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## **CAO Press Release**

### **3,308 Round Two CAO offers issued**

The Central Applications Office (CAO) has today (Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August) issued 3,308 offers to applicants in Round Two of the CAO offers process.

A total of 1,991 Level 8 offers, and 1,317 Level 7/6 offers, were made to 3,087 CAO applicants in this round.

Of the recipients of Level 8 offers, 967 received an offer of their first preference course; for Level 7/6 offer recipients a total of 938 applicants' first preference offers were received.

Applicants receiving an offer in this round will have until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 5:15pm to accept their offer.

CAO general manager, Joseph O' Grady, advised applicants to carefully consider their options.

He said; "Many of the applicants receiving a second round offer today may have already accepted an offer in Round One, and it is important that they take the time to decide between these courses and inform CAO before the reply date if they wish to accept the new offer. Accepting the new offer will automatically cancel a previous acceptance.

"If this is an applicant's first offer they can choose to accept this offer and this will not prevent them from receiving a higher preference course in a later offer round if they are deemed eligible. It is important to note, however, that the majority of offers have been issued at this stage and this may be the only offer that they will receive.

"For those who have been unsuccessful in receiving an offer (or their desired offer) there are many options, including further education courses which offer qualifications in their own right as well as opportunities to progress to third-level; apprenticeship schemes; taking a year out and reapplying through CAO next year; or repeating the Leaving Certificate. The Available Places facility also has over 200 courses advertised, and some additional offers will be issued on a weekly basis until mid-October" he added.

Applicants can check if they have received a Round Two offer by logging in to their CAO account using the 'My Application' facility. Successful applicants will also receive an offer notification by email and SMS text message if they have selected this option. Paper offer notices should be with successful applicants by this Friday.

For applicants who have already received an offer in a previous offer round, CAO provides the following advice:

1. Accept the new offer by the 'Reply Date' if you prefer this course to the one that you have already accepted - this action automatically cancels your previous acceptance.
2. If you do not wish to accept the new offer you can simply do nothing and your previous acceptance will still stand.
3. If you wish to defer your current offer you must contact the Admissions Office of the offering institution immediately by email with the text 'Deferred Entry' in the subject line of the email. This email must reach the Admissions Office of the institution a minimum of two days before the 'Reply Date' on the offer notice - see CAO Handbook page 20 or the CAO website for more information)

The CAO Available Places facility remains open, with over 200 courses with available places advertised – this facility is free to existing applicants, and open to new applications for a fee of €40

For more information about the Offer and Acceptance process or Available Places visit the CAO handbook (also available online) and watch the CAO video guides at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

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