cancelled" he added.

To date, a total of 12,731 offers have been issued by CAO in Round A and Round Zero to a total of 10,321 applicants.

For all other successful applicants, Round One offers will be issued on Monday August 21<sup>st</sup>. Round One offers will be available to view online from 6 am on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm.

Round Two offers will be available to view online from August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 am.

For more information about the CAO offer and acceptance process watch the video guide available here: <u>http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=video&l=102134759</u>

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