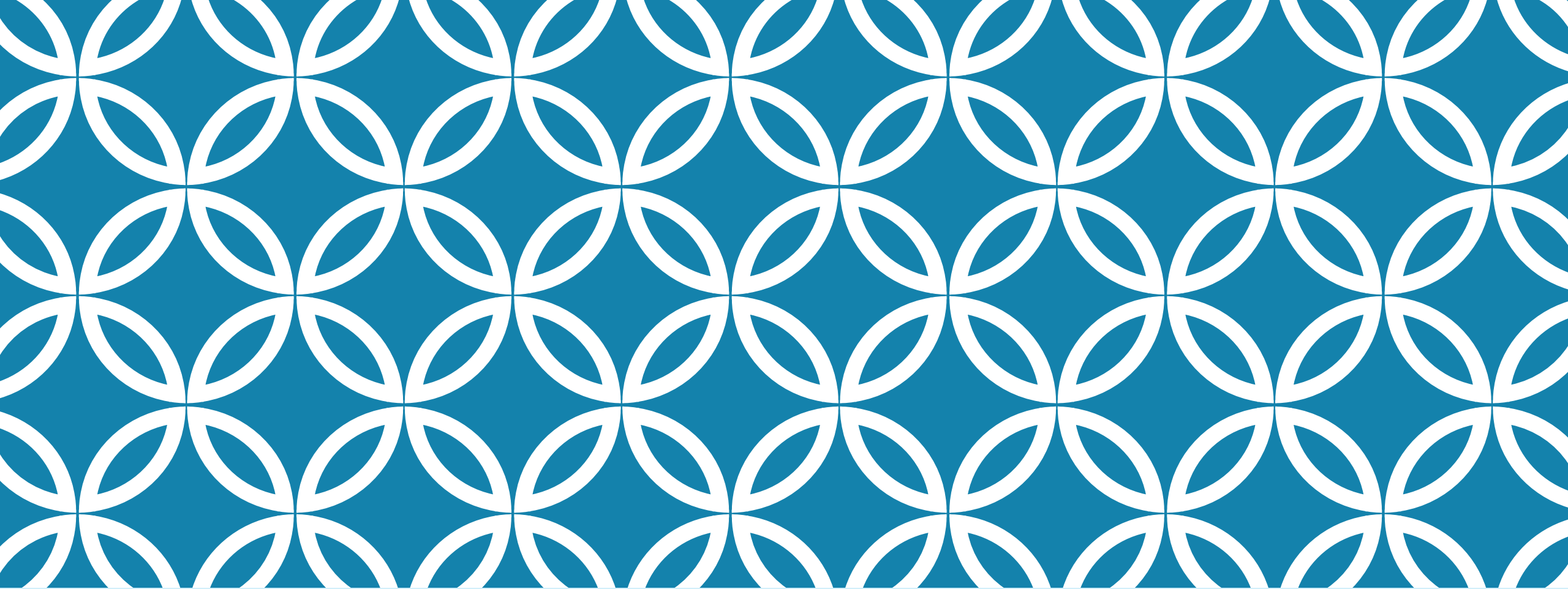


FLYING THE COOP





FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING INFORMATION 2020-2021

Further Education Opportunities

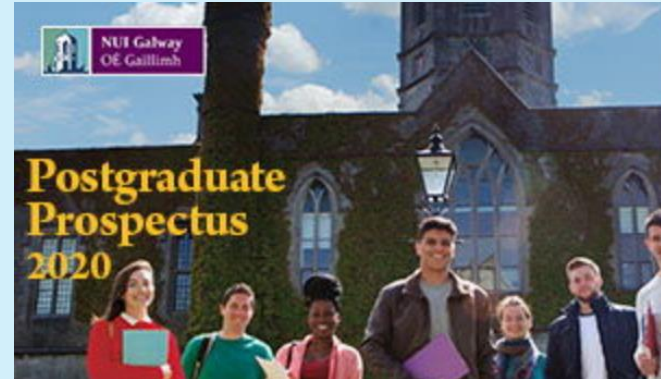
