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RCSI University of Medicine & Health Sciences

CAO School Leaver, Graduate & Mature

Entry Pathways

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EU Admissions Officer



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Research informed by clinical problems, translated into better therapies and interventional strategies for the benefit of patients



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Deepen patient engagement



Promote access to higher level education



Inform and improve healthcare delivery



Support Ireland as a centre for international education



Promote well-being and improvements in health



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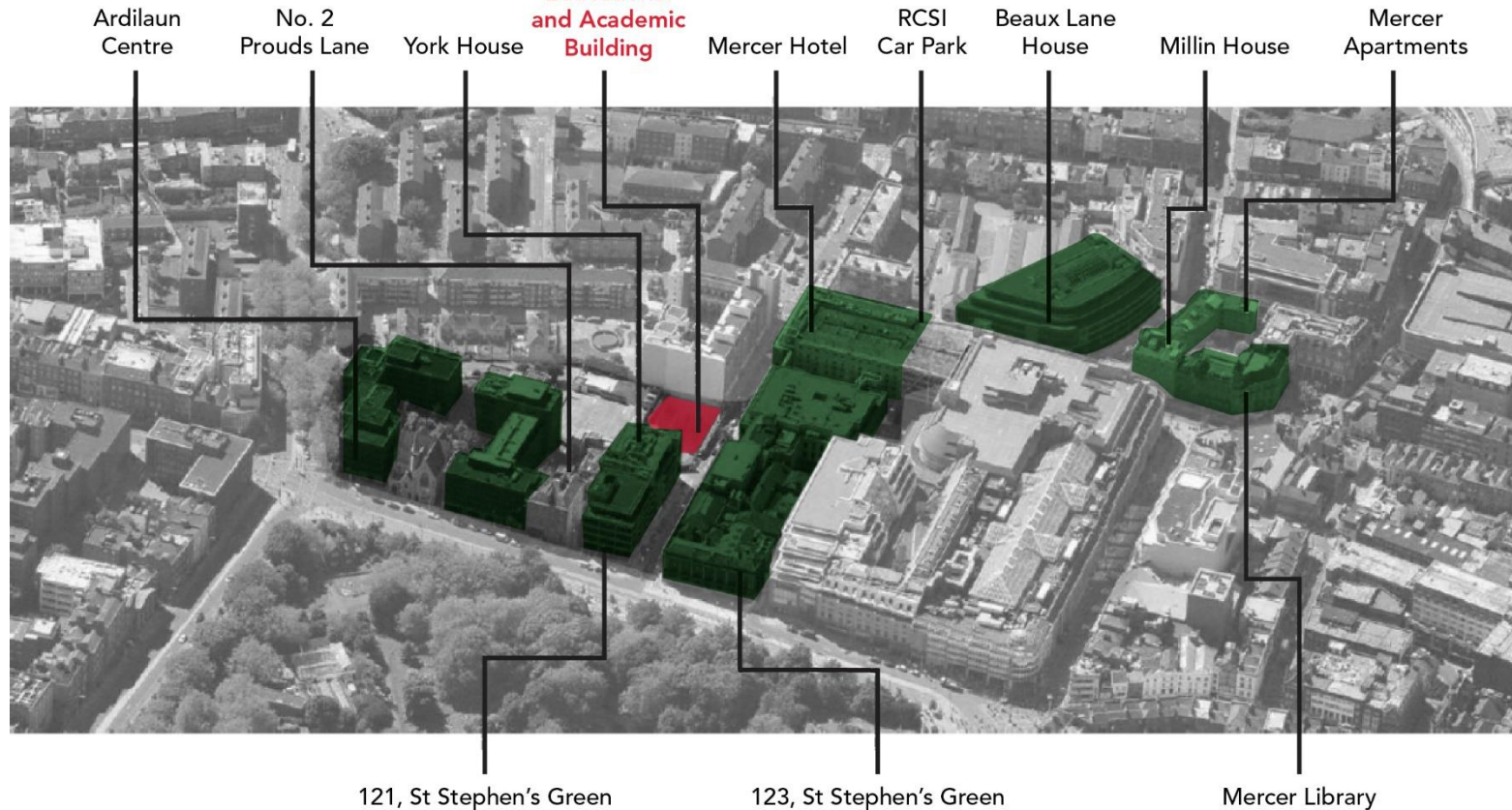


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From here ...



