



## CAO & LEAVING CERTIFICATE KEY DATES September 2017 – October 2018

WHEN	WHY is it Important?	WHAT TO DO
6th November 2017 (12.00)	CAO 2018 online application facility opens. Change of Course choices facility also open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit CAO application to avail of reduced application fee (€30)</li> <li>Change/edit your course choices free of charge up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018</li> </ul>
20th January 2018 5.15pm	CAO Deadline for Reduced Rate application fee (€25.00)  HPAT Test applications for entrants to Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final date for standard €115 early fee for HPAT medical aptitude test. CAO number is needed for this, which you get by making your CAO application.</li> <li>HPAT Registration closes - ONLINE ONLY applications - Postal applications to CAO Galway will not be processed in time for HPAT assessment</li> </ul>
20th January 2018	DARE & HEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Advice &amp; Information clinics take place nationwide</li> </ul>
1st February 5.15pm	Normal closing date for CAO applications with full fee of €40.00 HPAT late registration continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All CAO applications after 5.15pm on this date are late applications</li> <li>Restricted application courses (those with early assessments or portfolio requirements) must be listed on CAO application by this date.</li> <li>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 3<sup>rd</sup> February - fee of €105 plus registration fee €115.</li> </ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> February- 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mature Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration for Mature Nursing Test (PAS)</li> </ul>
6th Feb - 1st March	CAO Change of Course facility is open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-line facility to amend CAO course choices becomes available at 12.00 - €10.00 fee applies</li> </ul>
15th February	Acknowledgement of CAO application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper applicants get statement of CAO course choices with CAO application number, and courses listed.</li> <li>Contact CAO if you do not receive yours</li> </ul>
Saturday 24th February	HPAT Ireland Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Undergraduate entry to medicine</li> </ul>
1st March 5.15pm	HEAR and DARE  CAO Change of Mind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date for completion of HEAR and DARE applications</li> <li>Closing date for amending CAO choices to include a restricted application course not listed on initial application (€10 fee).</li> </ul>
4 <sup>th</sup> March	MSAP Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For mature applicants to certain courses in UCD, UCC, UL and NUI Galway</li> </ul>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	GAMSAT Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Graduate entry to medicine</li> </ul>
March - April 2018	Restricted courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interviews and portfolio presentations for restricted application courses are held in this period</li> </ul>
1st April 5.15pm	HEAR and DARE supporting documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final date for submission of any/all supporting documentation for HEAR and DARE applications to Tower House, Eglinton St, Galway with CAO number on all documents.</li> </ul>
13th April	Leaving Cert Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start Date for LC Orals in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, and Japanese</li> </ul>
Week of 20 <sup>th</sup> April	PAS Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Mature entry to Nursing</li> </ul>
Late April 2018	HPAT results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mature applicants who sat HPAT in March receive results</li> </ul>



1st May 2018	CAO - LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date for late CAO (Online) applications - €50 fee (€80 for paper). No further applications accepted for 2018 entry.</li> </ul>
5th May (12.00) to 1st July	Online CAO Change of Mind facility available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change of Mind Facility Opens (Free) – For full info re Change of mind see <a href="http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=aboutCOM">http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=aboutCOM</a></li> <li>Applicants get a statement of their application record to date from the CAO before end of May</li> </ul>
Before 15 <sup>th</sup> May	CAO Late applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement of course choices sent to late applicants – contact CAO if you do not receive it</li> </ul>
Before End May	CAO Application Record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement of Application record sent to all applicants – Contact CAO if you do not receive one</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Leaving Cert Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written Leaving Cert papers begin and continue until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</li> </ul>
Late June 2018 (25 <sup>th</sup> )*	HPAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants under 23 years who sat HPAT in February get results</li> </ul>
1st July 2018 - 5.15pm	CAO - LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date for CAO change of mind (course and/or order of preference) for 2018 entry</li> <li>CAO makes 6,000+ Round A offers online in first week of July to mature applicants and deferrals from previous year</li> </ul>
Early July 2018	CAO Non-standard applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 13<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	CAO - existing 3rd level Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exceptional closing date for students already attending third-level who wish to drop out of a HEI course and re-apply for another.</li> </ul>
Early August 2018	CAO Round Zero offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>1 week later Closing date for receipt of acceptance of Round Zero offers</li> </ul>
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Leaving Cert Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Examinations Commission delivers Leaving Cert results to over 700 schools and online at <a href="http://examinations.ie">examinations.ie</a> from 12.00 noon</li> </ul>
21 <sup>st</sup> August 2018*	CAO Round 1 Offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAO releases Round One offers online at 6.00am.</li> <li>Minimum points required for each course are available on <a href="http://www.careersportal.ie">www.careersportal.ie</a> from 6.00am</li> <li>Offer notices sent by post also arrive on this date</li> </ul>
22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018*	LC Exam script review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaving Cert students who wish to view their exam scripts must return application form to their school by this date</li> </ul>
28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018*	CAO Round 1 offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date for Acceptance of CAO Round One offers 5.15pm</li> </ul>
31 <sup>st</sup> August 2018*	CAO Round 2 offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAO Round Two offers available. The minimum points for entry to each course also appears on the CAO website from 6am</li> </ul>
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug / 1 <sup>st</sup> September *	LC Exam Script review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 7 <sup>th</sup> September - 5.15 pm	LC Appeals CAO Round 2 acceptances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date for receipt of Leaving Cert appeal applications from those who want papers rechecked (return to school by 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>Closing date for acceptance of CAO Round 2 offers</li> </ul>
Mid October 2018	LC Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of Leaving Cert appeals released by the SEC.</li> <li>Final offers of places by CAO will be made up to October 18<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	CAO Offer Season Ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAO makes final offers based on Leaving Cert appeals results</li> </ul>

Last Updated [19/9/17] DH – Note: Dates marked \* subject to change