

# Options

# 2016



## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Leaving Certificate results will be available on Wednesday, August 17th for collection in schools. For those unable to get to the school results will be available from 12 noon at [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) by keying in your examination and pin number. The minimum points required for each course will be published on the CAO website and in national newspapers on August 22nd.

**HELPLINE:** the National Parents Council run a helpline at free phone number 1800265165 for a week following issue of results and CAO offers staffed by professional counsellors.

## VIEWING / RE-CHECKING PAPER

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 August 23rd. Applicants will be allocated a viewing session on either Friday September 2nd (6-9pm) or Saturday September 3rd (9am-12pm or 2pm-5pm).

Recheck application forms are available from your school, and are to be returned to your school by September 5th. Re-checks are €40 per subject and €15.50 in the case of a Leaving Certificate Applied subject. Fees will be refunded if result upgraded. Results of appeals will be known mid October, and CAO will be informed of any changes (however most colleges will already have started by then). If a place is not available, a deferral may be given.

Leaving Cert Grade	Higher Paper	Lower Paper	Maths Foundation #
A1	100	60	20
A2	90	50	15
B1	85	45	10
B2	80	40	5
B3	75	35	
C1	70	30	
C2	65	25	
C3	60	20	
D1	55	15	

- 25 bonus points will be added to the points score for Leaving Certificate Higher Level Mathematics.
- Points for Foundation Level Mathematics will be awarded by certain institutions. Applicants should refer to the HEI literature for full details.
- NCAD does not award points for Leaving Certificate or other examinations. Consult NCAD literature for details.
- Applicants for undergraduate medicine courses should consult the literature of the appropriate institution for information on assessment procedures.
- All HEIs award points for results in Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme Link Modules, in place of a sixth Leaving Certificate subject. However, not all HEIs count LCVP as meeting eligibility requirements in regard to passing subjects. Applicants should refer to HEI literature for full details.

LCVP points awarded:  
Distinction - 70, Merit - 50, Pass - 30

## BASIC ENTRY REQUIREMENT

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 online for the relevant college or [qualifax.ie](http://qualifax.ie)

## CAO OFFER

- Round One offers can be viewed and accepted on the CAO website [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) from 6am on Monday, August 22nd.
- Round 2 offers can be viewed on Thursday September 1st.
- Reply dates: Round 1 (August 29th) and Round 2 (September 7th).

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 2016 page 20.

## HIGHER EDUCATION LINKS SCHEME (HELs) UNDER QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland )

The HELs (Higher Education Links Scheme) provides progression opportunities for learners achieving QQI-Fetac Level 5 and Level 6 major awards and who are interested in applying for Higher Education programmes through the CAO. To get full details of the range of Higher Education institutions and programmes available under the scheme, please contact the admissions office of the individual Higher Education institution or visit [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie). This scoring system applies where all the requirements for the major award are met, i.e. when the specified component awards have been achieved, totalling 120 credits.

## REPEAT LEAVING CERTIFICATE

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, except for Undergraduate Medicine Course. Only one sitting of the Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points purposes.

**College of Commerce** E: [apply@ccoc.ie](mailto:apply@ccoc.ie)  
Morrison's Island, Cork Tel: (021) 4222100 [www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie](http://www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie)

## PRIVATE LEAVING CERT COLLEGES

**Bruce College** E: [susan@brucecollege.ie](mailto:susan@brucecollege.ie)  
Audley House, St. Patrick's Hill, Cork. (021) 450 4122

**Hewitt College** E: [admin@hewittcollege.net](mailto:admin@hewittcollege.net) [www.hewittcollege.ie](http://www.hewittcollege.ie)  
24, Patrick's Hill, Cork. (021) 455 0430

## STUDYING UK & N.I.

Successful UCAS applicants in receipt of offers should respond immediately on Track. Adjustment is an option for students whose results exceed their conditions or firm offer (CF), & they may look for another place while holding onto their CF. Unsuccessful applicants should use track to see if they are eligible for Clearing. An "Add Clearing Choice" should appear on Track for them, only contact the colleges you are interested in when you have received your results. Clearing vacancies will be available on UCAS website.

**FEES:** UCAS colleges may charge tuition fees of up to £9,000 in UK (based on current info) and £3,925 in NI. Fee status is determined by the college you wish to attend. Some loans maybe available to cover this which are paid off when the student has finished their course and reaches the appropriate financial threshold.

