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Why Study in Ireland?



Broader degree than possible in the UK



Earn and learn



Straightforward application systems



Stay and work visa on graduation



Only (officially) English-speaking country in the EU



Cost of living (and, for EU students, tuition) are good value

The Brexit Impact

- ❑ EEA/EU students can no longer access lower fees or government support to study in the UK
- ❑ EEA/EU students now count in the international cap for medicine
- ❑ BUT the UK Ireland Common Travel Area means UK students are treated the same as Europeans in Ireland

- ❑ The Netherlands has seen a big rise and resulting government request to reduce international student numbers
- ❑ 10% rise in CAO applications to Ireland
- ❑ 38% rise in First Preference applications to Trinity Dublin

BUT – given the unkind points conversion for some curriculums (especially IB) and the offer dates how many of these applications will translate into matriculations.

Universities

- UCD (Dublin)
- NUI Galway
- UCC (Cork)
- Maynooth University (Kildare)
- Trinity College (Dublin)
- UL (Limerick)
- DCU (Dublin)
- TU Dublin



Institutes of Technology

- IADT (Dublin)
- Cork IT
- Waterford IT
- IT Tralee (Kerry)
- Dundalk IT (Louth)
- Athlone IT (Westmeath)
- Galway & Mayo IT
- Sligo IT
- Letterkenny IT (Donegal)
- Limerick IT
- Carlow IT





Course Options



Options range massively from Liberal Arts to Healthcare Science, Engineering to Artificial Intelligence, Science to Business subjects.



Whatever it is you would like to study there will be a course a HEI in Ireland for you.



Entry requirements to its are generally not as difficult as universities. So whatever your academic achievement is there will be a course for you.



How to apply

EU vs non-EU is very, very important!

- ❑ UK = 'Common Travel Area', = 'EU'
- ❑ EU, needs three of the last five years resident in EU / EEA
- ❑ Non-EU
- ❑ UCD has a great flow chat to help with this:
<https://tinyurl.com/irelandflowchat>

Non-EU applicants

Direct Application

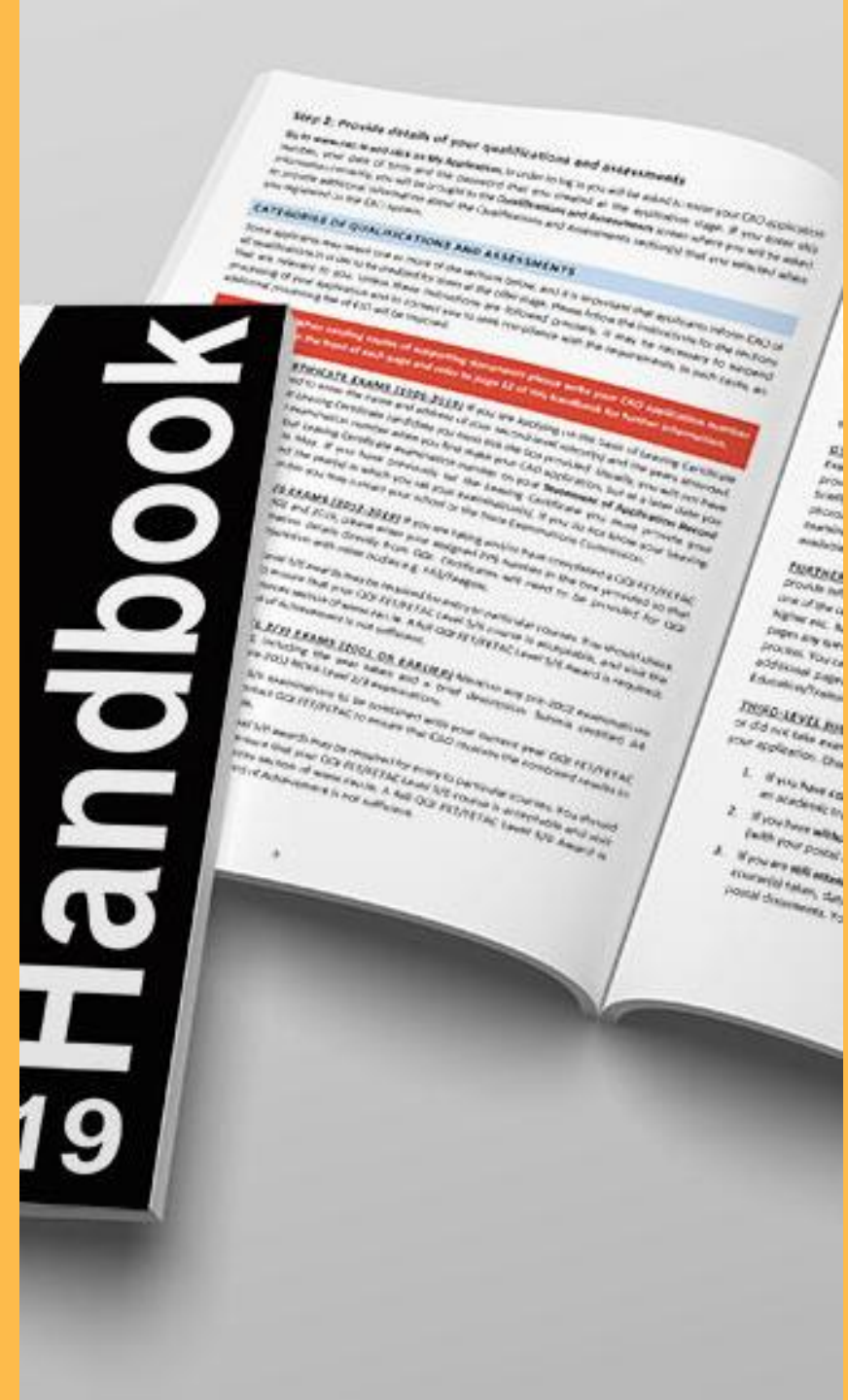
- ❑ Need school leaving exams to satisfy the general entry requirements (Published on university websites and generally lower than CAO points)
- ❑ Need to meet the English language requirements of institution
- ❑ Must submit predicted grades, references, motivational statements, extra curriculars etc.
- ❑ Offers are made on rolling basis from January onwards



