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## CAO & LEAVING CERTIFICATE KEY DATES 2014 /15

WHEN	WHY is it Important?	WHAT TO DO
5 <sup>th</sup> November (12.00)	CAO online application facility opens. Change of Course choices facility is also open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit CAO application to avail of reduced application fee (€25)</li> <li>Change your course choices free of charge</li> </ul>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 5.15pm	CAO application Deadline for Reduced application fee (€25.00)  HPAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Final date for standard €115 early fee for HPAT medical aptitude test.</b> CAO number is needed for this, which you get by making your CAO application.</li> <li><b>NOTE: ONLINE ONLY applications for Medicine</b> as Postal applications to CAO Galway (for medicine) <b>will not</b> be processed in time for the HPAT assessment</li> </ul>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 5.15pm	Normal CAO application Deadline with full fee of €40.00  & HPAT late registration continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All CAO applications after this date are late applications</li> <li><b>Restricted application courses</b> (<i>those with early assessments and portfolio requirements</i>) <b>must be listed on CAO application by this date.</b></li> <li>HPAT late registrations continue to this date with an additional €70 late fee, as well as the €115 registration fee. <b>Exceptional late HPAT registration until 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>, for fee of €105 plus registration fee €115.</li> </ul>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb - Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 - €10.00 fee applies</li> </ul>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Acknowledgement of CAO application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Paper applicants</b> get statement of CAO course choices by this date, with CAO application number, and courses listed in initial application.</li> </ul>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 5.15pm	HEAR and DARE applications  CAO change of course  HPAT Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date for final completion of HEAR and DARE applications</li> <li><b>Closing date for amending CAO choices to include a restricted application course not listed on initial application (€10 fee).</b></li> <li>HPAT tests for undergraduate entry to medicine are held around the country today</li> </ul>
March -April 2015	Restricted courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Interviews and portfolio presentations for restricted application courses are held in this period</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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. Each year, <b>40% of those who initially apply miss this deadline and cannot be considered.</b></li> </ul>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Leaving Cert Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Start Date for LC Orals</b> in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, and Japanese</li> </ul>
Late April 2015	HPAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mature applicants who sat HPAT in March receive results</li> </ul>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2015	CAO - LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closing date for late CAO (Online) applications</b> - €50 fee (€80 for paper). No further applications accepted for 2015 entry after this date</li> </ul>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May (12.00) to Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July -	Online CAO Change of Mind facility available (Free)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAO Change of Mind facility Opens – 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>

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2015	Leaving Cert Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Written papers in the Leaving Cert begin, and continue until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2015	HPAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants under 23 years who sat HPAT in March get results</li> </ul>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2015 - 5.15pm	CAO - LC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Final date for CAO change of mind (course and/or order of preference) for 2015 entry</b></li> <li>CAO makes 6,000-plus offers on website in first week of July to mature applicants and deferrals from previous year</li> </ul>
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	CAO – Mature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closing date</b> 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</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2015	CAO - existing 3 <sup>rd</sup> level Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Exceptional closing date</b> for third-level students wishing to drop out of a HEI course and re-apply for another.</li> </ul>
Early August:	CAO Round Zero offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAO starts <b>Round Zero offers</b> with about 2,000 places for applicants in graduate medicine, and those with FETAC 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>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	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>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	CAO Round 1 Offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAO releases <b>Round One offers</b> online at 6am.</li> <li>Minimum points required for each course are available on <a href="http://www.careersportal.ie">www.careersportal.ie</a> from 6am</li> <li>Offer notices sent by post also arrive on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	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>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	CAO Round 1 offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acceptance of CAO round one offers closes at 5.15pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	CAO Round 2 offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAO posts <b>Round Two offers</b> to arrive on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. The minimum points for entry to each course also appears on the CAO website from 6am</li> </ul>
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> August	LC Exam Script review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students, along with one person of their choice, have an opportunity to view their LC Exam scripts in school. The scripts cannot be viewed by anyone unless the student is present.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September - 5.15 pm	CAO Round 2 offers LC Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closing date</b> for acceptance of CAO Round 2 offers</li> <li>Also closing date for receipt of Leaving Cert appeal applications from those who want papers rechecked</li> </ul>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	LC Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Results of Leaving Cert appeals</b> released by the SEC.</li> <li>Final offers of places by CAO will be made up to October 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	CAO Offer Season Ends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CAO makes final 2015 offers</b> based on Leaving Cert appeals results</li> </ul>