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To here ...



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It's not all about points - Graduate & Mature Entry Pathways so have a back-up plan.

http://www2.cao.ie/app_scoring/points_stats/lc20pts.pdf

Leaving Certificate Examination Points Statistics for 2020

(nominal points score, including bonus for Higher Level Mathematics, without reference to eligibility)

Best six (6) subjects counted for scoring.

			Cumulative Total	
Candidates scoring 625 points	577	1.0%	577	1.0%
Candidates scoring from 600 - 624	1,235	2.1%	1,812	3.1%
Candidates scoring from 500 - 599	9,512	16.5%	11,324	19.7%
Candidates scoring from 400 - 499	15,932	27.7%	27,256	47.3%
Candidates scoring from 300 - 399	14,229	24.7%	41,485	72.1%
Candidates scoring from 200 - 299	9,068	15.8%	50,553	87.8%
Candidates scoring from 100 - 199	4,764	8.3%	55,317	96.1%
Candidates scoring less than 100	2,252	3.9%	57,569	100.0%
Total	57,569			



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Access Routes

DARE | DISABILITY
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Association for Higher Education Access & Disability

[Disability Access Route to Education \(DARE\)](#)

Downloads and timetable of events.

[Higher Education Access Route \(HEAR\)](#)

Downloads and timetable of events.

[AHEAD - Association for Higher Education Access & Disability](#)

Helping students with disabilities to succeed in 3rd level education. Information and advice for students with disabilities on application procedures and getting support in college.

[Other Access Routes](#)

Other HEIs operating entry routes into Higher Education for school-leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Applicants, parents and Guidance Counsellors with questions about completing the HEAR or SIF/DARE form should consult the published handbooks and contact CAO if they cannot find answers to their questions. We will

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Should I apply?



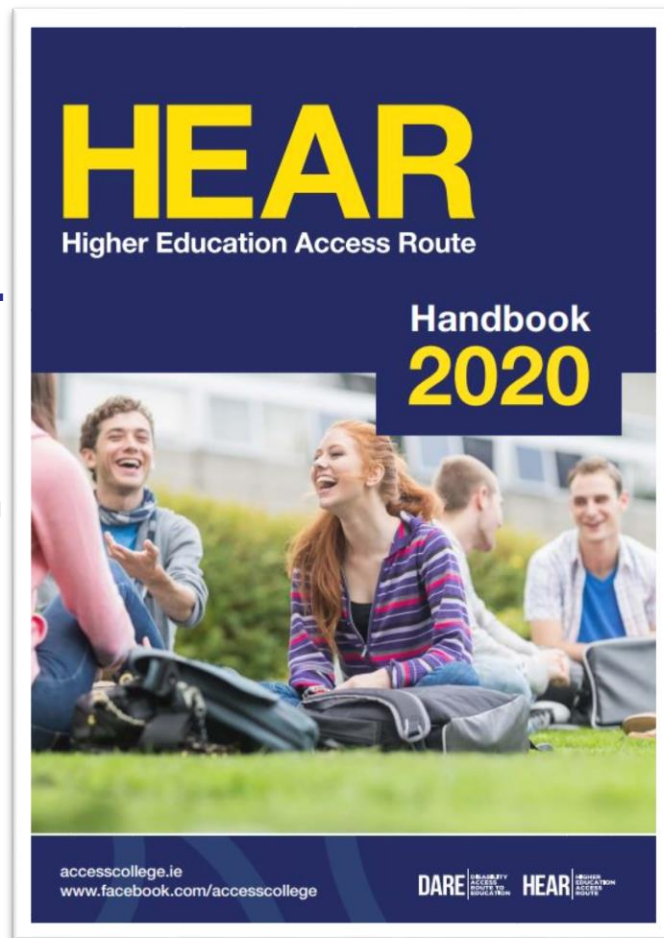
1. **Was your household income on or below €45,790 in 2019?**
2. Do you or your family have a **Medical Card/GP Visit Card?**
3. Did your parents/guardians receive a **means-tested social welfare** payment for at least 26 weeks in 2019?
4. Is your parents' or guardians' **employment status under-represented** in Higher Education?
5. Have you attended a **DEIS** second level school for five years?
6. Do you live in an **area** of concentrated disadvantage?



