GOING TO COLLEGE 2020

AGENDA

- ✕ **Banagher College Career Service**

- ✕ **Applicants Responsibilities**

- ✕ **General points regarding the CAO.**

- ✕ **Entry Requirements and the Points System.**

- ✕ **Making an application.**

- ✕ **How places are allocated by CAO**

- ✕ **After submitting the application.**

- ✕ **Questions**

CAREER SERVICE IN BANAGHER COLLEGE

- **Individual Career appointments**
- **Feedback on DAT results**
- **Completion of interest inventories**
- **Individual/Group appointments for UCAS applicants**
- **Visiting speakers from colleges such as NUIG, UL, NUIM, AIT, Carlow College, Laois Offaly ETB Apprenticeships etc.**
- **Study Skills**
- **Career & College Exhibitions – Higher Options**
- **Open days at UL, LIT, Mary I., AIT.**
- **Classroom based career classes.**
- **CAO, HEAR, DARE applications**

WARNING TO STUDENTS…

Don't *sleepwalk* through the CAO process!

IT IS THE <u>APPLICANTS</u> RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- **<u>RESEARCH</u> thoroughly all the courses for which he/she is making application. This means find out about the course content/modules for each year of the course. Is work experience part of the course?**

- **Do not look at 1st Yr. only, look at content for all years of the course.**

- **Some colleges give a detailed outline of each module eg NUIM (course finder), NUIG (course outline)**
  http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/undergraduate-courses/biomedical-science.html

- **Go to Open Days**

- **Be au fait with all aspects of the application system used (CAO) for these courses, i.e., procedures, dates, fees, rules, etc.**

USEFUL RESOURCES
TO ASSIST WITH COURSE RESEARCH / APPLICATION

Publications

- **College Brochures – 2020 Entry**
- **CAO Handbook 2020**

Newspapers

- **The Irish Times**
  - **Wednesday - Education and Living Section**
  - **January - Special College Supplement Series of articles - Brian Mooney**
- **The Independent**
  - **Careers Articles –Aoife Walsh**

Internet

- Qualifax – www.qualifax.ie Irish courses database
- CAO – www.cao.ie Contains links to course websites
- Careers Portal - www.careersportal.ie
- College websites (Addresses in CAO Handbook)
- UCAS -www.ucas.com

People

- Relatives
- Past pupils
- Admissions/Academic staff of colleges (corresponding names and phone numbers on inside cover of CAO handbook)
- People in the career

Guidance Counsellor

- Access to sources of information

CAO PROCESS

- Centralised application system for all Irish 3rd level institutions, including **fee-paying** colleges.
- Every 6th year should now have a CAO Application Pack which includes: 2020 CAO Handbook – application and course information
- Application Dates and Fees
- CAO on line application ***NOW OPEN***

| All fees are non-refundable.	FEE	CLOSING DATE
Normal online application	€45	1st Feb 2020 (5:15 pm)
Early Online application (discounted)	€30	20th Jan 2020 (5:15 pm)
Late online application	€60	1st May 2020 (5:15 pm)
Exceptional online late application	€60	22nd July 2020 (5:15 pm)
Change of Mind until	Nil	1st July 2020 (5:15 pm)

