

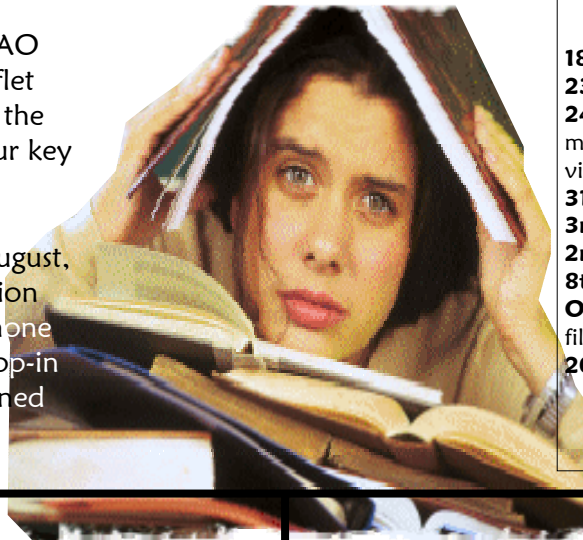
THE LEAVING CERT RESULTS – WHAT NEXT?

A glance at the options out there



CONFUSED about the whole CAO process? - don't panic. This leaflet takes you step by step through the whole process and answers your key questions on what to do next.

IN ADDITION, from the 18th August, Dun Laoghaire Youth Information Centre will be offering a telephone helpline (01 280 9363) and drop-in service for students and concerned parents.



DATES FOR DIARY

- 18th August** - Leaving Cert Results
- 23rd Aug** - CAO 1st Round Offers online
- 24th Aug** - Leaving Certificate candidates must return completed application forms to view scripts to school by this date
- 31st Aug** - Last day to accept 1st round offer
- 3rd/4th Sept** - view your exam papers
- 2nd Sept** - CAO 2nd round offers on-line
- 8th Sept** - Last day to accept 2nd round offer
- Oct** - Offers will continue until vacancies filled
- 20th Oct** - offer season ends

YOUR RESULTS

Leaving Certificate results are out on **Wednesday 18th August**. You can collect them at your school or on-line on www.examinations.ie (from 12 noon) by keying in your examination and pin numbers.

HOW TO READ YOUR RESULTS

- ◆ You are awarded a Grade for each subject you sat, which earns points in the Point System —e.g. Grade A1(H)= 100, Grade C2(H)= 65. Full list of Points are listed on your paper results.
- ◆ You can only use the results of your best six grades of one sitting of the Leaving Certificate to calculate your points total.
- ◆ Every college has its own basic entry requirements .
- ◆ Some courses may also require particular subjects/ grades.
- ◆ For exact requirements check the prospectus for the relevant college.
- ◆ Should you not meet the specific course requirements, an asterix (*) will appear in the right of the course code in Part A of the CAO Offer Notice.

VIEWING/ RE-CHECKING YOUR EXAM PAPERS

If you want to view your marked exam paper, you should complete the application form supplied with your results and return it to your school by **Tues 24th Aug**. You will be given a viewing time on either **Fri 3rd Sept or Sat 4th Sept**.

If you want, you can then apply to have your paper re-checked at €40 per subject. Application form available at your school. Results of appeals will be known early in mid October, and if regarded you will be contacted by the CAO about any new entitlement.

Remember,
your results could go down as well as up!

THE CAO PROCESS

- At 6am on Monday **23rd Aug**, CAO will post the offers live online on www.cao.ie. Each student has an individual CAO Application number to access his or her own file. The paper offer should arrive on that morning also.
- You have until 5.15 pm on **Tuesday 31st August** to accept the place.
- Everyone will be notified whether entitled to an offer or not.
- Offers are issued independently in respect of Level 8 and Level 7/6 lists, so some applicants may receive two offers of places simultaneously.
- You may only accept one offer (see next pg. for acceptance procedure). If more than one part is returned, the CAO, at its sole discretion will record an acceptance for only one course, the other offer will lapse.
- If you do not wish to accept the offer, you need take no further action. Your name will remain on the waiting list for any course higher in your order of preference
- Accepting or rejecting an offer will have no effect on your chances of getting a higher preference in a later round.
- No payment is required when returning the acceptance for a place. Student service charges etc., will be sent separately by the college. Contact the college not CAO if you have a question regarding fees.
- 2nd round offers are expected to be posted on the **2nd Sept**



