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Preparing for College in 2020

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**Third Level Education
in Ireland**



Class of 2019



Leaving Cert Points 2019



Applying to the CAO



**Opportunity to develop
as an individual
academically and socially**

Work and/or study abroad

**Employment prospects
and earning**

Further study



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Differences Between School and University

Responsible for your own education...

Self directed learning

**Study the subjects you
choose/want to study**

Study however you work best

**Work/life balance - manage your
own time**

Flexible degree pathways

Sources of Information

Open Days and College visits

College publications & websites

Guidance Counsellors/teachers

Speak to current students,
graduates and people
doing the job that interests the applicant

Course Finder

Maynooth University Website

Sources of Information

Studentfinance.ie
for information on grants

Accesscollege.ie
for information on HEAR and
DARE criteria

Qualifax

Qualifax.ie
national database of all courses



Careersportal.ie

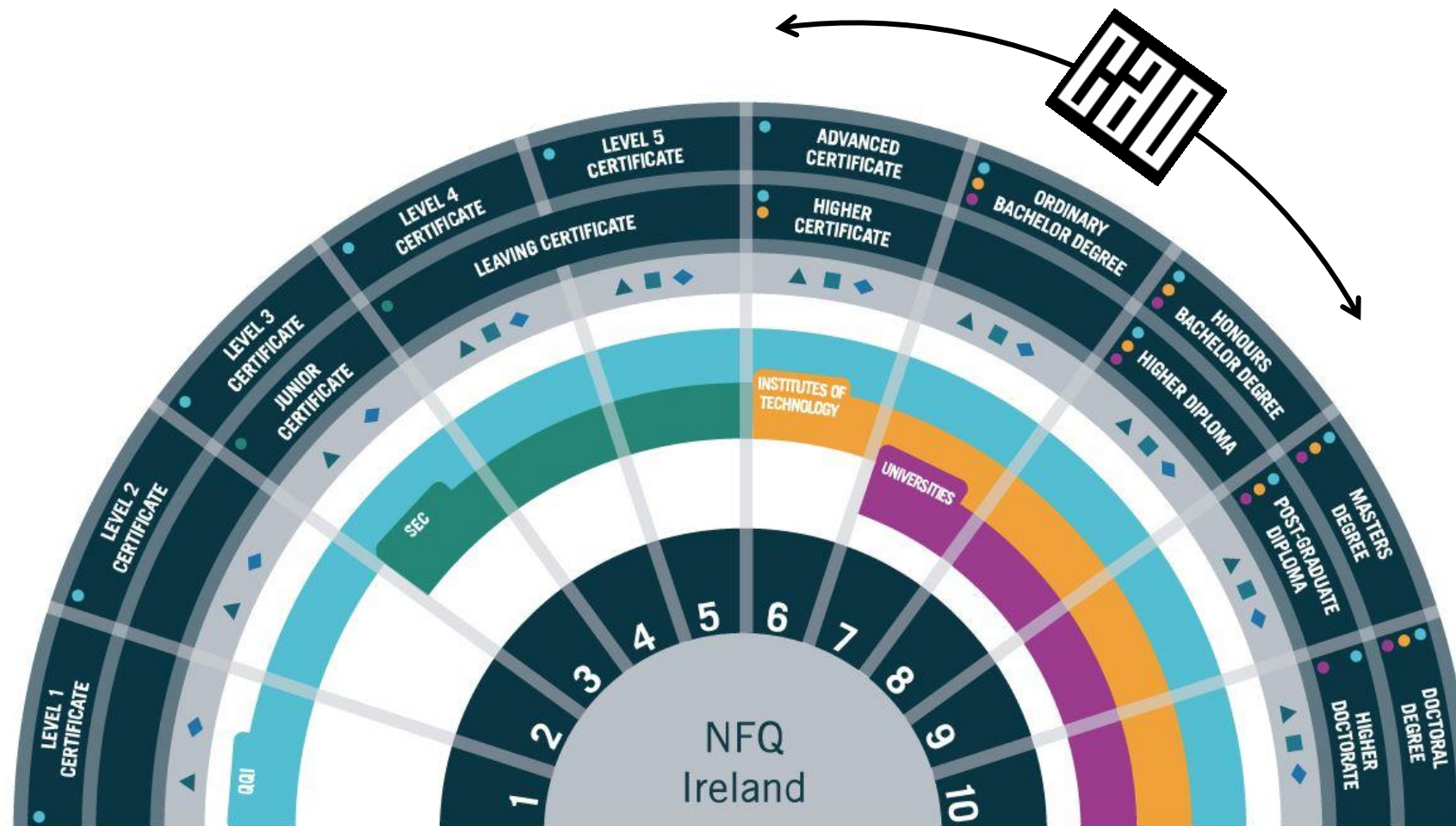
Pathways to College



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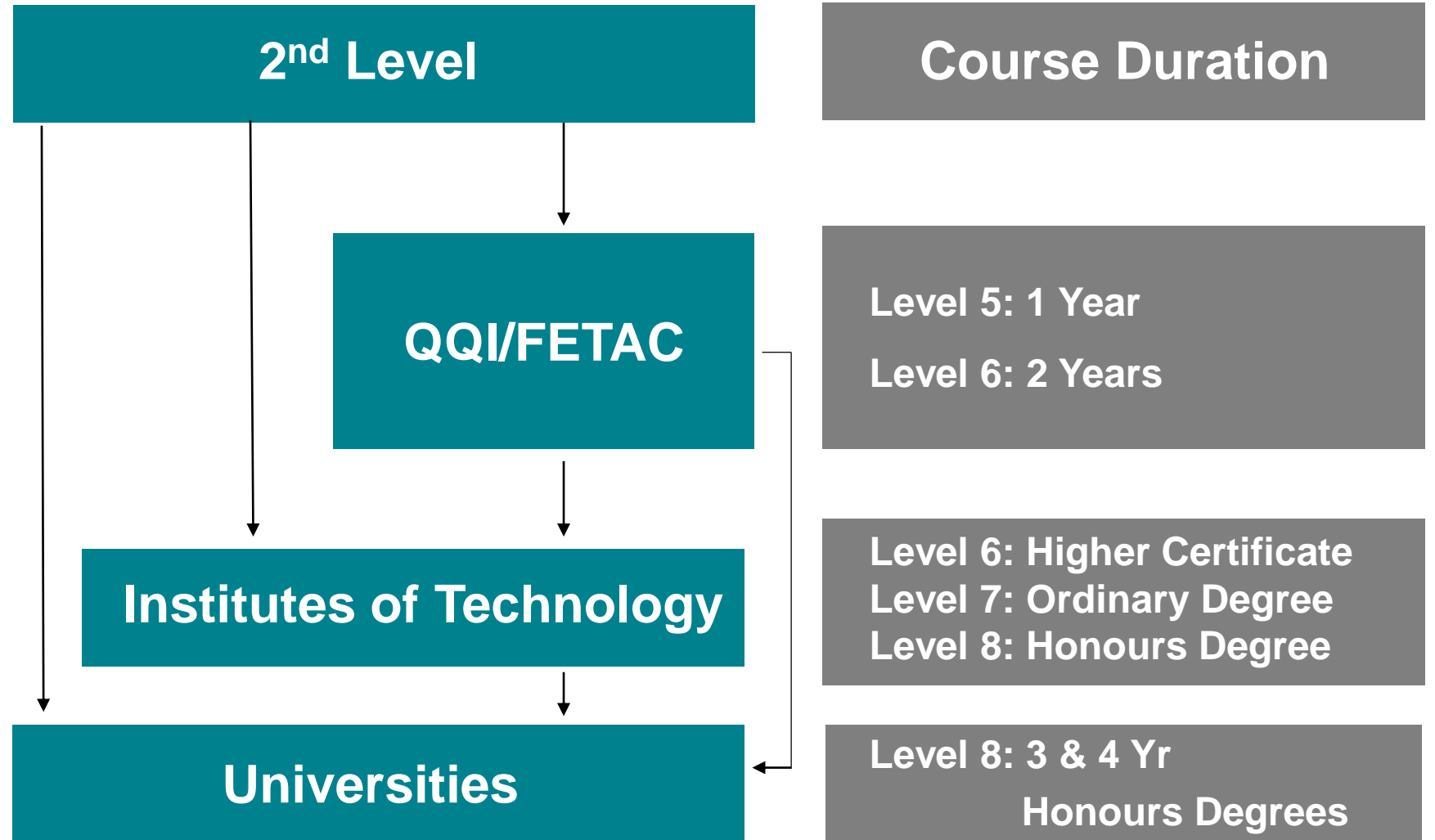
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		JUNIOR CERTIFICATE	LEAVING CERTIFICATE		HIGHER CERTIFICATE		HIGHER DIPLOMA	POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA	HIGHER DOCTORATE
QUALITY AND QUALIFICATIONS IRELAND (QQI)		STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION (SEC)		INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY		UNIVERSITIES			