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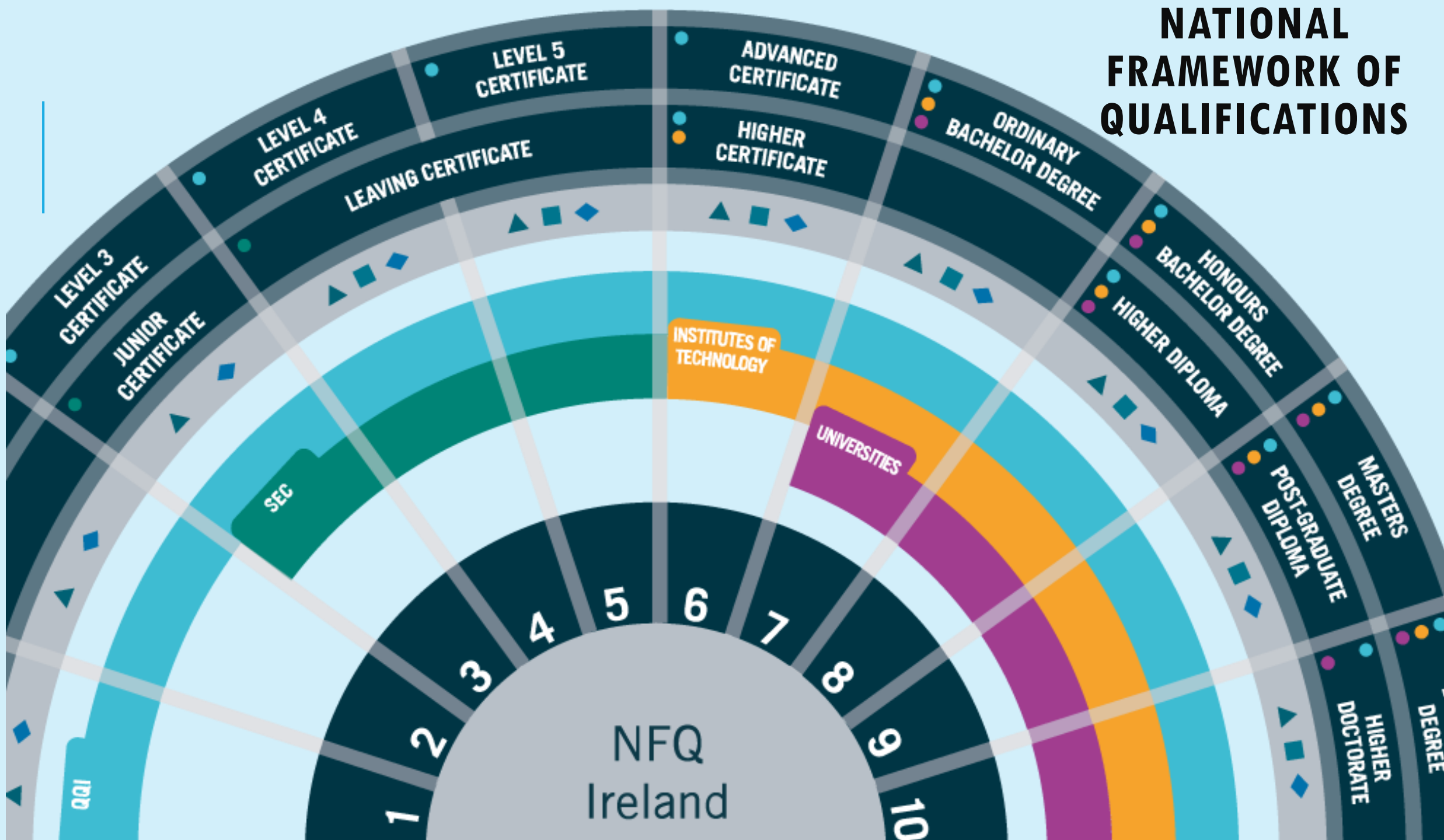
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LEAVING CERT GUIDANCE PROGRAMME