National Framework of Qualifications
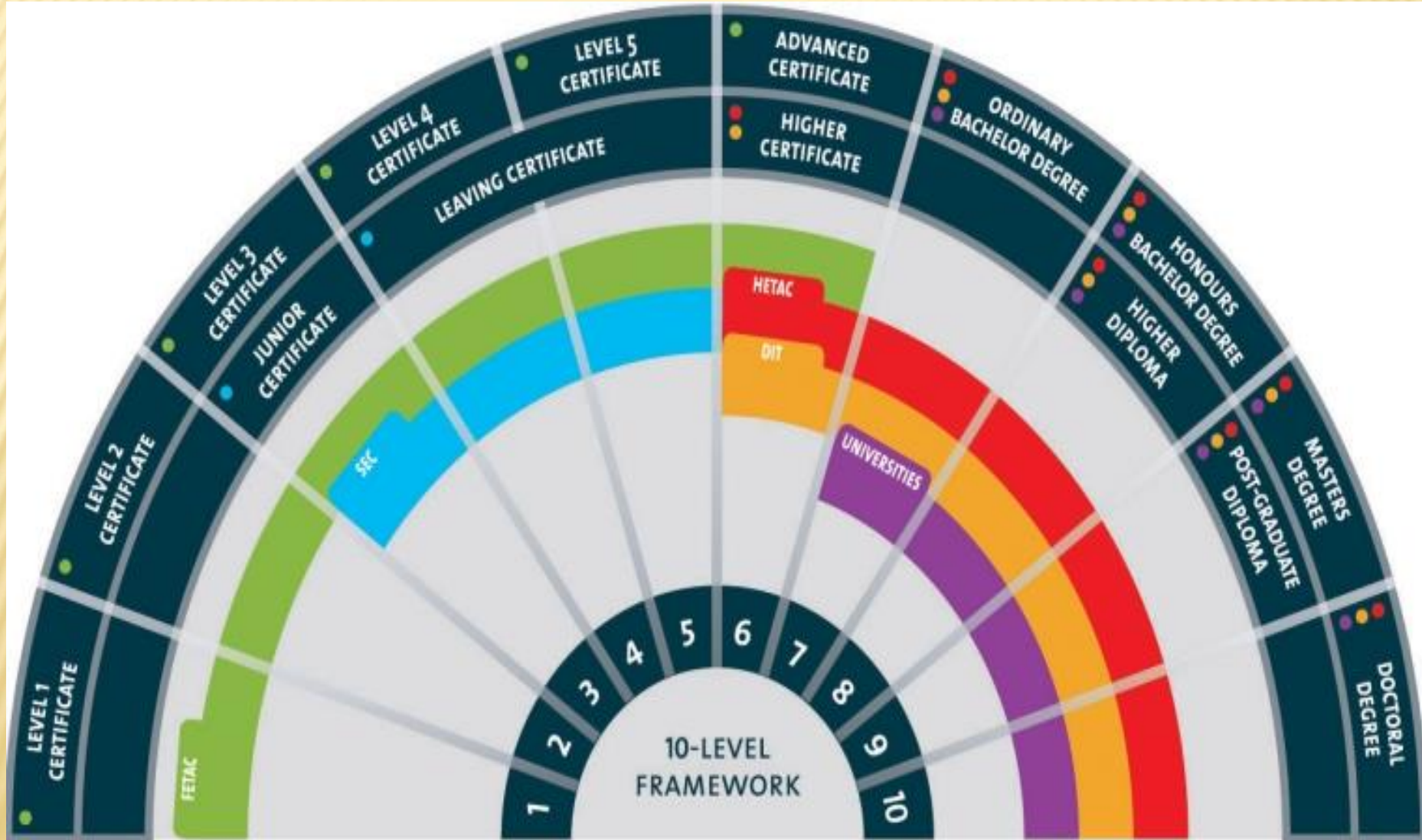
QUALIFICATION LEVELS

- Level 9 /10 Masters/ PhD

- Level 8 Honours Degree

- Level 7 Ordinary Degree

- Level 6 Higher Certificate

- Level 4/5 Leaving Certificate/PLC

- Level 3 Junior Certificate
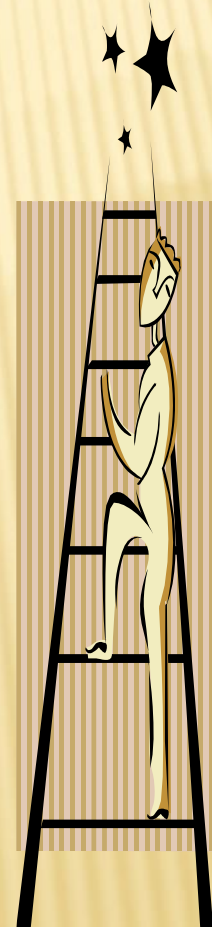
CAO – GENERAL INFO.

- ✖ There are 3 types of courses students can apply for under the <u>Nat. Qualifications Framework</u>.
- ✖ These are applied for on 2 separate lists on a single form:

Level 6 & 7 Courses	Level 8 Courses
Ordinary Degrees (7) Higher Certificates (6)	Honours Degrees (8)
Up to 10 Course Choices	Up to 10 Course Choices

- ■ The courses are clearly labelled in the CAO Handbook
- ■ N.B. – Care must be taken with courses marked '*Restricted'*.
- ■ These courses cannot be applied for after February 1st due to extra assessments required.

POINTS SYSTEM

Generally in the CAO system

No. of qualified applicants > No. of course places

--> selection system is needed.

