

CAO Computer	Course	College Requirements	Faculty Requirements	Points Requirements	Criteria Met	Offers
	Course 1	C				
	Course 2	C	F	P	★	OFFER 2
	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		★	

Deleted

Courses Below
Offer Are
Deleted From
CAO Computer

What happens then?

- Registration: with college usually 1-2 weeks after reply date
- Vacant places: see CAO website
- The hunt for accommodation begins!

A few considerations

- Restricted Application Courses: pg 3
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Cao Language Exemptions

- Students with Irish and/or Language exemption.
- Tick NUI Exemption the box on the CAO form.
- If applying for an NUI college must fill out an exemption form and contact the NUI to inform them no later than 21 days after opening your CAO account.
- If applying for other HEI's must fill in a language waiver form and check with the admissions office and contact the CAO to inform them.
- Both these forms are available online

Restricted Applications

Some courses consider more than just points.

Eg: Interviews, Tests, Auditions, Portfolios or Projects.

These are conducted around Easter.

These courses can't be added to your application after February 1st.

They can be changed or dropped.



Deferring A Place

Deferring means that you don't want to take your place this year but will do so next year.

Some courses can not be deferred, check beforehand.

Once the offer comes do not accept it.

Write IMMEDIATELY to the college concerned.

They will let you know if the offer will be deferred.

Accepting A Deferred Course The Following Year

Re-apply the following year with **that course** as your only choice.

You will then get offered it in **round zero**.

If you put any **other courses** on the form you will **lose** your deferred place.

You will then have to **compete** for places with all **other** applicants.



In Summary...

- ❖ Research courses/options thoroughly
- ❖ **Talk to the Guidance Counsellor**
- ❖ Do not miss a deadline
- ❖ Apply online through CAO/directly to CFE's
- ❖ Tick the SUSI/DARE/HEAR box, where applicable
- ❖ Put courses in genuine order of preference
- ❖ Obtain / retain proof of application
- ❖ Research financial supports
- ❖ Be careful with change of mind (CAO)



www.accesscollege.ie



What is DARE?

The **D**isability **A**ccess
Route to **E**ducation (DARE)

is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school-leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education.



What is DARE?



DARE offers reduced points places to school leavers who as a result of having a disability have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education.

Any Of The Below Disabilities

- **Autistic Spectrum Disorders (including Asperger's)**
- **ADD / ADHD**
- **Blind / Vision Impaired**
- **Deaf / Hard of Hearing**
- **DCD – Dyspraxia/Dysgraphia**
- **Mental Health Conditions**
- **Neurological Conditions**
 - Brain Injury, Epilepsy,**
 - Speech & Language Communication Disorder**
- **Significant Ongoing Illness**
- **Physical Disability**
- **Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia & Dyscalculia)**

Who Should Apply?

Has your disability impacted on any 2 of the following?

1. On your **Learning or Exam Results**?
2. On your **Attendance** or regularly **Disrupted** your school day?
3. Has it affected your **School Experience** and **Well-being**?
4. Have you received **Intervention** or **Supports**?
5. Has it affected your homework and study **Time**?
6. Has it caused any other **Educational Impact**?
7. If you have a **Specific Learning Difficulty**, is it severely impacting on your literacy or numeracy skills?

DARE Supports in College

- You don't have to be eligible for DARE to get support in college
- A needs assessment is conducted to identify your specific support requirements.
- Supports may include:
 - Orientation Programmes
 - Learning Support
 - Assistive Technology
 - Library Support
 - Exam Support
 - Note-taking/Support Worker
 - Academic Tuition



Where can I go to College '21(DARE)?

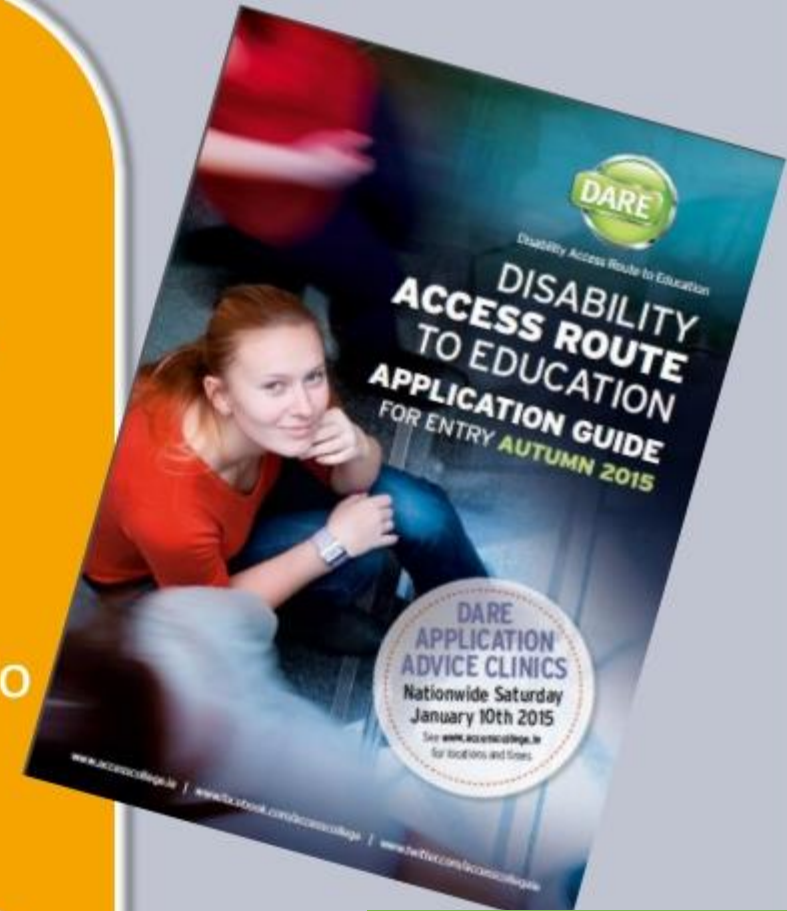
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- WIT
- IT Carlow
- Cork IT
- TU Dublin
- DIADT*
- Limerick IT*
- Sligo IT
- St Angela's
- NCI
- Marino
- Mary I
- LKIT
- Dundalk IT
- UCD
- UCC
- NUIG
- Maynooth University
- Pontifical Maynooth
- TCD
- DCU
- UL
- RCSI
- GMIT
- Tralee IT

