

◆ OPTIONS 2007 ◆

A GUIDE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Leaving Certificate results will be available on Wednesday, August 15th for collection in schools, from 12 noon, by telephoning 1530-719290 or at the results website www.examinations.ie, by keying in your examination and pin numbers, for those unable to get to the school.

From August 15th Cork Youth Information Centre will be offering a telephone helpline and drop in service for students and concerned parents. **The Cork Youth Info. Centre, YMCA 11-12 Marlboro Street, Cork. Tel (021) 4270187 www.youthinformation.ie/cork e-mail yiccork@iol.ie**

Round One Offers will appear on the CAO website (www.cao.ie) from 6am on Monday August 20th. Also on that day, the minimum points required for courses will be published on the CAO website and in national newspapers. Offers may be accepted on line. Round One Offers will also arrive by post on Monday August 20th.

VIEWING/RE-CHECKING PAPERS

Students wishing to avail of the facility to view marked scripts should complete the application form supplied with their Leaving Certificate results, and return it to the school before Tuesday the 21st of August. Applicants will be allocated a viewing session on either Friday 31st or Saturday 1st September. (3 sessions).

Application forms for re-checks at €37 per subject are available from your school and are to be returned there by the 5th of September. Results of appeals will be known mid - October, and if regraded you will be contacted

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YOUTH INFORMATION

BASIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the points system, each 3rd level institution has its own basic minimum entry or matriculation requirements, and some courses may also require particular subjects/grades regarded as relevant to your course choice. For exact requirements check the prospectus for the relevant college.

Should you not meet the specific course requirements an asterisk (*) will appear to the right of the Course Code in Part A of the CAO Offer Notice, indicating the educational institution concerned considers you ineligible for admission to that particular course.

◆ Offer Checklist

* Offers can be viewed on the CAO web site from 6am. on Monday, August 20th. You will be requested to key in your CAO number and date of birth.

* First round offer notices will be delivered by post and are also expected to arrive on Monday, August 20th.

* Everyone will be notified whether entitled to an offer or not.

* When an applicant is entitled to two offers, one each from the Level 8 and Level 7/Level 6 lists, both offers will be printed on a single offer notice.

* You can only accept **one** offer, see overleaf for acceptance procedure.

* Acceptance or rejection of an offer will have no effect on your chances of getting a higher preference offered in a later round if points required for entry should fall sufficiently.

* Second round offers are expected to be posted on Thursday, August 30th These offers will be on the web from 12pm Friday 31st

Note: Enquiries to the CAO can be made using the CAO Enquiry Form supplied which will be responded to by return post. E-Mail enquiries can be made to help@cao.ie.

Please put CAO in the *subject* box.

Offer(s) can be checked online at www.cao.ie and for further information and handouts log on to www.youthinformation.ie/cork.

POINTS SYSTEM FOR 2007 ENTRY

Leaving Certificate	A1	A2	B1	B2	B3	C1	C2	C3	D1	D2	D3
Percentage Bands	90-100%	85-89%	80-84%	75-79%	70-74%	65-69%	60-64%	55-59%	50-54%	45-49%	40-44%
Points for Higher	100	90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45
Points for Ordinary	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5

Use the **six** best subjects of one sitting of the Leaving Certificate to calculate points total.

LCVP Link Modules: Points are awarded as follows for results in Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme Link Modules in place of a sixth Leaving Certificate subject. For entry 2007 the Higher Education Institutions will award point as below:-
Distinction = 70 points, Merit = 50 points, Pass = 30 points.

* Bonus points for higher level maths is awarded by UL for entry to certain courses. DIT also award bonus points for maths and a number of sciences for Level 8 course DT021 (see Prospectus for more details).

ACCEPTING AN OFFER.

You can view and accept an offer directly online at the CAO web site at www.cao.ie. On entering the site, click View/Accept Offers then simply enter your 8 digit CAO Number and your date of birth. You can then specify **one** course of your choice from a list of courses available to be accepted.

You may also accept an offer by filling in the paper copy (**DO NOT DO BOTH**) which is as follows:-

- (1) Check that all information on the front of the Offer Notice is correct.
- (2) See detailed procedures for acceptance of an offer on the back of the Offer Notice.
- (3) 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 - 28th Aug, 2nd Round - 5th Sept*).
- (4) Only **one** offer may be accepted.
- (5) When posting, remember to obtain a Certificate of Posting. (see CAO Handbook)
- (6) The CAO will send you formal confirmation of receipt of an acceptance within three working days of the Reply Date.