You can send any queries to the CAO by using the CAO Enquiry Form Supplied which will be responded to by return of post or you may email help@cao.ie

ACCEPTING AN OFFER

- See detailed procedures for acceptance of an offer on the back of the Offer Notice.
- Check that all information on the front of the Offer Notice is correct.
- You have until 5.15 pm on **Tuesday 31st August** to accept the place. Places can be accepted online or by post.
- If you wish to accept an offer, return the appropriate part of the offer notice, either Part B or Part C to the CAO to arrive not later than 5.15 pm on the reply date specified (**1st Round - 31st Aug, 2nd Round - 8th Sept**).
- If you are applying for a place by post you need to make sure you get a certificate of postage. These are printed on the inside back cover of the CAO Handbook.
- If you are accepting a place online, you must print off a receipt of acceptance before ending your online.
- Only one offer may be accepted. If more than one part is returned, the CAO, at its sole discretion will record an acceptance for only one course, the other offer will lapse.
- The CAO will send you formal confirmation of receipt of an acceptance within three working days of the Reply Date.

Deferrals: If you receive an offer but wish to defer taking up your place for a year, you must immediately write the college (not the CAO) setting out the reason for seeking deferment.

Mark **'deferred entry'** clearly on the envelope. You must attach the appropriate part of the offer notice ie that which shows the offer you wish to have deferred. The request must arrive in the college in question **at least two days** before 'reply date' shown on offer notice. The college will let you know of its decision immediately.

REPEAT LEAVING CERTIFICATE

If you are considering repeating for points, the idea is to take the six subjects in which you feel you can do best and score the highest points. There is no obligation to sit the same subjects, neither is there any need to re-sit subject which are mandatory requirements for particular courses or colleges, once already obtained.

Bray Senior College, www.bife.ie
Novara Avenue, Co. Wicklow Tel: (01) 282 9668

St. Laurence's College www.stlaurencecollege.com
Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin Tel: (01) 282 6930

Marian College, Tel: (01) 668 4036
Sandymount, www.mariancollege.ie

Dundrum College, Tel: (01) 2982340
Sydenham Rd, Dundrum, D.14

There are also private colleges offering Repeat Leaving Certificate:

Institute of Education,
Leeson St., D.2 Tel: (01) 6613511

Kilroys College,
Cambridge Road, D.2 Tel: (01) 6620538

GOING TO UK TO STUDY

While the Dept. of Education & Science forward Leaving Certificate results to UCAS, it is advisable to fax your results directly to the college in question, quoting your UCAS reference number and the relevant course. Successful applicants in receipt of conditional offers will receive confirmation of offers to which they should respond immediately. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a Clearing Entry Form.

From the 19th of August 2010 clearing vacancies will be listed in *The Independent* newspaper and daily on the internet at www.ucas.com. Identify the course(s) you are interested in and with or without a clearing number, telephone immediately to negotiate a place. If necessary contact the UCAS Clearing Helpline at 00-44-870-112 2211 and enquire about securing a Clearing Entry Form (CEF) if you haven't received one already.

Applicants are liable to pay tuition fees. www.educationuk.org/scholarships can help you find the right award for your studies, whatever your level. It is also possible to apply for a maintenance grant in Ireland for approved undergraduate courses in the UK.

Further details are available from the British Council website www.britishcouncil.org/ireland/education/

The UCAS Tariff System

UCAS has a tariff system (more commonly known as UCAS points), which allows qualifications to be converted into points and then added together to give a total that can be used as a requirement to get into a course (a course may require 260 points, for example). For the 2010 entry season the Irish Leaving Certificate will be admitted to the UCAS Tariff so that it can be placed on direct parity with other awards

UCAS Tariff Points	Irish Leaving Certificate	
	Higher	Ordinary
90	A1	
77	A2	
71	B1	
64	B2	
58	B3	
52	C1	
45	C2	
39	C3	A1
33	D1	
26	D2	A2
20	D3	B1
14		B2
7		B3

CAO IS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO GO....