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Third Level Education In Ireland



Class 2019

77,842

Total No. of
Persons Applying

56,882

Leaving Certificate
Candidates

39,682

Level 8
Acceptances

7,727

Level 6/7
Acceptances

Leaving Certificate Applied Candidates: **2,774**

Further Education (PLC) Applicants: **12,326**

Repeat Leaving Certificate Applicants: **907**



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Important....



Applicants must satisfy:

****CAO Handbook 2020**

Matriculation Requirements

Course Requirements

Points

What Are Points?

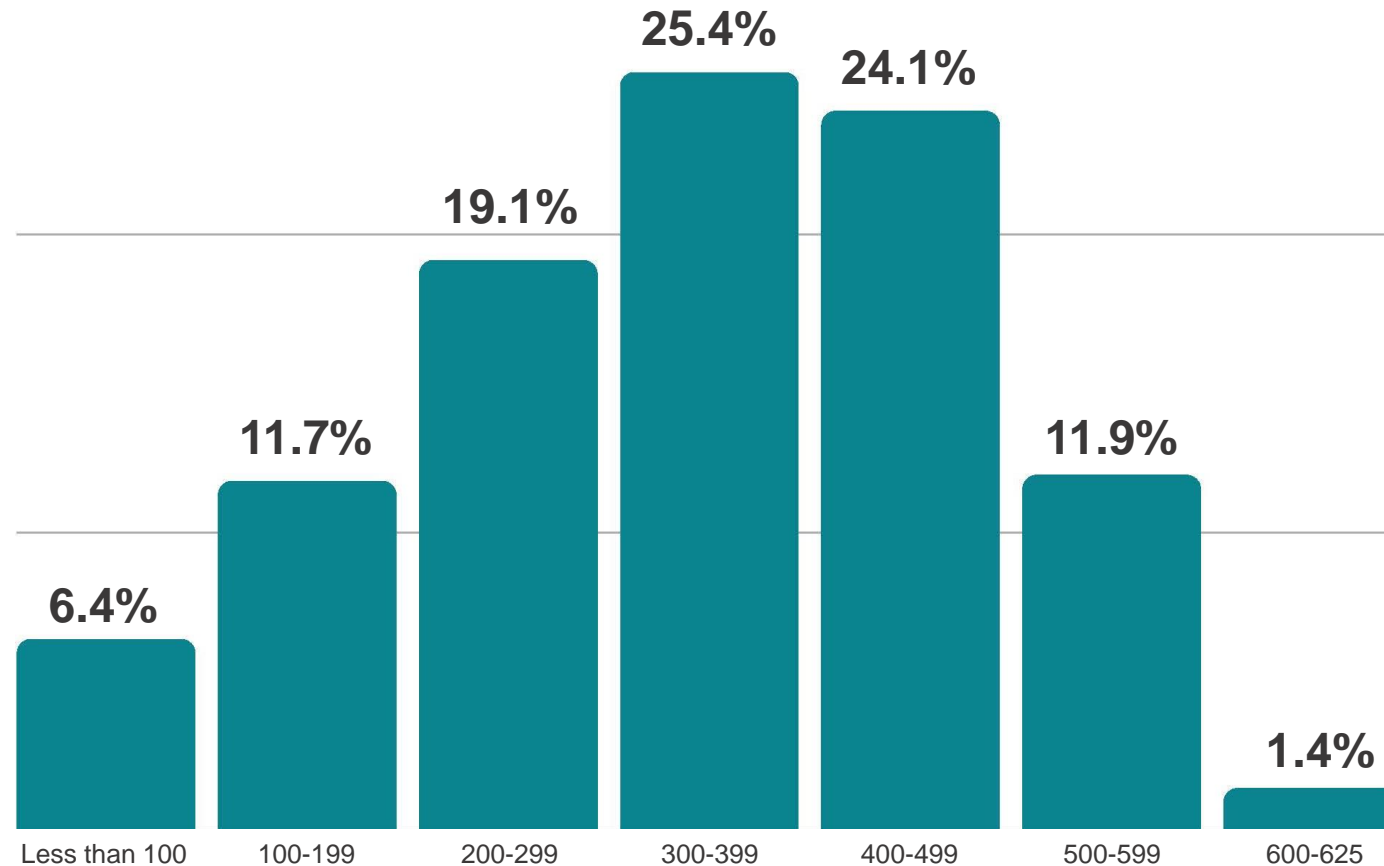
**Points are used to decide
who gets places**

