

Items for your attention before 1 March at 17:15:

1. Correction of errors or omissions in course choices (this facility will close on 1 March at 17:15)

- If you have omitted any restricted courses you now have an opportunity to introduce these courses.

If you need to change course choices at* this time go to `My Application`, log in to your account and, in the course choices section click on `change course choices` (or `add course choices`) and follow the instructions. There is a **10 Euro charge** for this service. A video guide to the Change of Course Choices facility is available online:

<http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=video&l=154717972>

(see No.6 below also)*

2. DARE and HEAR Applications (Supplementary entry schemes for applicants with disabilities and from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds)

- If you wish to be considered for these schemes you must complete the appropriate sections of the CAO application form no later than 1 March at 17:15.

- If you wish to apply to DARE, you must click on the Modify Disability/SLD (& DARE Application) button, complete the Supplementary Information Form and answer `Yes` to Question 1 by 1 March at 17:15.

- If you wish to apply to HEAR, you must complete all relevant sections of the online HEAR Application Form by 1 March at 17:15.

- DARE HEAR supporting documentation must arrive in CAO no later than 15 March at 17:15. See www.accesscollege.ie the 2021 CAO Handbook and the CAO website for more details.

Instructions for submitting a DARE or HEAR application may be found in the DARE HEAR Application Handbooks and at <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=accessroutes>

3. Grant applications:

If you intend to apply for a grant (www.susi.ie) you may indicate this on your CAO online application. CAO will then provide your identification, contact and offer/acceptance details to the grant authority (SUSI). Other than providing these details to the grant authority, CAO plays no role in the processing of grant applications. Grant applications should be made on the grant authority website www.susi.ie

4. Entry requirements and exemptions:

You should ensure that you will meet the minimum entry requirements of the courses you are applying for. The Higher Education Institution websites and prospectuses have details of these.

There may be some concessions, such as exemption from minimum age requirements, Irish language and other language requirements, etc.

If you are seeking an exemption from minimum entry requirements such as Irish (ROI applicants only) or a third language you must do the following:

- If applying to TCD, University of Limerick and Mary Immaculate College you must contact the Admissions Office directly.

- In the case of NUI institutions (i.e. UCC, UCD, Maynooth University, NUI Galway, RCSI, NCAD and St Angela's College, Sligo), you must contact the NUI (see www.nui.ie for details). CAO plays no role in processing exemption applications.

5. Correspondence from CAO:

CAO will send a Statement of Application Record to all applicants in May. You must follow the instructions carefully and contact them if anything is incorrect or omitted from your CAO account. They will contact you by email and/or text, so please regularly check the Correspondence Section of your CAO Account. It contains a history of all emails sent to the email address registered on your CAO application, and any online queries that you have submitted to CAO whilst logged in to your CAO Account.

6. Change of Mind:

The Change of Mind facility opens on 5 May and closes on 1 July at 17:15. This facility is free of charge and may be used as many times as you like, however some restrictions apply (e.g., mature applicants and restricted courses).

7. Offer and Acceptance Schedule:

CAO will provide you with an update on the offer and acceptance schedule when they communicate with you in May.

Kind regards,
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Guidance Counsellors.