EU applicants

CAO Application

- ❑ All EU and UK citizen's, apply to all undergraduate courses through the Central Applications Office (CAO) online.
- ❑ The CAO provides an application pack with handbook which lists all the courses on offer and how to apply for each one.
- ❑ Applicants will need to have taken school leaving exams, satisfy the general entry requirements and satisfy the English language requirements
- ❑ All qualifications being included in the points total must be sat in a single sitting



CAO Points for A Levels

	Universities and associated colleges				Institutes of Technology & TU Dublin (other than DkIT)	
	4th Subject					
Grade	Best 3 A-Levels	A-Level	AS Level		First 3 A-Levels	AS Levels (& 4th A-level where presented)
A*	185	45	31 (EPQ)		185	74 (A Level only)
A	156	38	26		156	62
B	131	32	22		131	52
C	106	26	18		106	42
D	84	20	14		84	34
E	63	15	11		63	25

CAO Points for IB

Table 2: Points Conversion Table	
IB Score	IPS
45	600
44	595
43	590
42	566
41	554
40	542
39	531
38	519
37	507
36	496
35	485

Table 2: Points Conversion Table	
IB Score	IPS
34	465
33	453
32	442
31	431
30	420
29	410
28	399
27	389
26	379
25	369
24	360

For Subject Requirements

- ☐ IB HL is equivalent to LC Higher
- ☐ IB SL is equivalent to LC

Ordinary

- ☐ H1/O1 = 7
- ☐ H2/O2 = 6
- ☐ H3/O3 = 6
- ☐ H4/O4 = 5
- ☐ H3/O3 = 5
- ☐ H6/O6 = 4
- ☐ H7 = 3

Bonus points for mathematics:

25 additional points will be awarded for a grade 4 or better on higher level Mathematics ONLY provided mathematics is included in the overall award used for points calculation

Where maths Higher is a subject requirement AA Maths is strongly recommended

CAO Process

November

1 Feb Closes

5 May-1
July open

Aug / Sept



CAO Opens

The entire process is online



Register

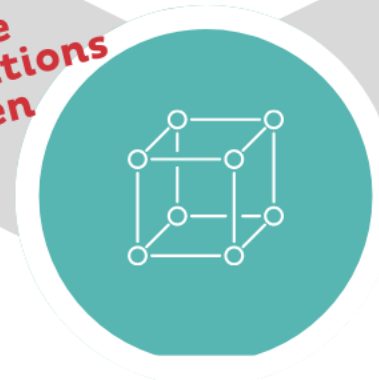
If done by 30
Jan fee is only
€30



Select Courses

- Pick up to 10 Level 8 courses
- And up to 10 Level 6/7 courses
- Choose priority order

Late Applications open



Change of Mind

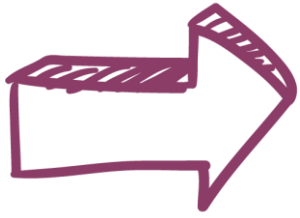
Freedom to change and rearrange choices



Allocation

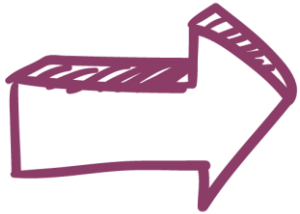
View and accept online

Important things to know

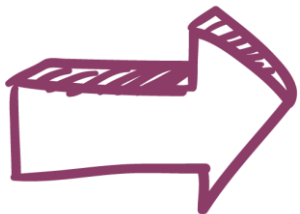


The order you put your CAO choices is very important.

- If you receive sufficient points the course you ranked as number one will be the choice given to you.
- All other courses on your list will become redundant.
- Put your course choices in order of preference of how you would like to receive them from 1 to 10



IB, BTEC or Pre-U needs to be notated differently when the account is set up.



There are no predictions, references, writing or any other kind of additional information submitted

How Does The

CAO

Actually Work?



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Skip to 2'40"

HPAT and Medicine

As an EU/EEA/UK school leaver, for you to be eligible for entry into undergraduate medicine, you must:

- Achieve a minimum of 480 points
- Meet the minimum entry requirements for each Medical School to which you are interested in applying
- Complete the HPAT-Ireland test

Entry into medicine in Ireland is based upon the addition of:

- Your adjusted leaving certificate score
- Your score in HPAT



How points work for medicine

- ❑ It is CAO points scaled down PLUS HPAT points
- ❑ Students who obtain 550 points or less have no adjustment to points
- ❑ Students who obtain higher than 550 points receive additional points. An additional 5 points achieved over 550 points is adjusted to 1 point. Therefore, the highest adjusted leaving certificate points possible when applying for medicine is 565.

For example:

- A student's 3 A Levels are A*s, so she has 185 points for each.
- The Fourth A Level is an A. 38 points more points.
- She then has an A* in Maths, so the extra 25 points.
- TOTAL LEAVING CERT POINTS ARE 618
- Then, for medicine, this is converted so she has 564.
- Her HPAT is then added to this, to give the points needed for entry.





Portfolio-based options

- ❑ Works in a similar way to medicine, but it is not scaled
- ❑ So you get the leaving cert points, plus portfolio points added together.