Deferrals: An applicant who receives an offer and wishes to defer taking up the place for one year must seek the agreement of the appropriate institution. For further details see the CAO Handbook 2007 page 5.

STUDYING UK Incl. N.I.

Leaving Certificate results should be faxed 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 be informed by UCAS and will then be able to go through Clearing, finding their Clearing Entry Number through Tracking.

From mid August clearing vacancies will be listed in *The Independent* newspaper and through an interactive course vacancy service on www.ucas.com. Identify the course(s) you are interested in and with a clearing number, telephone the college to negotiate a place. If necessary contact the UCAS Clearing Helpline at 00-44-870-112 2211.

UCAS colleges in England are charging tuition fees of up to £3,070 per year. In Wales the fees are £1,200 and in Scotland the fees are free. A loan is available to cover this which is paid off when the student has finished their course and reaches the appropriate threshold. For application details contact the Cork Youth information Centre at (021) 4270187. It is also possible to apply for a maintenance grant in Ireland for approved undergraduate courses in the UK. See back page for details.

The student UK Accommodation Messageboard is at www.studentuk.com. Further information at www.britishcouncil.org.

REPEAT LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Though relatively few repeat the leaving certificate, this remains a realistic option for those who narrowly missed the number of points required for the course of their choice.

In 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 subjects which are mandatory requirements for particular courses or colleges, once already obtained.

College of Commerce,
Morrison's Island,
Cork.

Tel: (021) 4222100

* Irish * English * Mathematics * French * German
* Spanish * History * Geography * Physics * Biology
* Chemistry * Technical Drawing (Building Applications)
* Applied Maths * Accounting * Economics * Business
* Social & Scientific * Agricultural Economics
* Agricultural Science * Art

Private Colleges:-

- **Bruce College**
Audley House, St. Patrick's Hill, Cork. Tel: (021) 450 4122
- **Cork Leaving Cert. College**
Mel House, South Terrace, Cork. Tel: (021) 484 094
- **Deane College**
Enterprise House, Mary St., Cork. Tel: (021) 427 4722
- **Hewitt College**
Thompson House, 24, Patrick's Hill, Cork. Tel: (021) 455 0430

STATE TRAINING AGENCIES

Faite Ireland (www.failteireland.ie) is the National Tourism Development Authority. Courses, with internationally recognised qualifications are available in IT's and Faite Ireland Hotel Schools and include Professional Cookery, Tourism and Travel, Hospitality and Management, Bar/Licensed Trade operators, Reception/Front Office, Accommodation and Restaurant. Course duration varies from one to two years, and trainees receive a weekly training allowance together with other generous allowances.

For late applications, including course details and application forms, contact the Tourism Centre at Callsave 1850 256 256 or the Faite Ireland Regional Office, Albert Road, Cork Tel: (021) 4313006. E-mail training@failteireland.ie or oliver.sullivan@failteireland.ie

FAS (www.fas.ie) provide a range of training and employment services including apprenticeships, adult training courses, and a job placement service to job seekers. To avail of these services you should register with FAS at your nearest Employment Services Office, in Cork it is at Government Buildings, Sullivans Quay, Cork. Tel: (021) 485 200 or 1800 611 116.

Teagasc (www.teagasc.ie), the Agriculture and Food Development Authority offer courses for those interested in developing careers in agriculture or horticulture. For further details locally contact Teagasc, Farranlea Road, Cork. Tel: (021) 454 5055.

Bord Iascaigh Mhara - BIM (www.bim.ie), the Irish Sea Fisheries Board offer courses for those interested in developing careers in Fishing and Aquaculture. For further details locally contact BIM in Castletownbere, Co. Cork. Tel: (027) 71104

COLLEGES OF FURTHER EDUCATION (Cork City) Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses, mostly accredited by FETAC, are designed to prepare students for direct employment or act as a pathway to higher education.

College of Commerce, Morrisons Island, Cork.
Tel: (021) 422 2100

Business Studies: Diploma in Business Studies; Certified Public Accounting (CPA); Institute of Accounting Technicians in Ireland; Accounting Technician with Computer Applications.; Financial Services Diploma; Commercial Computing; Diploma in Legal Studies; Graduateship in Marketing; Diploma in International Trade & e-Business; Diploma in Advertising Studies & Public Relations; Certificate in Security Operations & Administration; Health & Risk Management.

Office Administration: Computer Studies/Office Administration; Exec. Admin./Banking/Credit Union Studies; Law & Insurance Administrator; Medical/Dental Receptionist; Dip. in Business Admin./Computers & Office Skills; Post Grad. Teachers Dip. in Word processing & Information Technology.

