

Applying to CAO 2016



Nov - Feb

- 5 November CAO online application facility opens at noon
- 20 January (5:15pm) Closing date for discounted application fee of €25
- 1 February (5:15pm) Normal closing date for CAO applications
- 5 February Change of Course Choices facility opens at noon - used for introducing restricted courses or by restricted-category applicants

March - June

- 1 March Change of Course Choices facility closes at 5:15pm
- 1 March (5:15pm) Closing date for completion of HEAR/DARE application forms
- 1 April HEAR/DARE supporting documents to be received by CAO by 5:15pm
- 5 May Change of Mind facility opens at noon - restrictions apply

July - Oct

- 1 July Change of Mind facility closes at 5:15pm
- Early July Round A offers issued
- Early August Round 0 offers issued
- 22 August Round 1 offers available online at www.cao.ie from 6am
- 29 August (5:15pm) Round 1 offers reply date
- Offers are issued on a weekly basis until mid-October, or until all places have been filled

For a list of all deadlines and important dates go to www.cao.ie or read the CAO handbook

1. To get your CAO application number you need to register with CAO - go to www.cao.ie and click on 'Apply'.
2. You can register from 5 November and add your course information at a later date. Restrictions apply after 1 February at 5:15pm for certain courses and for restricted-category applicants - see the CAO handbook for more information.
3. Please enter your personal details carefully and correctly.
4. You must inform CAO of all qualifications. If you are required to submit supporting documents to CAO make sure to follow instructions in the online form and the CAO handbook.
5. You may make changes to your CAO application when the 'Change of Mind' facility opens on 5 May and right up to 1 July at 5:15pm - restrictions apply.
6. Before applying for a course check that you meet the minimum entry requirements - this information is available on the website of the institution. Having the points for a course is not enough; you must meet the course/institution's requirements to be considered.
7. Place your course choices in genuine order of preference.
8. You must always read the CAO handbook before submitting a CAO application.