### For more information & application forms contact:

Student Finance Services European Team, PO Box 89, Darlington, DLI 9AZ  
Helpline (+44) (0) 141 243 3570 also on twitter & facebook E: [EU\\_Team@slc.co.uk](mailto:EU_Team@slc.co.uk)

See also [www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/finance-and-support](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/finance-and-support)

### Information also at the British Council, Ireland.

[www.britishcouncil.ie/study-uk/scholarship-funding](http://www.britishcouncil.ie/study-uk/scholarship-funding)  
Tel: +353 (0)1 676 4088 Email: [info@ie.britishcouncil.org](mailto:info@ie.britishcouncil.org)

It is also possible to apply for a maintenance grant in Ireland for approved undergraduate courses in the UK. Check SUSI or contact the Cork Youth Information Service at (021) 4270187

## THE STUDENT GRANT SCHEME

The Student Grant Scheme administered by SUSI covers approved degree courses from most Higher Education Institutions in Ireland, approved further education courses in PLC colleges and certain courses pursued in approved educational institutions within the EU.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### • Residence & Nationality:

You must be an Irish, EU, EEA or Swiss National or have specific leave to remain in the State; and you must be ordinarily resident in Ireland the EU, EEA or Switzerland for 3 of the last 5 years. If you were resident outside the Irish State, it may affect the type of funding you could receive.

#### • Attainment:

Persons who secure a place on an approved course will be deemed to have met the academic attainment requirements

#### • Means:

Grants are subject to a means test based on the reckonable income (year ended 31st December, 2015) 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 2016/2017. For dependent mature candidates, their income and parents income are taken into consideration. For mature candidates aged 23 years of age by 1st January 2016, where living independently of parents it's only the candidate's (and spouse/partner's) income that is taken into consideration.

### STUDENT GRANT - 2 PARTS

1. **Maintenance Grant:** a contribution towards the living costs of a student.

2. **Fee Grant:** this is made up of three elements as follows:

- Tuition Fee Element: may be payable if tuition fees are not covered under free fees scheme
- Student Contribution Element: charge for student registration, services etc
- Compulsory Field Trip Element: any field trip expenses payable.

Full and part maintenance grants are payable at either adjacent or nonadjacent rates. The non-adjacent rate applies where normal residence is 45 kilometres or more from the college. The adjacent rate is payable in all other cases.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Apply online at [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie). If eligible, online applications should be made by the July 8th 2016. Use Eligibility Reckoner on SUSI website, for quick assessment of eligibility. This year there is an online tracker available to check the status of application and a second pin number for security.

No. of Dependent Children	Special Rate	Standard Rate Full Maintenance and Full Fee Grant	Standard Rate Part Maintenance (75%) and Full Fee Grant	Standard Rate Part Maintenance (50%) and Full Fee Grant	Standard Rate Part Maintenance (25%) and Full Fee Grant	Standard Rate No Maintenance and Full Fee Grant	Standard Rate No Maintenance and 50%	Post Grad Fee Student Contrib.
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Less than 4	22,703	39,875	40,970	43,380	45,790	49,840	54,240	31,500
4 to 7	22,703	43,810	45,025	47,670	50,325	54,765	59,595	34,615
8 or more	22,703	47,575	48,890	51,760	54,630	59,455	64,700	37,580

### Rates of maintenance grant for the financial year 2016

#### Annual Rates

	Non-Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Special rate of maintenance	5,915	2,375
Standard rate - Full Maintenance (100%)	3,025	1,215
Standard rate - Part Maintenance (75%)	2,270	910
Standard rate - Part Maintenance (50%)	1,515	605
Standard rate - Part Maintenance (25%)	755	305

## STATE TRAINING AGENCIES

**Teagasc** ([www.teagasc.ie](http://www.teagasc.ie)), the Agriculture and Food Development Authority. For further details contact Teagasc Advisory Office, Moorepark, Fermoy, Tel. 025 42523. [www.teagasc.ie](http://www.teagasc.ie) See also CAO for courses through CIT & UCC.