With so much attention on the CAO, you may be forgiven if you have overlooked the fact that there is a wealth of careers that can be accessed outside the CAO system...

Apprenticeships - www.fas.ie/apprenticehips

You can train to become a plasterer or electrician. While you are training, you work with an employer learning the necessary skills and receive a wage. Most apprenticeships last 4 years. Apprentices must be at least 16 years of age and have a minimum of grade D in any five subjects in the Junior Certificate or equivalent. However, employers may require additional minimum qualifications.

FAS - www.fas.ie

FÁS offers training courses suited to needs of both jobseekers looking for employment and employees wishing to improve their skills. Part-time, full-time, day and evening courses for jobseekers are all listed at [FAS Jobs Ireland](http://FASJobsIreland) (freephone 1800 611 116). In addition, specific skills training for industry and the Traineeship programme, which combines formal training with workplace coaching, are also available.

An Garda Síochána - www.garda.ie

Applications for the position of Garda Trainee are made by way of an online application process which is managed by the Public Appointments Service. To receive notification of forthcoming Garda Trainee recruitment campaigns as they arise, you must register as a member of <http://www.publicjobs.ie>. School leavers may apply but passes are required in Maths, either English or Irish and another language. Leaving Cert. Applied students must have achieved a merit grade. The height requirement has been replaced with a physical competency test. Applicants must undergo an aptitude test, will be called for competitive interview. Applicants who are successful at the interview stage must undergo an exacting medical examination by the Garda Surgeon.

Teagasc - www.teagasc.ie

If you wish to make a career in agriculture, horticulture, horses or forestry. There is no minimum educational requirement. These courses offer a wide range of career options in the expanding amenity horticulture and forestry sectors. Paid work experience is an integral part of these courses. Participants who achieve the necessary results may transfer to third level and progress up to level 7/ 8 degree level

Fáilte Ireland - www.failteireland.ie

The courses are aimed at people who wish to enter the workforce on either a full/part-time basis in the hotel, catering and tourism industry. No experience or qualification is required although you must be at least 17 years (18 for bar) of age. The training is free and a training allowance and travel allowance is paid. Walk-in interviews are held every Monday morning (except Bank Holidays) between 9.00 and 12.00 at Fáilte Ireland training centres.

COLLEGE S OF FURTHER EDUCATION

These practical courses, mostly with FETAC awards are designed to prepare students for employment or progression into further studies in 3rd Level Colleges. There are often still places on FE courses and even if you haven't applied, you can do so now by contacting the local Colleges.

Senior College Dun Laoghaire www.scd.ie
Eblana Ave, Dun Laoghaire. Tel: (01) 2800385
Departments: Business; Design; Beauty Therapy, Make-Up & Complimentary Therapy Dept; IT Dept.

Bray Institute of Further Education, www.bife.ie
Novara Ave., Bray Co. Wicklow. Tel: (01) 2829668
Departments: Art & Ceramics; Business & Management; Graphics & Design; IT; Open University; Performing Arts; Secretarial & Office; Social & Health Studies; Sports & Recreation; Stenography; Tourism Studies; TV, Sound, DJ & Media

Sallynoggin College of Further Education, www.scfe.ie
Pearse St., Sallynoggin, Tel: (01) 2852997
Departments: Creative Studies; Dance & Performing Arts ; Hairdressing & Beauty; Computer Studies; Sports Leisure & Fitness; Travel & Tourism; Childcare / Social Studies

Cabinteely Community School,
Cabinteely, Dublin 18. Tel: (01) 285 7455
Future Studies - Business Skills for Tomorrow

Dun Laoghaire College of Further Ed. www.dlcfce.ie
Cumberland St., Dun Laoghaire Tel: (01) 2809676
Departments: Design & Construction; Computing & Technology; Media & Sound; Business Admin; Health & Sport; Arts & Humanities; Adult Programme (mornings)