Travel, Tourism & Applied Languages: Applied Languages & IT; Dip. in Travel & Tourism; Cert. in International Airline Studies; Cert. in Travel Agency Competence; Business & English for International Students.

Health Studies Childcare & Montessori: Cert. in Childcare; CACHE Dip. in Childcare Education; BA in Humanities in; Montessori Education; Community Care Assistant.

Beauty, Complementary Therapy & Fashion Design & Knitted Textiles: Dip. In Beauty Therapy; Complementary Health Therapy Dip.; Fashion Design & Knitted Textiles; Nail Technician & Make Up Artistry.

Colaiste Stiofain Naofa, Tramore Road, Cork.
Tel: (021) 496 1020

Applied Horticulture: Amenity Horticulture; Greenkeeping; Landscaping. **Science:** Applied Biology (Food, Health, Nutrition); Process Chemistry. **Art & Design:** Art, Craft & Design; Graphic Design; Creative Ceramics; Creative Textiles; Multimedia; Access with Design; Arts Administration. **Business Studies:** Business Admin. With Languages; Legal & Business Studies. **Social Studies:** Social Studies. **Tourism:** Tourism & Heritage Management. **Information Technology:** Business Information Systems; Multimedia; Systems/Website Administration; Office Applications; Computer Maintenance, Repair & Forensics; Software Development. **Engineering & Applied Technology:** Electronic Technology L5 & L6; Carpentry; Furniture Design & Construction; Mechanical Engineering; Automobile Engineering, Plant & Machinery Maintenance. **Media:** Radio Broadcasting; Media Production. **Performing Arts:** Dance; Theatre Performance; Theatre Production; Music, Management & Sound; Theatre Wardrobe, Design & Construction; Musical Theatre. **Sport & Recreation:** Equestrian Studies; Leisure & Recreation Management; Sports Injuries/Therapy; Sports Studies; Soccer Studies; Dip. In Rugby Studies.

St. Johns Central College, Sawmill St., Cork
Tel: (021) 427 6410

Art, Craft & Design: Art, Craft & Design; Cartoon Animation; Cert./ Dip. Interior Design; Jewellery & Art Metalcraft; Home Decoration & Tromphe L'Oeil; Graphic Design & Illustration; Advanced Design Presentation Skills. **Media Technology:** Photographic Studies; Multimedia; Advanced Film, TV & Video Production; Film Making; Enterprise Practice (Practical Communication Skills); Visual Media Communications; Video Production. **Computers & Electronics:** Computers & ECDL; Computing & e-Business; Networks & Web Design; Software Engineering; New Directions– IT Skills; Computer Game Design & Development; Electronics Technology; Telecommunications Systems; Alarm Installation & Maintenance. **Construction & Engineering:** Architectural Draughting/Advanced CAD; Building Construction; Furniture Making & Restoration; Boat Building, Design & Maintenance; Aircraft Engineering; Motor Maintenance & Light Engineering; Motor Cycle & Small Engine Maintenance. **Applied Science :** Animal Care/ Veterinary Nursing; Applied Science; Environmental Science/Waste Management; Pharmacy Assistant, Hairdressing; Dispensing Optician. **Tourism & Services:** Tourism & Travel Dip.; Travel, Transport & Distribution Management; e-Travel Skills Dip.; Galileo Computer Reservation System; Supply Chain Management

St. John's Central College (Northside Campus)
Knocknaheeny, Cork. Tel: 427 6410

New Directions-IT Skills; Secretarial Studies; Business Studies; Computer Graphics & Design; Childcare Studies; Classroom/Special Needs Assistant; Interior Design & Decoration; Construction & DIY Skills; Caring for the Elderly; Junior & Leaving Cert. for Adults.

HIGHER EDUCATION LINKS SCHEME

The Higher Education Links Scheme enables learners who have achieved a FETAC certificate to apply through the CAO for a linked course in a range of 37 higher education institutions. Further information, including details of FETAC Certificates linked with Higher Education Courses and vice versa are available from www.fetac.ie

INDEPENDENT THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES (Cork City)

Griffith College 9/11 St. Patrick's Hill, Cork. Tel: (021) 450 7027 offers courses accredited by HETAC, with excellent employment prospects on graduation. Minimum entry requirements apply, and tax relief is available on fees for many of the courses listed.