Selection system used in Irish 3rd Level Colleges is

POINTS SYSTEM

- **Points are calculated from ONE sitting of the Leaving Certificate only.**
- **Points total is calculated from SIX best subjects**
- **Bonus points are awarded for Honours Mathematics by**
  - **All colleges.**
- **Entry Requirements (Not Points) can be satisfied over more than one sitting of the Leaving Certificate (except for Medicine)**

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHANGES?

- The number of grade bands were reduced from 14 to 8

- The Common Points Scale has been altered to reflect the reduction in grade bands.

- Points will be awarded for a H7 grade to reflect the level of achievement represented by a H7 and to encourage the take-up of higher level subjects.

- The mechanics of the CAO application and offer process will remain the same.

- Bonus points for Higher Level Maths will still be awarded.

NEW POINTS SYSTEM

Higher		Ordinary	
Grade	Points	Grade	Points
H1 (90-100%)	100		
H2 (80-89%)	88		
H3 (70-79%)	77		
H4 (60-69%)	66		
H5 (50-59%)	56	O1 (90-100%)	56
H6 (40-49 %)	46	O2 (80-89%)	46
H7 (30-39%)	37	O3 (79-80%)	37
H8 (0-29%)	0	O4 (60-69%)	28
		O5 (50-59%)	20
		O6 (40-49%)	12
		O7 (30-39%)	0
		O8 (0-29%)	0

Revised LCVP Points

Distinction 66 points

Merit 46 points

Pass 28 points

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

✖ **From 2018, a Higher Level H7 grade will contribute to the new basic matriculation requirements which the Universities and IT's have introduced to take account of the new grading scheme.**

NUI COLLEGES LEVEL 8 COURSES

- UCD, UCC, NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth, RCSI, College of Art and Design:
- Minimum entry - **6** subjects, including Maths, English, Irish and (possibly) a third language.
- **2 H5's** and **4 H7/O6's.**
- Many courses also require a third language or additional course requirements, such as maths, or a science subject for specific courses.

NON NUI COLLEGES LEVEL 8 COURSES

- University of Limerick (UL), Trinity College Dublin and DCU.
- Minimum entry – **6** subjects.
- Subjects must including English, Maths* and a language other than English.
- **2 H5's** and **4 H7/O6's.**
- Many courses also require additional course requirements, such as maths, or a science subject for specific courses.
- *Foundation level maths is accepted for some courses.

COLLEGES OF EDUCATION LEVEL 8

INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY (IOT'S)

- DCU, Mary Immaculate, Froebel College at Maynooth University and Coláiste Mhuire Marino)
- 3 H5's, including Irish, 3 O6/H7's.
- Maths and English should be part of the 6 subjects

- Level 8 (Honours Degree) courses: 2 H5's and 4 O6/H7's.
- Maths and either Irish or English are required

- Levels 6 and 7 (Higher Certificate and Ordinary Degree): 5 O6/H7's.
- Maths and Irish or English are required

MAKING AN APPLICATION

- Applications must be made online

- Always keep proof of sending application: online – print screen receipt.

- Form is very straight forward to fill out.

- www.cao.ie

VERY IMPORTANT

- Students must fill out both course lists in:

Genuine Order of Preference

- They should not put down courses on the basis of their predictions of next years cut off points or their own points scores.

- Why? – Look at how places are allocated.

Know the system

Get to know the selection procedure

The College Selection Procedure

College

Faculty

Points

requirements

COLLEGE & FACULTY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum College Entry Requirements

- **(Level 6/7)**
  Minimum of 5O6/H7 grades
- **(Level 8)**
  2 H5 + 4O6/H7 grades

Pass in:
  - ✓ **Irish**
  - ✓ **English**
  - ✓ **Mathematics**
  - ✓ **Foreign Language**

Specific Faculty Requirements

- **H4 Maths**
  Engineering(NUI Galway)
- **H5 Chemistry**
  Veterinary Medicine(UCD)
- **H3 French**
  Law and French (TCD)

