



CAO & LEAVING CERTIFICATE KEY DATES September 2017 – October 2018

WHEN	WHY is it Important?	WHAT TO DO
2 nd October 2017	UKCAT test for Medicine UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration closes for UKCAT entrance test for medicine in UK
15 th October 2017	UCAS Deadline for UK Medical Courses BMAT Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for applications for Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry to Ulster, Oxford and Cambridge BMAT Late applications close 15th October
6 th November 2017 (12.00)	CAO 2018 online opens. Change of Course choices facility also open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit CAO application to avail of reduced application fee (€30) Change/edit course choices - free up to 31st January 2018
15 th January 2018	UCAS deadline - general	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undergraduate deadline for applying to UCAS for general undergraduate courses
20 th January 2018 5.15pm	First CAO deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAO deadline for Reduced Rate application fee (€30.00)
20 th January 2018	HPAT-Ireland registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final date for standard €115 early fee for HPAT medical aptitude test registration. CAO number is needed for this, which you get by making your CAO application.
20 th January 2018	DARE & HEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice & Information clinics take place nationwide
1 st February 5.15pm	Normal closing date for CAO applications with full fee of €45.00 HPAT late registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CAO applications after 5.15pm this date are late applications Restricted application courses (those with early assessments or portfolio requirements) must be listed on CAO application by this. HPAT late registrations continue to this date with an additional €70 late fee, as well as the €115 registration fee. Exceptional late HPAT registration until 5.15pm 3rd February - fee of €105 plus registration fee €115.
2 nd - 22 nd February 2018	Mature Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration for Mature Nursing Test (PAS)
5 th Feb - 1 st March	CAO Change of Course facility is open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-line facility to amend CAO course choices becomes available at 12.00 - €10.00 fee applies
15 th February	Acknowledgement of CAO application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper applicants get statement of CAO course choices with CAO application number, and courses listed. Contact CAO if you do not receive yours
Saturday 24 th February	HPAT Ireland Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For undergraduate entry to medicine in Ireland
1 st March 5.15pm	HEAR and DARE CAO Change of Mind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for completion of HEAR and DARE applications Closing date for amending CAO choices to include a restricted application course not listed on initial application (€10 fee).
4 th March	MSAP Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For mature applicants to certain courses in UCD, UCC, UL and NUI Galway
25 th March	GAMSAT Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Graduate entry to medicine
March - April 2018	Restricted courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews and portfolio presentations for restricted application courses are held in this period
1 st April 5.15pm	HEAR and DARE supporting documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final date for submission of any/all supporting documentation for HEAR and DARE applications to Tower House, Eglington St, Galway with CAO number on all documents.
13 th April	Leaving Cert Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start Date for LC Orals in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, and Japanese
Week of 20 th April	PAS Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Mature entry to Nursing



Late April 2018	HPAT results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature applicants who sat HPAT in March receive results
1st May 2018	CAO - LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for late CAO (Online) applications - €60 fee (€80 for paper). No further applications accepted for 2018 entry.
4th May (12.00) to 1st July	Online CAO Change of Mind facility available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of Mind Facility Opens (Free) – For full info re Change of mind see http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=aboutCOM Applicants get a statement of their application record to date from the CAO before end of May
Before 15 th May	CAO Late applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of course choices sent to late applicants – contact CAO if you do not receive it
Before End May	CAO Application Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of Application record sent to all applicants – Contact CAO if you do not receive one
6th June 2018	Leaving Cert Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Leaving Cert papers begin and continue until Friday 22nd June
Late June 2018 (25 th)*	HPAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants under 23 years who sat HPAT in February get results
1st July 2018 - 5.15pm	CAO - LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for CAO change of mind (course and/or order of preference) for 2018 entry CAO makes 6,000+ Round A offers online in first week of July to mature applicants and deferrals from previous year
Early July 2018	CAO Non-standard applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for accepting places offered to mature applicants in first week of July. Mature and deferred applicants away from home should ensure any offer is dealt with, as it will lapse if not accepted by 13th July
22nd July 2018	CAO - existing 3rd level Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptional closing date for students already attending third-level who wish to drop out of a HEI course and re-apply for another.
Early August 2018	CAO Round Zero offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAO starts Round Zero offers with about 2,000 places for applicants in graduate medicine, and those with FET awards seeking courses with a quota of places for such applicants 1 week later Closing date for receipt of acceptance of Round Zero offers
Wednesday 15th August 2018	Leaving Cert Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Examinations Commission delivers Leaving Cert results to over 700 schools and online at examinations.ie from 12.00 noon
Monday 20th August 2018*	CAO Round 1 Offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAO releases Round One offers online at 6.00am. Minimum points required for each course are available on www.careersportal.ie from 6.00am Offer notices sent by post also arrive on this date
22nd August 2018*	LC Exam script review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leaving Cert students who wish to view their exam scripts must return application form to their school by this date
24th August 2018*	CAO Round 1 offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for Acceptance of CAO Round One offers 5.15pm (The 2018 CAO offers and acceptances schedule for Round 1 has been shortened.)
29th August 2018*	CAO Round 2 offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAO Round Two offers available online at 10am.
31 st August 2018	CAO Round 2 acceptances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing date for acceptance of CAO Round 2 offers. (There will be no postal Acknowledgment of Acceptance sent to applicants from 2018.)
31 st Aug / 1st September *	LC Exam Script review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students, along with one person of their choice, can view their LC Exam scripts in school. Scripts cannot be viewed by anyone unless the student is present.
Early October 2018	LC Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results of Leaving Cert appeals released by the SEC. Final offers of places by CAO will be made up to October 18th.
17th October 2018	CAO Offer Season Ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAO makes final offers based on Leaving Cert appeals results