



Dear Students/ Parents/Guardians,

I have listed important information below for your attention.

## Important Information

### CAO

The CAO closing date for **restricted** courses is February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. Please see CAO Important Dates for CAO below. There is a very informative slideshow on CAO for Applications 21.22. Please click here to watch.

[http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2022/Applying\\_to\\_CAO\\_2022.pdf](http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2022/Applying_to_CAO_2022.pdf)



### Important Dates

For a list of all deadlines and important dates go to [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) and read the CAO Handbook.

#### Nov - Feb

**5 November:** CAO online application facility opens at noon.

**20 January (5pm):** Closing date for discounted application (fee of €30).

**1 February (5pm):** Normal closing date for CAO applications (fee of €45).

**5 February:** Change of Course Choices facility opens at noon - used for introducing restricted courses or by restricted-category applicants.

#### March - June

**1 March:** Change of Course Choices facility closes at 5pm.

**1 March (5pm):** Closing date for completion of HEAR/ DARE application forms.

**15 March:** HEAR/ DARE supporting documents to be received by CAO by 5pm.

**5 May:** Change of Mind facility opens at noon - restrictions apply.

#### July - Sept

**1 July:** Change of Mind facility closes at 5pm.

**Early July:** Round A offers issued.

**Early August:** Round O offers issued.

**Mid- August:** Round One offers available online at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

Offers are issued on a weekly basis until the end of September, or until all places have been filled.

For all other dates please click on this link.

[http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2022/dates\\_and\\_tips\\_2022.pdf](http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2022/dates_and_tips_2022.pdf)

Students applying for **HEAR &/or DARE** must fill out the relevant sections **online** on their CAO by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. (please refer to St. Augustine's Dare Application Guidelines for further details).

<http://www.staugustines.ie/images/DARE-Application-Guidelines.2020docx.pdf>

Supporting DARE Documents must be sent to CAO headquarters by **March 2022**.

DARE Part B: <http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2022/EIS.pdf>

DARE Part C <http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2022/EDF.pdf>

It is recommended to send DARE and HEAR documents earlier than this to allow CAO adequate time to process the application and time for the applicant to raise a query.

CAO Information for parents/guardians and relevant documents can be found on [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie).



### SUSI GRANT

Parents/Guardians can check if they are eligible for the SUSI Grant by completing the eligibility reckoner test on [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie). Susi generally opens in March/April. Students applying for a SUSI grant must also ensure to tick the relevant box on their CAO form.

### Exemptions

Step 1. Any student exempt in Irish/French/German, please contact the School Principal ([principal@staugustines.ie](mailto:principal@staugustines.ie)) and ensure that a Department of Education & Skills Exemption Form has been filled out.

<https://www.education.ie/en/Parents/Information/Irish-Exemption/>

Step 2. Any student with an Irish/French/German exemption, applying for an NUI University needs to be granted an NUI exemption and also an exemption by Non NUI Universities.

Please find attached below a link for an NUI exemption form for NUI colleges.

NUI Colleges are: UCC,UCD, Maynooth, NUIG.

<http://www.nui.ie/college/docs/exemption.pdf>

**NOTE:** A separate exemption form must be filled out for Non NUI Colleges such as Trinity, UL, DCU etc...All forms are available online.

Step 3. If an exemption has been granted, CAO needs to be aware of this. Please do not assume that the school or CAO will know this information. It is advised that students and/or their parents/guardians contact NUI/relevant college and CAO directly.

### FETAC & Teagasc Courses

6<sup>th</sup> Year students applying for post leaving certificate FETAC courses in;

Waterford College of Further Education, Colaiste Cathal Naofa, Cork College of Commerce require applications directly. You must apply

online soon so you are in the first round of interviews. Round 1 interviews usually take place in February/March. Round 2 interviews will take place in May. Please note due to Covid-19 this may change.

Students applying for Teagasc please apply online on [www.teagasc.ie](http://www.teagasc.ie).

### Next step for Parent/Guardian.

Please ensure your son/daughter has applied for college/exemptions/access routes/apprenticeship/world of work etc where applicable.

Please ask your son/daughter to log on to their CAO to ensure they are happy with their choices to-date.

The CAO will close from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2022-May 2022 so restricted courses like Medicine (HPAT), voice, art, dance music etc can be assessed.

Note: If there is a change in the assessment dates/criteria due to Covid-19, the relevant college will be in contact with the applicant.

CAO will open again in May 2022 and will remain open until July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. Choices can be changed and re-arranged in May if the student wishes. (please note restricted courses at this time will have been assessed). The final date for CAO changes is July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

A list of campus accommodation is posted on my webpage and other relevant articles.

Please log onto [st.augustines.ie](http://st.augustines.ie), click on guidance, then click into articles.

[https://careersportal.ie/careerguidance/office.php?school\\_id=674](https://careersportal.ie/careerguidance/office.php?school_id=674)

It is very important that students/parents/guardians keep an eye on the **School APP** for up to- date guidance information. Please call into the office and/or email [guidance@staugustines.ie](mailto:guidance@staugustines.ie) if you have any query.

I would like to wish each student the best of luck in their chosen career path.

Kind regards,  
Elaine Moore  
School Guidance Counsellor.