**Cork Training Centre (Cork Education & Training Board)** provide a range of training and including apprenticeships. Cork Training Centre, CETB, Rossa Avenue, Bishopstown, Tel. 021 4856200.  
Email: [admissions@corktrainingcentre.ie](mailto:admissions@corktrainingcentre.ie)

### **National Maritime College of Ireland (NCMI) Ringaskiddy.**

Applications for all degree programmes are made through the CAO. [www.ncmi.ie](http://www.ncmi.ie) Tel. 021 4335600

**Bord Iascaigh Mhara - BIM** ([www.bim.ie](http://www.bim.ie)) the Irish Sea Fisheries Board. For further details, contact BIM in Castle-townbere, Co. Cork., Tel: (027) 71230, [Erffcastletownbere@bim.ie](mailto:Erffcastletownbere@bim.ie) or BIM, Clogheen Road, Clonakilty, Co. Cork. Tel. (01) 2144100 . E: [info@bim.ie](mailto:info@bim.ie)

## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

If you have gained a place contact your college as soon as possible before the start of the academic year for advice and support in accommodation locally. Some college's Students Union provide the lists of suitable/vacant accommodation. Check the college website. Other useful websites: [daft.ie](http://daft.ie); [let.ie](http://let.ie); [eazycork.com](http://eazycork.com); [rent.ie](http://rent.ie); [## POST LEAVING CERTIFICATE COURSES](http://property.</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

College of further education (PLC) courses mostly accredited by FETAC, are designed to prepare students for direct employment or act as a pathway to higher education.

### CORK PLC COLLEGES

College of Commerce: [apply@ccoc.ie](mailto:apply@ccoc.ie)  
Morrison's Island, Cork. Tel: 021-4222100  
[www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie](http://www.corkcollegeofcommerce.ie)

Colaiste Stiofain Naofa: [info@csn.ie](mailto:info@csn.ie)  
Tramore Road, Cork. Tel: 021-4961020 [www.csn.ie](http://www.csn.ie)

St. John's Central College: [info@stjohnscollege.ie](mailto:info@stjohnscollege.ie)  
Sawmill St., Cork. Tel: 021-4255500 [www.stjohnscollege.ie](http://www.stjohnscollege.ie)

City North College of Further Education: [info@citynorth.ie](mailto:info@citynorth.ie)  
Hollyhill, Knocknaheeny, Cork. Tel: 021-4397740 / 021-4391782

### NORTH & EAST CORK PLC COLLEGES

Carrignafof Community College, Cobh  
Tel: 021-4811325 [cobhcc@eircom.net](mailto:cobhcc@eircom.net)

Mallow College of Further Education,  
Mallow. Tel. 022-43309  
[info@mallowcollege.ie](mailto:info@mallowcollege.ie)

### WEST CORK PLC COLLEGES

Clonakilty College of Further Education.  
Tel: 023-8833877 [clonccof@eircom.net](mailto:clonccof@eircom.net)

MICC, Dunmanway:  
Tel: 023-8856030 [micc.ie](http://micc.ie)

Rossa College of Further Education,  
West Cork Campus of College of Commerce  
Skibbereen, [info@rossacollege.ie](mailto:info@rossacollege.ie) [rossacollege.ie](http://rossacollege.ie)  
Tel: 028-21644

McEgan College of Further Education, Macroom  
[mcegan@iol.ie](mailto:mcegan@iol.ie) Tel: 026-41076

Kinsale College of Further Education  
[info@kinsalecollege.ie](mailto:info@kinsalecollege.ie) [kinsalecollege.ie](http://kinsalecollege.ie)  
Tel: 021-4772275

### INDEPENDENT THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES (CORK CITY)

Griffith College, Wellington Road, Montenotte, Cork  
Tel: 021 4507027 [www.gcc.ie](http://www.gcc.ie)  
E : [admission.gcc@griffith.ie](mailto:admission.gcc@griffith.ie)

### YMCA CORK YOUTH INFORMATION SERVICE

YMCA 11/12 Marlboro Street, Cork  
Tel: 021 4270187 Email: [yic@ymcacork.net](mailto:yic@ymcacork.net)  
Opening Times: Mon-Fri 11am-1; 2-5pm Closed Thurs.

### YMCA WEST CORK YOUTH INFORMATION SERVICE

Tel: 023 8844009 Email: [tj@ymca-ireland.net](mailto:tj@ymca-ireland.net)  
Just contact us to set up an appointment at a time that suits you!