If all Entry Requirements are met → applicant is deemed 'Qualified' to apply.
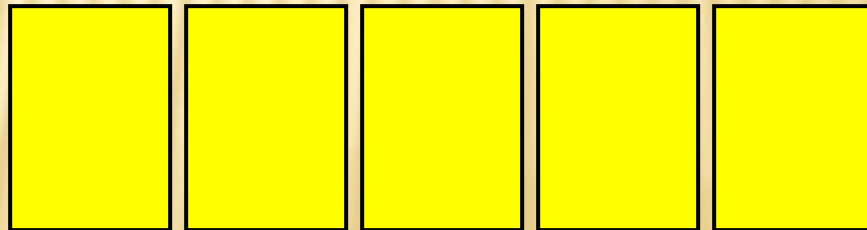
Leaving Certificate

College

Faculty

Points

Applicants

Available Places

Leaving Certificate

College

Faculty

550   400   485   320   195   500   290

TOO MANY

Points

320   400   485   500   550

320 **was the lowest points to gain entry**

If a place is not accepted ...

550 400   485   320   195   500   290
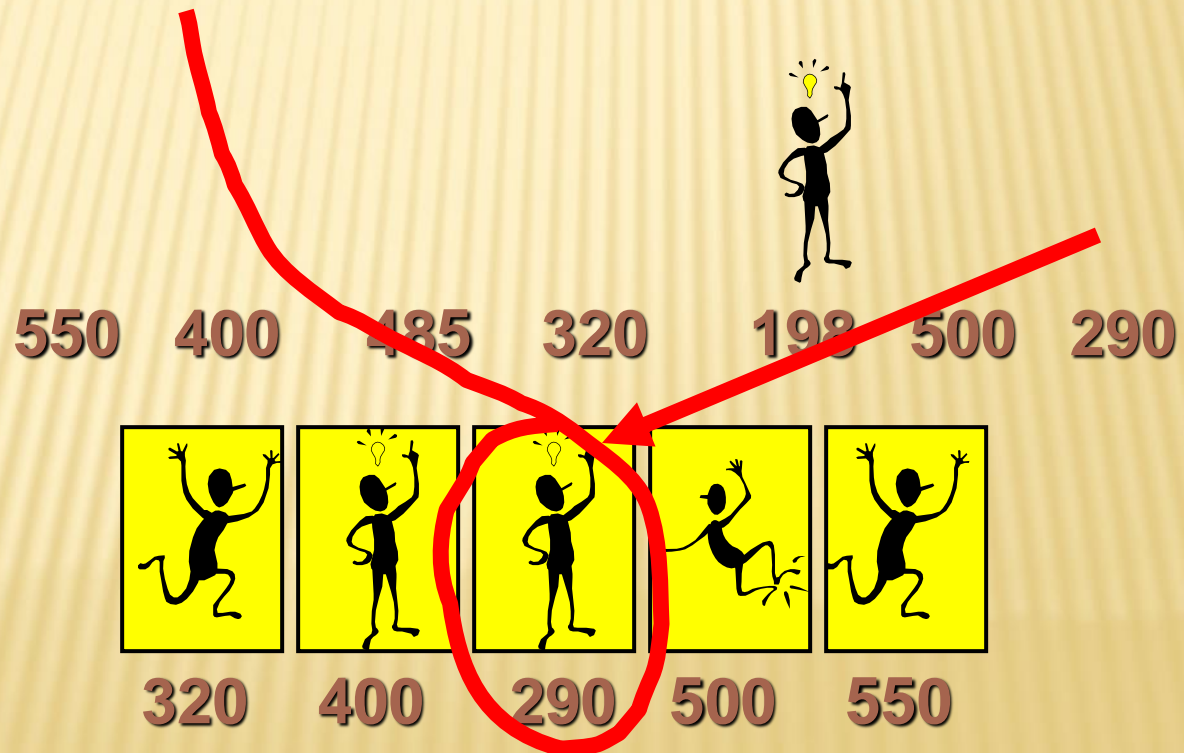
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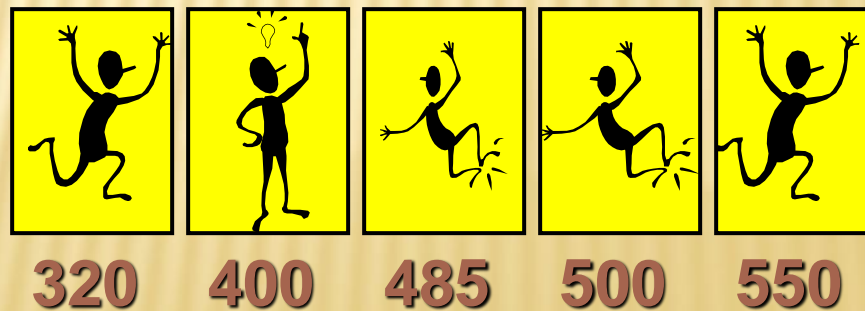
320   was the lowest points to gain entry