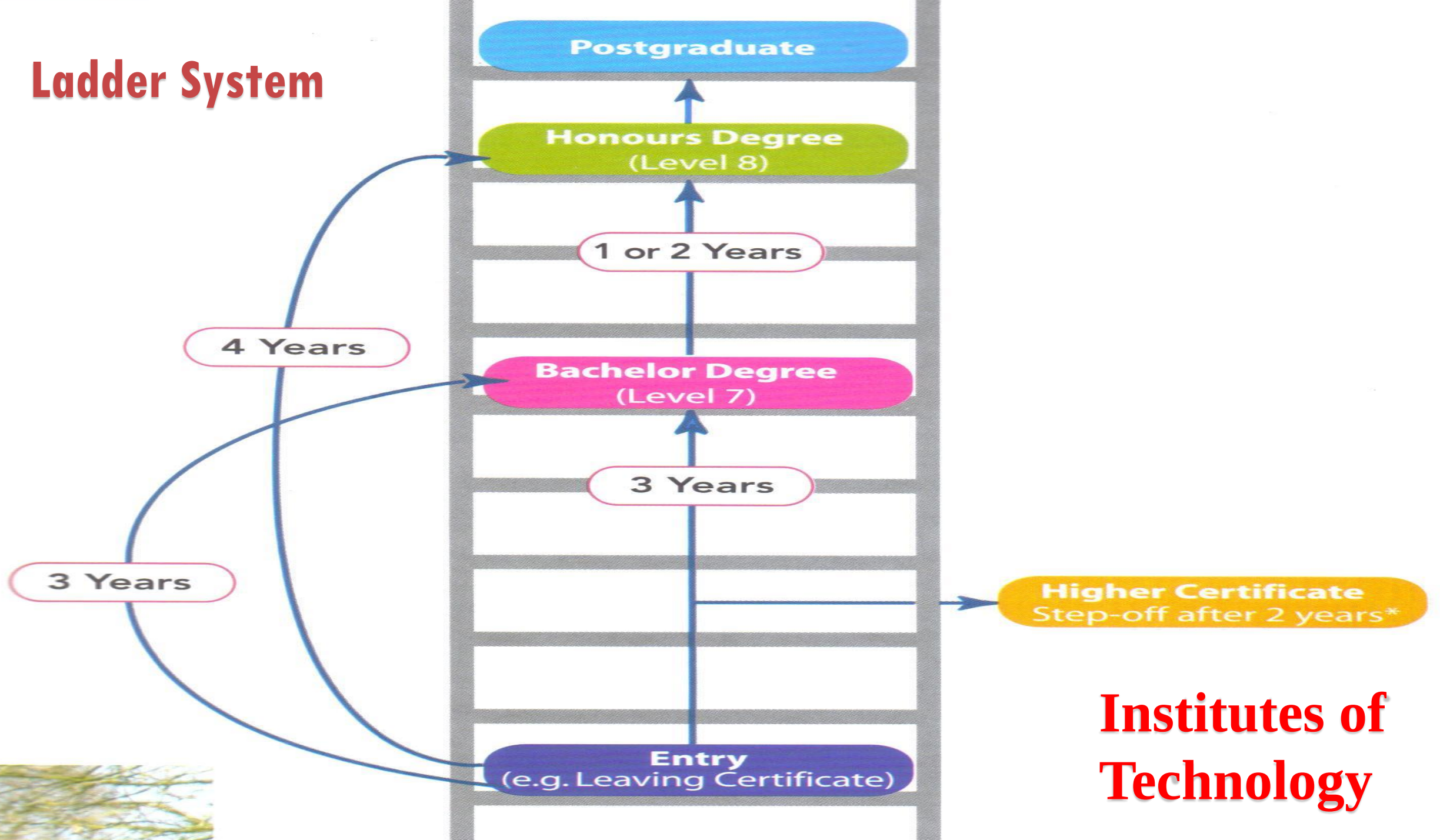
- ❖ Higher Options- Virtual
- ❖ Live Skills Apprenticeship Opportunities
- ❖ Presentations from visiting colleges including: ALT, Maynooth University, Sligo IT, UL
- ❖ Weekly Guidance class
- ❖ Career Interest Testing
- ❖ 1:1 appointments
- ❖ Microsoft Office Teams
- ❖ Access to IT for career research
- ❖ Careers Fair organised by Parents Council



