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CAO Press Release

CAO Change of Mind deadline this Sunday, 1 July

CAO applicants are being reminded that the Change of Mind deadline is this Sunday, 1 July at 5:15pm.

This free facility offers applicants the opportunity to add, remove or change the order of their course choices, however some restrictions apply – for more information go to page 3 of the CAO Handbook.

CAO would like to advise all applicants to think carefully about introducing new courses or changing their order of preference at this stage in the application process.

CAO communications officer, Eileen Keleghan, asks applicants to always remember to place their course choices in genuine order of preference;

“Every year we experience a surge in last minute amendments to CAO applications. This is due to a number of factors, for example more time spent researching courses and the introduction of new areas of interest.

“In 2017, fifty-four per cent of applicants availed of the Change of Mind facility at least once.

“What we would like to advise applicants to avoid doing is making changes to their order of preference or course choices based on how they feel they have performed in their examinations.

“If applicants simply follow the golden rule of placing all of their courses in their genuine order of preference they will be offered the course highest up on their preference list that they are deemed entitled to, if any”, she added.

Other advice for applicants from CAO is as follows:

1. Make sure to carefully check your application and ensure that all of the course codes are correct and listed in order of preference before the 1 July at 5:15pm.
2. When entering new courses or editing existing course choices, applicants must list ALL courses on the New Choices list.
3. After making changes to an application, applicants will receive an email - applicants should read this email carefully to ensure that there are no errors or omissions.

Round 1 CAO Offers will be available to view online on Monday, August 20 from 6am. Applicants will have until 5:15 pm on August 24 to register an acceptance. Applicants who do not receive an offer in Round 1 will receive a Statement of Application Record which they must carefully check and notify CAO of any errors or omissions. The expected date for Round 2 Offers is August 29.

Round A Offers for mature applicants, mature nursing applicants, deferred applicants and those who have completed an Access course will be available online from 6 am on Thursday, 5 July at 6am.

A video guide to the CAO Change of Mind process is available here: <https://vimeo.com/86519317>

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