If a place is not accepted it goes to the next in line

290   is now the lowest points to gain entry

550   400   485   320   198   500   290

320   400   290   500   550

How the CAO works

COURSE 1

COURSE 2

COURSE 3

COURSE 4

COURSE 5

COURSE 6

COURSE 7

COURSE 8

COURSE 9

COURSE 10

You send your application with up to 10 courses in each of the two sections of your CAO application.

After your Examination results are published the CAO computer begins to process your application.

ROUND ONE

COURSE 1

COURSE 2   C F

COURSE 3   C F

COURSE 4   C F P ➡ **OFFER 1**

COURSE 5   C   P

COURSE 6   C

COURSE 7   F P

COURSE 8   C F P

COURSE 9   C   P

COURSE 10   C F P

NO LONGER CONSIDERED

Some people don't accept their offers!

ROUND TWO

COURSE 1

COURSE 2 **C F P** → OFFER 2

COURSE 3 **C F** NO LONGER CONSIDERED

COURSE 4 **C F P** OFFER 1

COURSE 5 **C P**

COURSE 6 **C**

COURSE 7 **F P**

COURSE 8 **C F P**

COURSE 9 **C P**

COURSE 10 **C F P**

NO LONGER CONSIDERED

Genuine Order of Preference

- **You do not need to guess what the points are going to be for the courses you are interested in.**

- **Simply list your courses in genuine order of preference from the highest preference 1, to the lowest preference 10.**

- **If you are entitled to an offer, you will be offered the highest preference that you are entitled to.**

So what is the best way to fill in the courses?

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2	**Dream Courses**
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6	**Realistic Courses**
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9	**Banker Courses**
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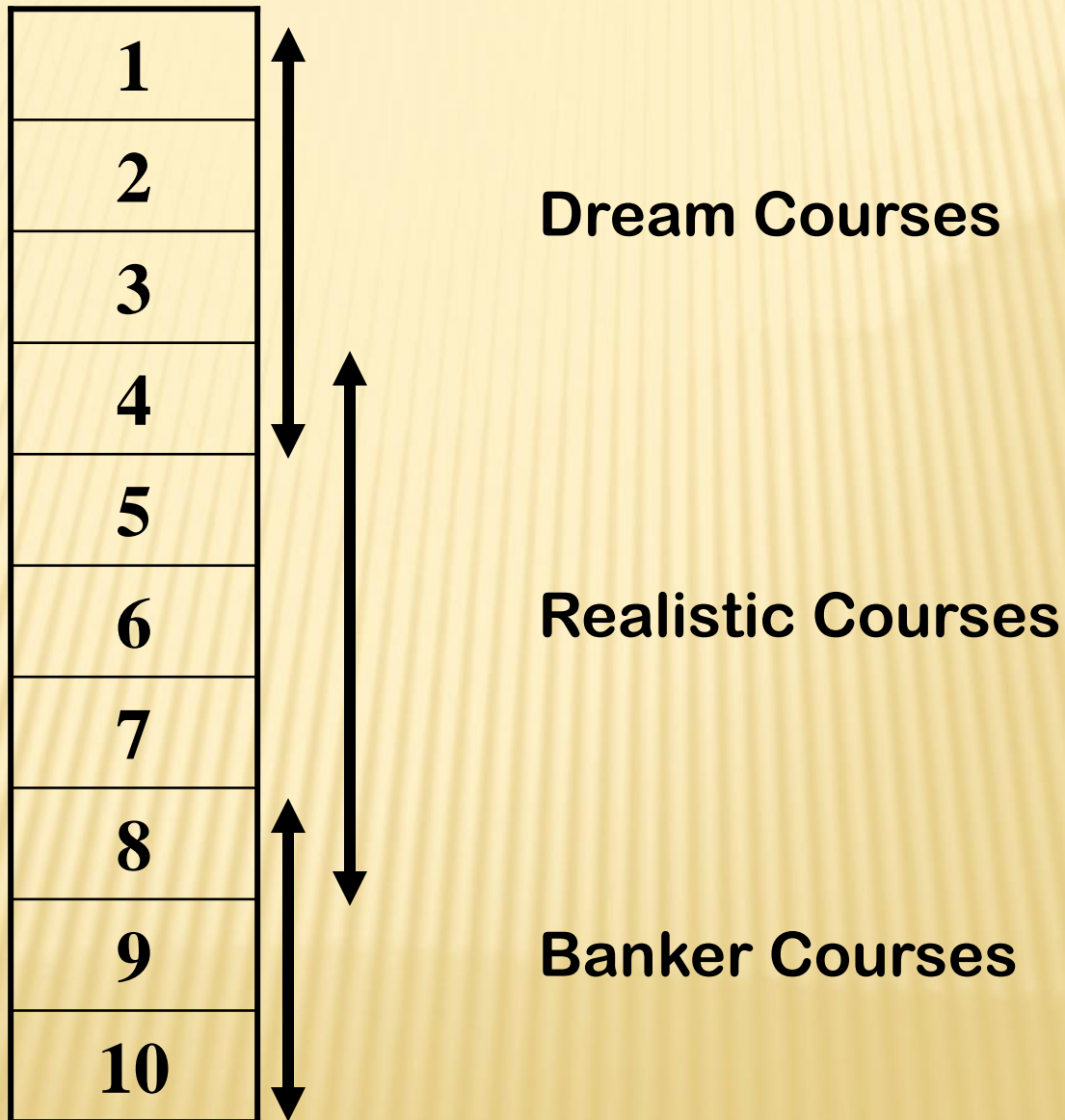
PLACES ALLOCATION