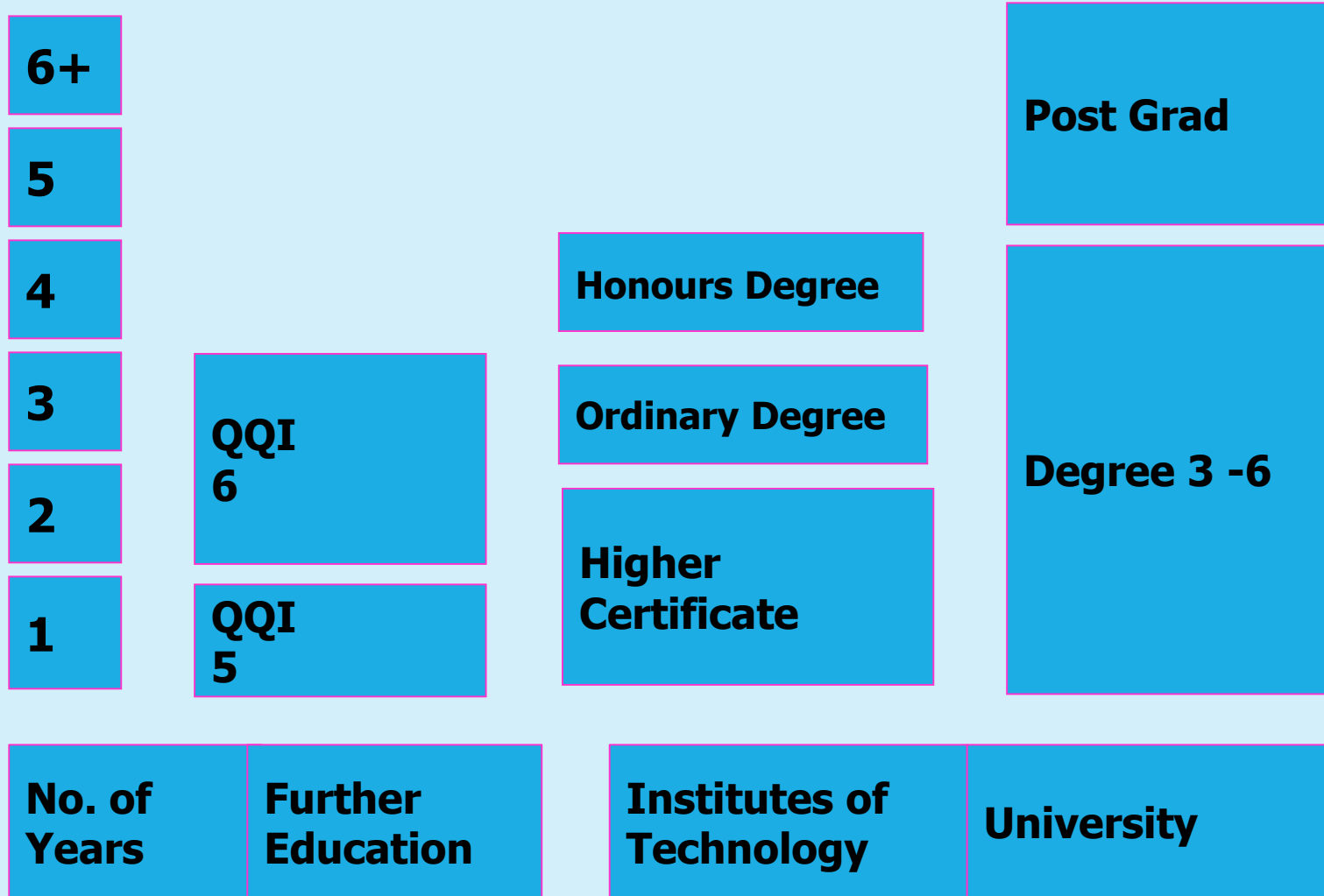
NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS



Ladder System



THE 'LADDER' SYSTEM



FURTHER EDUCATION OPTIONS

QQI (formerly FETAC) Level 5/6
courses (PLC's)



Apprenticeships/SOLAS Training



COLLEGES OF FURTHER EDUCATION

What is a PLC course:

Usually one year in duration

Preparation for employment

Specific to a discipline and gives vocational, personal, and general skills

Includes work placement

Provides access to third level

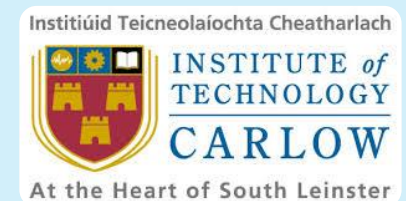
Cost:

Grant available by SUSI

Application fee in some Colleges and cost associated with some courses.

QQI PROGRESSION ROUTES – FURTHER EDUCATION (PLC) QQI LEVEL 5 OR 6

- There are 40 HEI's offering places to QQI applicants
- **Scheme 1: QQI LINKS Scheme:**
- Specific QQI level 5 and 6 courses are linked to reserved places on specific higher education programmes
- **Scheme 2: PILOT Scheme**
- Most courses are open to students to apply for on the PILOT scheme through the CAO process.
- Students can achieve up to 390 CAO points from their QQI level 5/6 course to compete for entry alongside the other Leaving Cert applicants (this is calculated on their best 8 QQI modules)



SOLAS (FÁS) APPRENTICESHIPS/ TRAINING COURSES



Apprenticeships:

- Apprenticeship is a method by which a person works for an employer in a chosen occupation and learns the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes to become a qualified craftsperson
- Follow a specific course of training and undergo a series of assessments
- Entry requirements: aged 16 and 5 passes in JC (minimum)
- Sponsorship: must be obtained with a registered employer
- Training: 4yrs duration, 7 phases of training
- Training allowances paid for duration of training
- There are currently **65 apprenticeships** live or in Development
Qualification: Level 6 (NFQ)
- New Apprenticeships are **being developed** across a wide range of industries and sectors e.g **Finance, Auctioneering, ICT, Biopharmachem, Hospitality & food.**



TEAGASC AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, EQUINE, FORESTRY

Offers various education and training courses within the NFQ

Further Education Training courses:

- QQI Level 5/6
- Entry through 8 Ag Colleges and at Local Teagasc Centres Nationwide
- Courses can be taken fulltime/ part-time

Higher Education Links Scheme:

- Holders of QQI awards can apply for a quota number of higher education courses
- Apply through CAO

Third Level courses:

- Entry through CAO
- Courses taken at Institutes of Technologies and UCD

Further information:

www.teagasc.ie





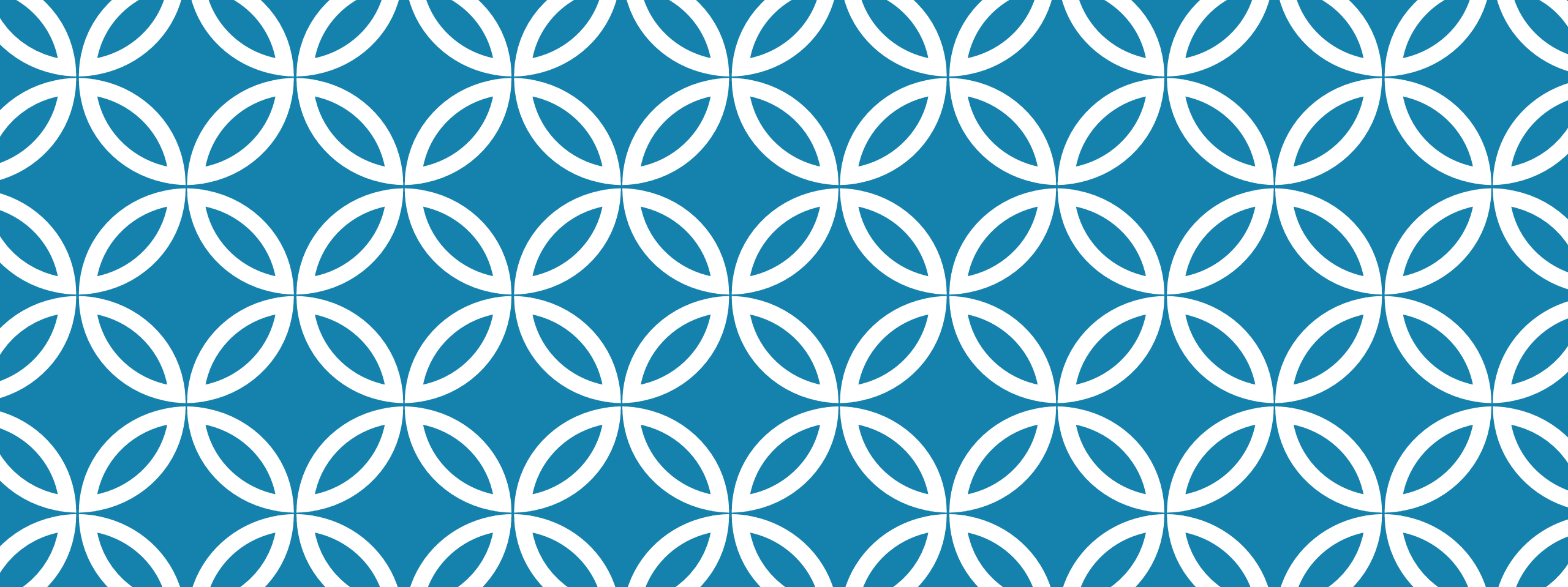
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EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY
CENTRAL APPLICATION
SUPPORT SERVICE

2016-2017 SERVICE
FOR ALL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

UCAS FEES: (NO UPDATE POST-BREXIT)

Domicile of Student	Location of Institution			
	England	Scotland	Wales	NI
England	Up to 9K	Up to 9K	Up to 9K	Up to 9K
Scotland	Up to 9K	No fee	Up to 9K	Up to 9K
Wales	Up to 9K	Up to 9K	Up to 9K	Up to 9K
NI	Up to 9K	Up to 9K	Up to 9K	Up to £3465.00
EU	Up to 9K	No fee	Up to 9K	Up to £3465.00
Other International	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable



Many Degree programmes
in Europe
are taught in **English**

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2024/2025 ACADEMIC
YEAR

WHAT CAN YOU STUDY **IN EUROPE?** [THROUGH ENGLISH]

- Biosciences
- Business/Management
- Digital Media/Gaming
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- International Law
- International Relations/Politics
- IT & Software
- Life Sciences
 - Media & Entertainment Management
 - Medicine
 - Performing Arts
 - Physiotherapy
 - Psychology
- Sports Management
- Veterinary Science
- And more

www.eunicas.ie



CAO Application Process



Cost of 3rd level education

CAO POINTS SYSTEM



Higher Level	%	Ordinary Level
H1 100	90 – 100	O1 56
H2 88	80 – 89	O2 46
H3 77	70 – 79	O3 37
H4 66	60 – 69	O4 28
H5 56	50 – 59	O5 20
H6 46	40 – 49	O6 12
H7 32	30 – 39	O7 0
H8 0	0 – 29	O8 0
25 bonus points will continue to be awarded for Higher Level Mathematics for H6 and above.		