See HB pg10

Some HEI's have own schemes

How Do I Apply?

1. Apply to CAO at www.cao.ie by **1 February**.
2. Review your DARE Application Guide with parents or guardians.
3. Complete Section A of the Supplementary Info Form and apply to DARE by **1 March**.
4. Submit Educational Impact Statement and Evidence of Disability to CAO by **15 March**



DARE | **DISABILITY
ACCESS
ROUTE TO
EDUCATION**

What is HEAR?

Higher **E**ducation **A**ccess
Route is an admissions
route for school leavers who
for social, financial or
cultural reasons are under-
represented at third level
education.



Why Apply To HEAR?

1. **Reduced Points for CAO offers** in the participating colleges, provided you meet the minimum entry requirements.

2. **Post-entry supports** - financial, academic, social and personal.



You must meet the **HEAR income limit**
plus
the **right** combination of **2 other**
indicators to be eligible.

How Do I Apply?

1. Apply to CAO at www.cao.ie by **1st February**.
2. Fill in your HEAR Application Guide & Workbook with parents or guardians.
3. Complete all elements of the online HEAR application form by **1st March**.
4. Submit clear copies of supporting documents requested on your checklist to CAO by **15th March**



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More Information...

- www.cao.ie
- Application Guides on www.accesscollege.ie
- Individual college websites
- <https://youtu.be/KVEW1EeTcrM> **Dare Application**
Information Session 2021

Applying For A Grant

HEAR is ***NOT*** the SUSI grant.



If you apply to **HEAR**,
you should *also* apply to **SUSI**
if you think you may be eligible.

Financial Support



SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland)



General College Supports

Grants

- Detailed information on www.studentfinance.ie
- www.susi.ie
- Student grants are divided into 2 classes - maintenance grants and fee grants.



Maintenance grants

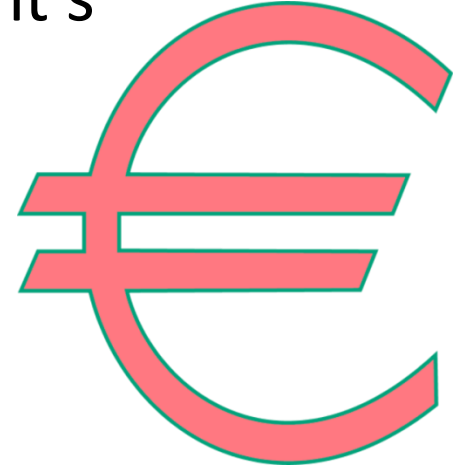
✘ A maintenance grant is a contribution towards the student's living costs.

Fee grants

✘ A fee grant can cover any of the following 3 elements:

- 1) All or part of the student contribution
- 2) Costs of essential field trips
- 3) All or part of a student's tuition fees

✘ In general, if you qualify for a maintenance grant you will qualify for all elements of the fee grant.





QQI

Quality and Qualifications Ireland
Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann

- Students doing **Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses** do not get fee grants, but if you qualify for a maintenance grant you will be exempt from the PLC participant contribution.



Qualifying for a student grant



Maintenance grant

- To qualify for a maintenance grant, you must fulfil the conditions of the scheme as regards:
 - *Nationality and immigration status
 - *Residence
 - *Means
- You must also be attending an approved course in an approved institution

Fee Grant

- **If you qualify for a maintenance grant, you will qualify for all relevant elements of a fee grant.**



Residence

- You must have been legally resident in the State for 3 of the previous 5 years to qualify for a maintenance grant.



Basis of Means Test

- The means test for a student grant is based on your family's income for the previous full tax year.
- However, if you or your family have a change of circumstances (which is likely to be permanent) by 31 December, your changed circumstances may be taken into account.