Stillorgan Senior College, www.stillorgancollege.ie
Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, Tel: (01) 288 0704
Courses: Art; Photography; Design for Digital Media; HND in Journalism; Airline Studies; Travel & Tourism; Theatre Studies; Intro to computers; Accounting Technician; Dip in Software Applications; Event Management; Software Applications

Dundrum College, www.dundrumcollege.ie
Sydenham Rd., Dundrum, Tel: (01) 298 3240
Courses: Art Craft & Design; Archaeology; Advances Computer Applications; Complementary Therapy; Computer Skills, ESOL; Exercise & Fitness; Multimedia with e-business; Sport & Recreation Management

College of Further Ed. Dundrum, www.cfedundrum.ie
Main Street, Dundrum, Tel: (01) 298 5412
Departments: Business / Office Admin; Creative Studies; Health Care; Computer Studies; Re-training

St. Tiernans PLC Centre, www.tiernans.ie
Parkvale, Balally, Dundrum, Tel: (01) 295 3224
Courses: IT; Business Technology with Marketing; Front Office, Tourism & Reception; eBusiness

PRIVATE COLLEGES

A number of private colleges offer excellent courses to certificate, diploma and degree level. It is worth noting that tax relief is available in respect of approved undergraduate courses of at least two years duration.

Griffith College *www.gcd.ie*
Sth. Circular Road, Dublin 8 *Tel:(01) 415 0400*

Depending on the course applications are made either through the CAO or directly to the college.

Portobello College *www.portobello.ie*
Sth. Richmond St. Dublin *Tel:(01) 475 5811*

Applications are made either through the CAO or directly to college depending on the course selected.

Dublin Business School *www.dbs.ie*
13/14 Aungier St., D.2 *Tel:(01) 417 7500*

Offers foundation, certificate, undergraduate, postgraduate and professional programmes in a range of Business & Arts programmes.

American College Dublin *www.amcd.ie*
2 Merrion Sq, D 2. *Tel:(01) 676 8939*

Apply for all courses through the CAO. Mature students and international students apply directly to college.

PREPARING TO FLY THE COOP

1. MONEY - ROUGH GUIDE TO COLLEGE GRANTS

You can apply for a grant if you are attending a recognised full-time course, are 17 or over and resident in Ireland. You apply to your local VEC or Co. Council. You have to fill in a means test form which checks your parents (and your income) to decide if you are eligible for a grant and if so, how much you get.

Other sources of funding:

- ◆ Back to Education Allowance/ VTOS
- ◆ Funds for Student with Disabilities/ Student Assistance
- ◆ Society of St. Vincent de Paul Education Grant
- ◆ Tax Relief of Private College Fees

Dun Laoghaire Youth Info Centre has published two leaflets to explain the grants system and funding available.

2. ACCOMMODATION

As soon as you get your offer, start looking for accommodation. Try www.daft.ie or www.studentlettings.ie. You could also contact the college accommodation officer. Expect to pay €450 - €550 a month for a bedsit or houseshare.

- ◆ Make sure you view the accommodation before giving a deposit. Get a receipt!
- ◆ Essential documents - written letting agreement & rent book
- ◆ For information on your tenant rights - www.threshold.ie

3. SUPPORTS

There is lots of help and support available to you when you start college - you just need to ask.....

Admission Officer: Often your first point of contact. They advise on the administration of college life, such as deferring courses, changing courses etc

Access Officer: Assists students on various issues such as financial problems, educational worries and facilities/resources for people with disabilities. (some colleges have separate disability officers)

Student Services Officer: Plans for students needs such as orientation for new comers, counselling, mentoring

Student Union: Represents students and advises on student issues.

STUDENT TRAVEL CARD

You can save up to 30% on Irish Rail, Dublin Bus and Luas Fares with your student travel card.

Call into the Youth Info Centre with your completed form and we will take a photocapture of you and process your application. The card is then sent to you by post. The Student Travel Card costs €12 (+ €3 for photocapture).

For further information contact us or click on www.studenttravelcard.ie

For grant information, application forms, accommodation list, student travel card.....

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