* The position of a course in a student's preference order does not in any way affect their chance of getting a place on that course.

* The exact same procedure takes place for both lists on the form, hence students may get get 2 offers in August – one from each list, may accept only one.

* Students should think carefully if not accepting one of these offers, as they may not receive any further offers.

* Regardless of whether or not they accept a course in round 1, they will still be offered a higher preference course in subsequent rounds if they become entitled one.

Things To Note:

- **Apply online at www.cao.ie**

- **Interactive demo facility**

- **Alert Lists**

- **Restricted courses**

AFTER MAKING APPLICATION

- ✖ **Receive CAO number and Statement of Course Choices – check this carefully.**

- ✖ **Some students may be called for extra assessments.**

- ✖ **Receive Statement of Application Record – check details carefully.**

- ✖ **Change of Mind facility becomes available – use sparingly and carefully.**

- ✖ **Leaving Cert. Results are sent to CAO.**

- ✖ **Places are allocated and offered by post and online.**

- ✖ **Students accept, reject or defer offered places.**

- ✖ **Further rounds of offers are made until all course places are filled.**

Deferral

- **This is arranged AFTER an offer is made. (Read the CAO Handbook P.20 about this.)**

- **You are recommended to check with the college in advance about their deferral conditions and arrangements.**

- **The CAO Handbook mentions some courses where deferral will be difficult or impossible.**
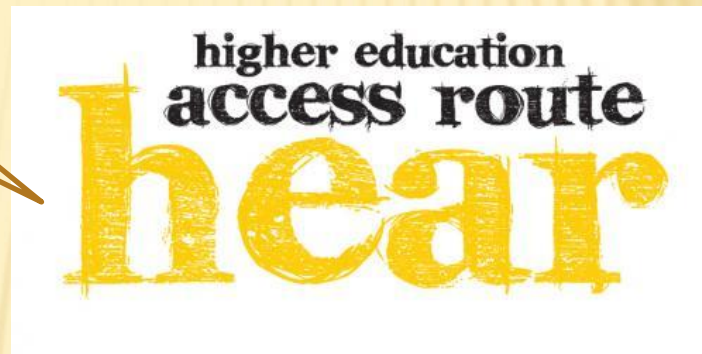
Sequence of Events

- **Complete your application online**

- **Pay the fee by credit/debit card**

and then ...

- **Acknowledgement (by March)**

- **Statement of Application Record (by end of May)**

- **Change of Mind Facility until July 1st**

- **Possible Offers (end August)**

ACCESS ROUTES

- **1st February**
- **1st March**
- **1st April**

- **Hear** (Higher Education Access Route)

- **Dare**
  (Disability Access Route to Education)

Disability Access Route To Education

- **1st February**
- **1st March**
- **1st April**

And Finally…

THANKS FOR LISTENING!

Any Questions?