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CAO Press Release - EMBARGO to 20/08/2018 at 6am

73,652 Round One CAO Offers Issued

The Central Applications Office (CAO) has today (Monday, 20 August) issued 73,652 Round One Offers to 50,746 CAO applicants. These offers consist of 42,301 Level 8 course offers and 31,351 Level 7/6 course offers.

CAO applicants can check to see if they have received an offer by logging on to their account using the 'My Application' facility at www.cao.ie from 6am.

Successful applicants will also receive an offer notification via email and SMS text message if they have selected this option on their application form.

Paper offer notices will reach the majority of applicants today (Monday, 20 August); if an applicant has not received an offer they will receive a 'Statement of Application Record' in the post.

Eileen Keleghan, CAO Communications Officer, asks applicants to carefully consider any offers received in this round.

She said: "If an applicant accepts an offer in Round One this will not prevent them from receiving an offer of a course higher up on their courses list in a later offer round if a place becomes available and they are deemed eligible.

"Those who received an offer in this round should consider the current offer as being the last one they may receive.

"It is also important that applicants notify CAO immediately if there are any errors or omissions in any of the correspondence received from CAO. They must make sure to do this well in advance of the next offer round to allow any corrections to be considered in subsequent offer rounds.

"The acceptance window is shorter than in previous years for both Round One and Round Two, so applicants must take care to ensure that they have accepted by the reply date" she added.

Applicants have until 24 August at 5:15pm to accept Round One offers – if they fail to accept by this date their offer will lapse. When accepting an offer CAO advises applicants to use the online system stating that it is "easier, safer and faster than returning the paper offer notice".

It is possible that applicants may receive two offers at the same time: one from the Level 8 list and one from the Level 7/6 list. Applicants must choose between these lists and can only accept one offer - if they accept both offers the last recorded acceptance received by CAO by the reply date is the one that will be counted.

A [short video guide](#) explaining the CAO Offer and Acceptance process is available to view on the CAO website www.cao.ie.

To contact CAO during this extremely busy time CAO asks applicants to use the 'Contact' form on the website and to include their CAO application number and the nature of their enquiry

in the subject line - giving as much information as possible in the message will help CAO to respond to their query in detail, usually within one working day.

Round Two offers will be available to view on the CAO website from 10am on Wednesday, 29 August. There is no postal offer notice in Round Two. The reply date by which Round Two Offers must be accepted is Friday, 31 August at 5:15pm. Offers are then issued on a weekly basis up to mid-October for all remaining places.

Applicants who do not receive an offer may wish to check the 'Available Places' facility which re-opens on CAO website on Tuesday, 21 August at noon. This facility is also available to new applicants on the completion of the online application form and the payment of a €45 fee.

For more information on the CAO Offer and Acceptance Process or the Available Places facility, applicants should go to www.cao.ie or consult the CAO Handbook.

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For more information or to arrange an interview contact Eileen Keleghan, CAO communications officer, on ekeleghan@cao.ie

Note to the Editor

CAO Figures 2018 (2017 figures are in brackets)

- 77,425 (80,766) applicants
- 65,472 (68,094) applicants presenting Leaving Certificate (LC) results from 1985 to 2018
- 55,245 (56,569) candidates entered with the SEC to sit the LC this year and, of these,
 - 45,928 (47,656) applicants to CAO are presenting LC from this year
 - 2,232 (2,469) applicants from Northern Ireland and Great Britain presenting A levels
 - 9,689 (10,912) mature applicants (over 23-years of age)
 - 12,947 (no comparable figure in 2017) presenting QQI FET/FETAC (NCVA)
 - 4,413 (4,606) presenting Further Education (FE) awards other than QQI FET/FETAC
 - 4,386 (4,449) presenting school leaving exams other than LC, QQI FET/FETAC, and/or C(S)E
- 7,346 (7,775) presenting with previous attendance at Higher Education
- Change of Mind: 58,633 (62,143) changes submitted by 41,500 (43,424) applicants
- 6,582 (6,395) applicants to the DARE scheme (see accesscollege.ie for information)
- 10,456 (11,476) applicants to the HEAR scheme (see accesscollege.ie for information)