Maximum is 625. Average is 350.

What determines points?

- (a) Number of Applicants**
- (b) Number of Places**
- (c) Performance of Applicants**

Leaving Certificate Points 2019



LCA students: identify QQI/FET course and meet entry requirements



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CAO Points System

Higher Level			Ordinary Level		
New Grades	% Marks	New Points Awarded	New Grades	% Marks	New Points Awarded
H1	90 - 100	100			
H2	80 < 90	88			
H3	70 < 80	77			
H4	60 < 70	66			
H5	50 < 60	56	O1	90 - 100	56
H6	40 < 50	46	O2	80 < 90	46
H7	30 < 40	37	O3	70 < 80	37
H8	0 < 30	0	O4	60 < 70	28
			O5	50 < 60	20
			O6	40 < 50	12
			O7	30 < 40	0
			O8	0 < 30	0

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2020 CAO Application Form

Applicant's Personal Details

Surname

Other names

Title

(Mr, Ms, Mrs, etc.)

Date of Birth

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

Please Note: You should enter your name and date of birth as it appears on your Birth Certificate or Passport. If you wish to apply under a different name, HEIs will require proof of identification at registration.

As stated in the CAO Handbook, an applicant may only present one application in any one year (either online or paper). If you think you may have already submitted an online application, please check using the ["My Application"](#) facility. There will be no refunds given to applicants who make more than one application.

☐ I have NOT already received a 2020 CAO Application Number nor have I applied by post.

Home address

☒ Rep. of Ireland

☐ Other Country

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e-mail address

Confirm e-mail

Contact Telephone

Do you wish to receive sms text messages from CAO?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you wish to receive sms text messages from the HEIs you apply to?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Country of Birth

Nationality

Qualifications & Assessment Summary :

Please tick the qualification/assessment section(s) that are relevant to you.

1. ☐ Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985-2020)
2. ☐ 2002-2020 QQI FET/FETAC Level 5/6 Exams
3. ☐ 2001 or earlier FETAC Level 5/6 (NCVA Level 2/3) Exams [Help?](#)
4. ☐ GCE/GCSE (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland Exams) [Help?](#)
CCEA, CIE, AEB, AQA, EDEXCEL, OCR, UCLES, WJEC examination boards only.
GCE/GCSE from OTHER boards MUST be entered under "Other School Leaving Exams"
5. ☐ Other School Leaving Exams [Help?](#)

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Terms & Conditions :

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GENERAL

You should be very clearly aware that, in submitting an online application, you accept all the directions and conditions set out in it and in the 2020 CAO Handbook. This Handbook sets out clearly the procedures, dates and other important issues, of which you must be aware in order to achieve your aim of securing a place on an appropriate third level course of study.

The 2020 CAO Handbook (which is available online) gives information on application and admission procedures only. Application should not be made for any course without first consulting the information literature of the institution offering that course. Non-standard applicants (i.e. mature applicants and those holding qualifications other than Irish Leaving

☐ I have read and I accept the terms and conditions as outlined above. I consent to the use of my data as detailed in the terms and conditions. I declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that all particulars on this form are true and correct. I have read the CAO Handbook.