LCVP Points

Distinction: 80 – 100% – 66 points

Merit: 65 – 79% – 46 points

Pass: 50 -64% – 28 points



Central Applications Office (CAO)

Processes Applications on behalf of
Higher Education Institutions (H.E.I's)

Allows the student:

Single Application

Apply for up to 20 courses

10 Higher Certificates/Ordinary
Degrees (Level 6&7)

&/or

10 Honours Degrees (level 8)

Apply online: www.cao.ie

Apply from 5th November 2020
onward

WHOSE DECISION IS IT?

It is the APPLICANTS choice

It is the APPLICANTS responsibility

It is the APPLICANTS decision

NOT the Guidance Counsellor

NOT their parents

NOT their friends

This is the APPLICANTS life



Read The Flipping Manual!

Read it *carefully*.

All your questions are
answered.



The CAO Handbook has two sections:

1st Section - White Pages

Details Of Applications Procedures, Offers,
Deadlines And Other Instructions.



2nd Section – Yellow Pages

Lists of courses & codes in the different colleges



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Central Applications Office

The Central Applications Office processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Decisions on admissions to undergraduate courses are made by the HEIs who instruct CAO to make offers to successful candidates.



Leaving Certificate Points Calculator

Need Help?

Click here for the demo application, video guides and answers to frequently asked questions.

Advanced Entry

Click here for applications to year 2, 3 and 4.

Important Dates:



Apply online by this date to avail of the discounted fee of €30



Normal closing date for applications (17:15)

MAKING AN APPLICATION

Make **one** application only- **online-www.cao.ie**

Follow the step by step instructions on the “**Apply**” section of the CAO website

Apply by **20th January** to avail of discounted rate of €30

Pay **fee** by Credit/Debit card

Print or save a **receipt** of the online application

The student's **CAO number** will appear on your **receipt**- he/she will need this number & his/her **password** every time to log in to his/her account.

Make changes to the application ,**free** of charge, until **February 1st**

or from **February 5th – March 1st** for an additional fee of **€10**

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO MAKE AN APPLICATION

Personal Details:

Name as per Birth Certificate

D.O.B.

Address

Contact phone numbers

E-mail address

Payment details

Exam results being presented –
LC 2021

School details , Course Choices & other considerations:

2nd level schools attended

Separate sections for L8 & L6/7.