HETAC Approved Courses: BA (Hons) in Accounting and Finance; BA in Marketing, Higher Cert. in Business Studies; Certificate in Business Studies in Intercultural Studies; Certificate in Travel and Tourism, BA (Hons) in Business Studies, Higher Dip. in Journalism & Media Communications and a BA in Journalism.

Other Courses: LLB (Hons) in Irish Law; Diploma in Financial Services (ICM); Master of Business Administration (ACU); Certified Accounting Technician (ACCA); Diploma in Administration & Office Skills.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS - ELIGIBILITY

- **Age:** Applicants should be at least 17 years of age by January 1st, 2008, with the exception of the PLC Grant where applicants should be at least 15 years on commencement.
- **Residence:** Applicants should apply to the relevant awarding body for the area in which his/her parents/guardians were ordinarily resident on October 1st, 2006.
- **Nationality:** Candidates must hold EU nationality, have official refugee status or have been granted humanitarian leave to remain in the state.
- **Means:** Grants are subject to a means test based on the reckonable income (year ended 31st December, 2006) of the candidate and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) taking into consideration the number of dependent children in the family and the number attending an approved full-time course of study in 2007/2008. For mature candidates aged 23 years of age by 1st Jan. 2007, where living independently of parents it's only the candidates (and spouse/partners) income that is taken into consideration

Higher Education Grants

The Higher Education Grants Scheme covers approved degree courses from most Higher Education Institutions in Ireland and certain courses pursued in approved educational institutions within the EU.

For further details contact your local authority eg. Cork City Council (Tel: 021-496 6222) or Cork County Council (Tel: 021-428 5451).

V.E.C. Scholarship/T.L.T. & P.L.C. Grants

The V.E.C. Scholarship: for approved level 8 courses in eg. IT's, UL and DCU, and Colleges of Art & Design.

The T.L.T. Maintenance Grant: applies to designated Level 6 & level 7 courses primarily in IT's.

The P.L.C. Maintenance Grant: Covers Post Leaving Certificate Courses.

For further details contact your local VEC eg. City of Cork VEC (Tel: 021-427 3377) or County Cork VEC (Tel: 021-4800 900).

Awards

Full and part maintenance grants are payable at either adjacent or non-adjacent rates. The adjacent rate applies where normal residence is 15 miles or less from the college. The non-adjacent rate is payable in all other cases, including the case of all mature students who qualify.

Application Procedure

Contact the appropriate awarding body for further details and an application package. If eligible, application should be made by the 31st of August 2007.

Back to Education Programmes

The Department of Social & Family Affairs offers a *Back to Education Allowance* whereby students aged 21 years or older (18-20 years if out of formal education for 2 years) meeting certain eligibility criteria can retain their welfare payments and any secondary benefits while studying full-time.

Similarly local VEC's administer a Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS).

Reckonable Income Limits (Tax Year ended 31st December, 2006)

Number of Dependent Children	Full Maintenance and full fees	Part Maintenance (75%) and full fees	Part Maintenance (50%) and full fees	Part Maintenance (25%) and full fees	Part fee (50%) Only
Less than 4	€38,675	€41,085	€43,500	€45,920	€48,335
4 to 7	€42,490	€45,150	€47,805	€50,465	€53,120
8 or more	€46,140	€49,026	€51,905	€54,785	€57,665

In cases of families where two or more children (or the candidates parents) are attending a recognised course of study in 2007/2008, reckonable income limits may be increased by €4,685 for each one after the first.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

If you have gained a place in a third level institution then contact the college concerned as soon as possible before the start of the academic year for advice and support in finding accommodation locally.

Location	Institution	Telephone
Athlone	Athlone IT	(090) 6424441
Carlow	IT Carlow	(059) 9170436
Cork	CIT UCC	(021) 4326453 (021) 4902276
Dublin	DCU DIT Dun Laoghaire IADT IT Blanchardstown IT Tallaght Trinity College UCD	(01) 7005736 (01) 4023445 (01) 2144600 (01) 8851570 (01) 4042171 (01) 8961177 (01) 2161034
Dundalk	Dundalk IT	(042) 9370270

Location	Institution	Telephone
Galway	Galway-Mayo IT GMIT Castlebar NUI Galway	(091) 742003 (094) 9043162 (091) 750378
Letterkenny	Letterkenny IT	(074) 9186170
Limerick	Limerick IT UL	(061) 490135 (061) 202331
Maynooth	NUI Maynooth	(01) 7083826
Sligo	IT Sligo	(071) 9137226
Tralee	IT Tralee	(066) 7145665
Waterford	Waterford IT	(051) 302615

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