Average Cost of College

Average monthly cost:

Rent (Shared House/Flat)
Light/Heat/Power
Food
Travel
Books/Stationery
Clothes/Laundry/Medical
Social Life/Mobile/Misc
Total:

€ 370
€ 40
€ 186
€ 60
€ 48
€ 100
€ 150
€ 954



The average cost of
third level per annum
is between
€11,000 and €13,000.
Costs in Dublin are
greater than other
cities.



Annual (8½ Months) Total: € 8109
Registration fee: €3,000
Total Average Cost: €11,109

For Higher Education

Undergraduate Students & Awards in the State

Adjacent

- **Where the Household Income for 2020 is:**
 - **€39,875 or less** you would be eligible for 100% Maintenance Grant
 - **AWARD €1,215 per academic year- €135 per month**
 - Where you are **less** than 45kms from home to College
 - Paid directly into your bank account each month
 - Student Contribution Fee **€ 3,000** paid directly to your college

Non-adjacent

- **€39,875 or less** you would be eligible for 100% Maintenance Grant
 - **AWARD €3,025 per academic year- €336 per month**
 - Where you are **more** than 45kms from home to College
 - Paid directly into your bank account each month
 - Student Contribution Fee **€ 3,000** paid directly to your college

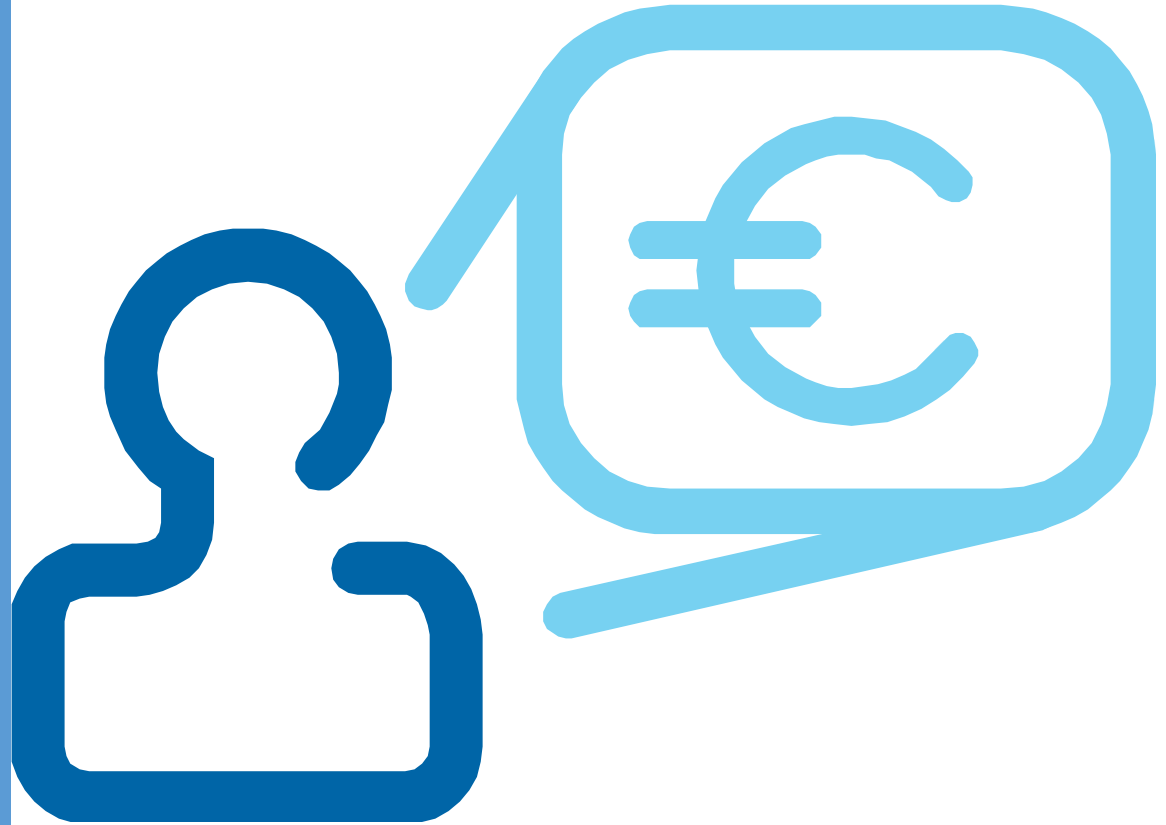
Income Thresholds

- The income thresholds start at €23,000 for less than four children and progress to €54,240.
- More details available from www.susi.ie



Where to apply:
www.susi.ie

- Students must indicate on the CAO form that they intend making a SUSI application.
- [SUSI's helpdesk](#) will handle email and telephone queries.



College Supports

Scholarships

- In recent years there has been an increase in the number of Scholarships available to students. Scholarships are awarded for high academic achievement, sporting excellence, music, active citizenship etc.
- There are some scholarships that you must apply for but there are others that are awarded to students who fulfill certain criteria;
 - Entrance Scholarships to Third Level: 550+ points (check college website)
 - Sport Scholarships: check college website
 - Other scholarships: check college website



Your role as a parent/guardian