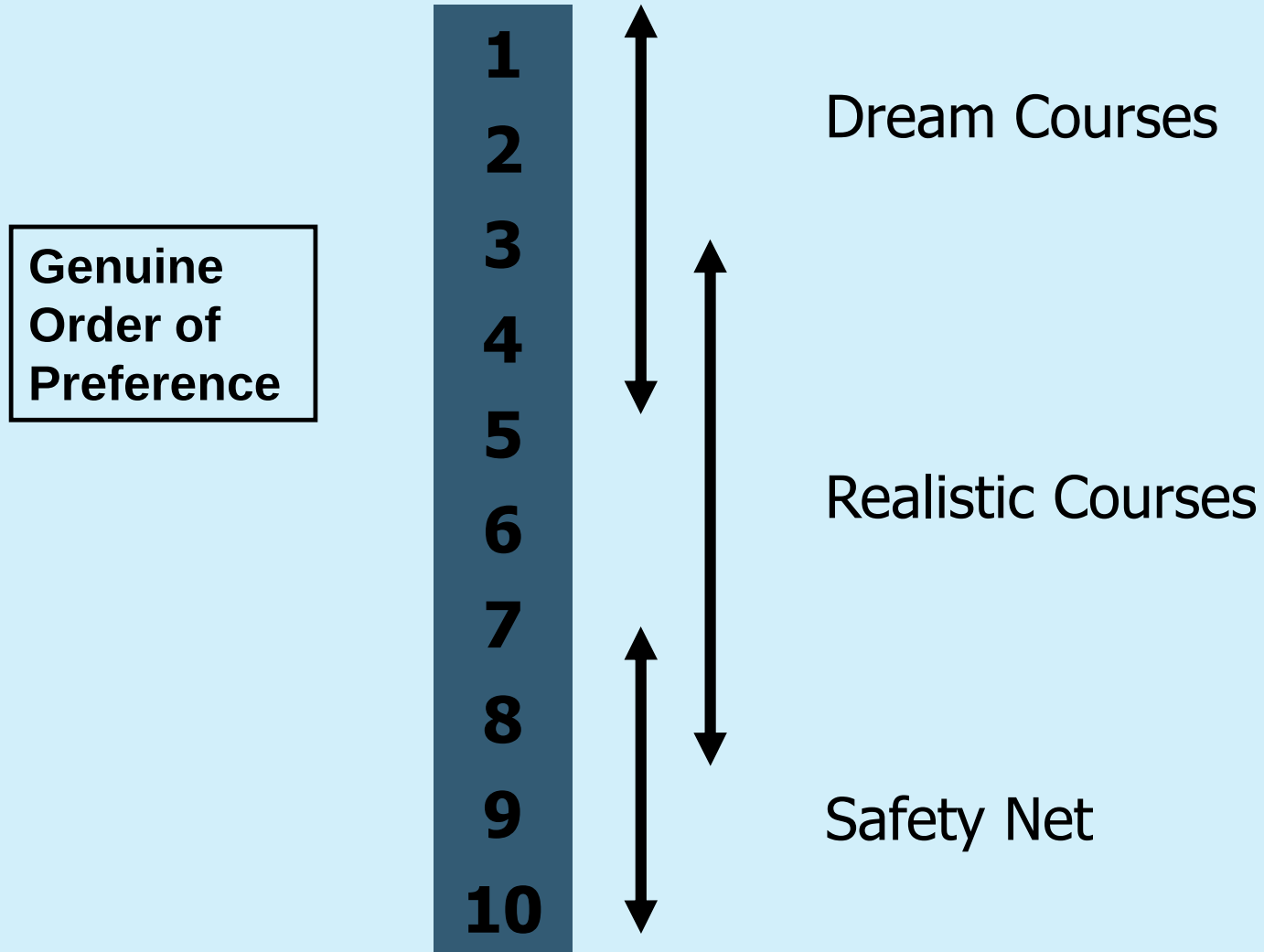
DARE/HEAR applicants should
follow relevant links

SUSI grant applicants tick
relevant box

Exemptions from Minimum Entry
Requirements

* New 'Communications History'
section

Order of Preference



CHANGE OF MIND

In early May students receive a printed statement of their application by email. They should check this carefully and notify CAO of any errors

From 5th May 2021 applicants may register a change of mind online www.cao.ie.

Course choices may be changed (free of charge) as often as desired up until 1st July 2021 subject to certain restrictions.

Any change will be acknowledged by the issue of a further Statement of Course Choices

OFFER OF PLACES

CAO receives L.C. results from Dept. of Education

Offers-mid August

Offers on-line and by post

Offers will be sent simultaneously but independently
in respect of L8 and L6/7

Failure to deal with an offer properly and on time
can lead to loss of place

Accept one way only

How The CAO Works

I get an offer when I satisfy all College Requirements, Faculty Requirements & Points Requirements. Some people don't accept offers, so I can get a higher up offer in Round Two or Three.



ROUND ONE

CAO Computer	Course	College Requirements	Faculty Requirements	Points Requirements	Criteria Met	Offers
	Course 1	C				
	Course 2	C	F			
	Course 3	C	F			
	Course 4	C	F			
	Course 5	C	F	P	★	OFFER 1
	Course 6	C	F	P	★	
	Course 7	C	F			
	Course 8	C				
	Course 9		F			
	Course 10	C	F			

Courses Below
Offer Are
Deleted From
CAO Computer