Create Account Password :

Account Password

Confirm Password

Your Account Password must be at least eight characters long.
Please choose a password that you will remember easily.

After clicking 'Proceed with Application' please be patient, as the payment request may take some time.

Proceed with Application »

CAO System: How it Works

****Aims to give applicant their highest choice****

Level 8
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Level 7 / 6
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July 1st – 5.15pm deadline

CAO Application Number



The **application number** will be communicated by email, also texted to the applicant if applicant has ticked permission for this.



This number is private and it will be used in every correspondence between applicant and the CAO for the rest of the year.



Applicant must create password for their own CAO account

DARE

DISABILITY
ACCESS
ROUTE TO
EDUCATION

DARE

(Disability Access Route to Education)

A third level admissions scheme for school leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education

HEAR

HIGHER
EDUCATION
ACCESS
ROUTE

HEAR (Higher Education Access Route)

A third level admissions scheme for school leavers from long-term socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds



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Educational Impact of Disability/
Learning Difficulty is assessed

Complete the supplementary information
form (SIF) online 1st March 2020
on www.cao.ie (school input required in
this document)

Supporting Documents sent to CAO
by 15th March 2020



What is the HEAR Criteria?

HEAR Income Threshold plus a combination of two other indicators

Indicator 1 = Family Income thresholds

Indicator 2 = Medical Card /GP Visit Card

Indicator 3 = Means-tested social assistance payment

Indicator 4 = Socio-economic group underrepresented at third level

Indicator 5 = Attendance at a DEIS School > 5 years

Indicator 6 = Resident in an area of urban/rural disadvantage

How much does university cost?

Eligible for the Free Fees Initiative?

Students pay a student contribution charge of €3,000 per year and a Student Contribution fee of €150.

SUSI

Apply to SUSI for a grant towards student contribution or tuition fees.

How to pay?

The first installment is €1,650 due at registration with the balance of €1,500 due before the 31st January 2021.

Repeat

< 31st October – 0% Tuition Fees

< January 31st – 50%

> February 1st – 100%

Campus Accommodation and Cost



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**1,200 1st Year Students live
on campus**

**Main campus accommodation is
a short walk to all lecture, sports
and recreational facilities on the
North Campus.**

**50% of all campus
accommodation is reserved for
1st year students**

**The average annual cost is between
€4,700 to €6,700.**

Statement of Application Record to the CAO

Statement of Application Record
is emailed to all applicants before the
end of May

Applicant to check are all the courses
shown and in the correct order?

Are all the course codes correct?

Are all exams taken mentioned?

**Are Irish and/or language exemptions
recorded?**

Inform CAO if it is not received

CAO Application Summary



Strict order of preference



Know what courses have Restricted Application (music, art)



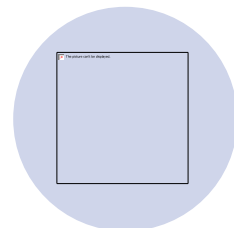
Study ALL preferences carefully



Check eligibility for all courses



Application deadlines and Change of mind



Check which are private fee paying colleges

A Student Course Preference

1	2	3
AL020	GY004	CR105
600	560	595
595	535	595
590	525	590
580	520	580
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**	**	**
**	**	**
**	**	**
495	485	475
480	480	475
470	475	470
465	465	465
460	460	460
460	455	460
460	445	460
455	440	455
455	435	455
450	420	450
450	410	445
450	405	440
450	405	435
445	405	430
435	400	430
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**	**	**
280	325	280
275	315	275
275	310	275
270	305	270

NO

NO

YES

YES

NO

YES

NO

YES

YES

YES

All lower preference courses disappear from students preferences

Students Points Total

= 445

Cut Off Points for Course

What is the best way to fill out a course?



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Dream Courses

Realistic Courses

Banker Courses

CAO Golden Rules

1. You can move up but never down
2. You can only accept one offer in each round
3. Treat any offer as if it is your last
4. Random selection
5. Available Places
6. Appeals, upgrades and subsequent offers

Maynooth University Events

Open Days
29 – 30 November

**CAO Information
Evening**
8 January 2020

**Spring Open
Day**
25 April 2020

Summer School
15 – 19 June 2020

**Summer Open
Day**
27 June 2020



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