You must meet the
HEAR income limit
plus
the **right combination**
of **2** other **indicators to be eligible**

How do I apply?

1. Apply to CAO at www.cao.ie by **1 February 2020**.
2. Review your HEAR Handbook with your parents or guardians.
3. Complete all elements of the online HEAR application form by **17:15** on **1 March 2020**.
4. Submit clear copies of supporting documents requested on your checklist to CAO by **15 March 2020**.



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DARE

DISABILITY
ACCESS
ROUTE TO
EDUCATION



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What is DARE?

The **Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)** is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school-leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education.

DARE offers reduced points places to school leavers who as a result of having a disability have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education.



Should I apply?

- If your disability has had a negative impact on your educational performance in school.
- You may not be able to meet the points for your preferred course due to the impact of your disability.
- You are under 23 years of age as at **1 January 2021**.



Disabilities eligible for consideration

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- ADD / ADHD
- Blind / Vision Impaired
- Deaf / Hard of Hearing
- DCD – Dyspraxia
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (Incl. Brain Injury & Epilepsy)
- Speech & Language Communication Disorder
- Significant Ongoing Illness
- Physical Disability
- Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia & Dyscalculia)



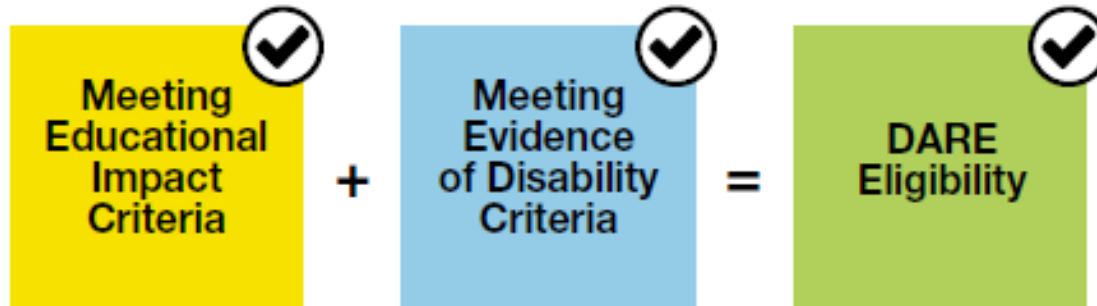
Educational Impact

Has your disability impacted on a combination of the following?

1. Have you received **intervention or supports** in post-primary school?
2. Has it **impacted on your attendance** or regularly disrupted your school day?
3. Has it affected your **school experience and well-being**?
4. Has it impacted on **your learning or exam results**?
5. Has it caused any **other educational impact**?
6. Required for applicants with a Specific Learning Difficulty: is it severely impacting on your **literacy or numeracy skills**?



DARE Eligibility Criteria



- To be eligible for DARE you must meet **both** the DARE **educational impact** criteria and **DARE evidence of disability criteria**.

Applicants must provide the required evidence of their disability and provide an Educational Impact Statement from their school to be considered for DARE.



How do I apply?



1. Apply to CAO at www.cao.ie by **1 February 2021**.
2. Review your DARE Handbook with your parents or guardians.
3. Complete Section A of the Supplementary Information Form and apply to DARE by answering **Yes** to **Question 1** by **1 March 2021**.
4. Submit the Educational Impact Statement and Evidence of Disability to CAO by **15 March 2021**.



Remember

HEAR | HIGHER
EDUCATION
ACCESS
ROUTE

DARE | DISABILITY
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Submit it!



Check it!



Send it!



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Remember

You can apply to both

DARE & HEAR

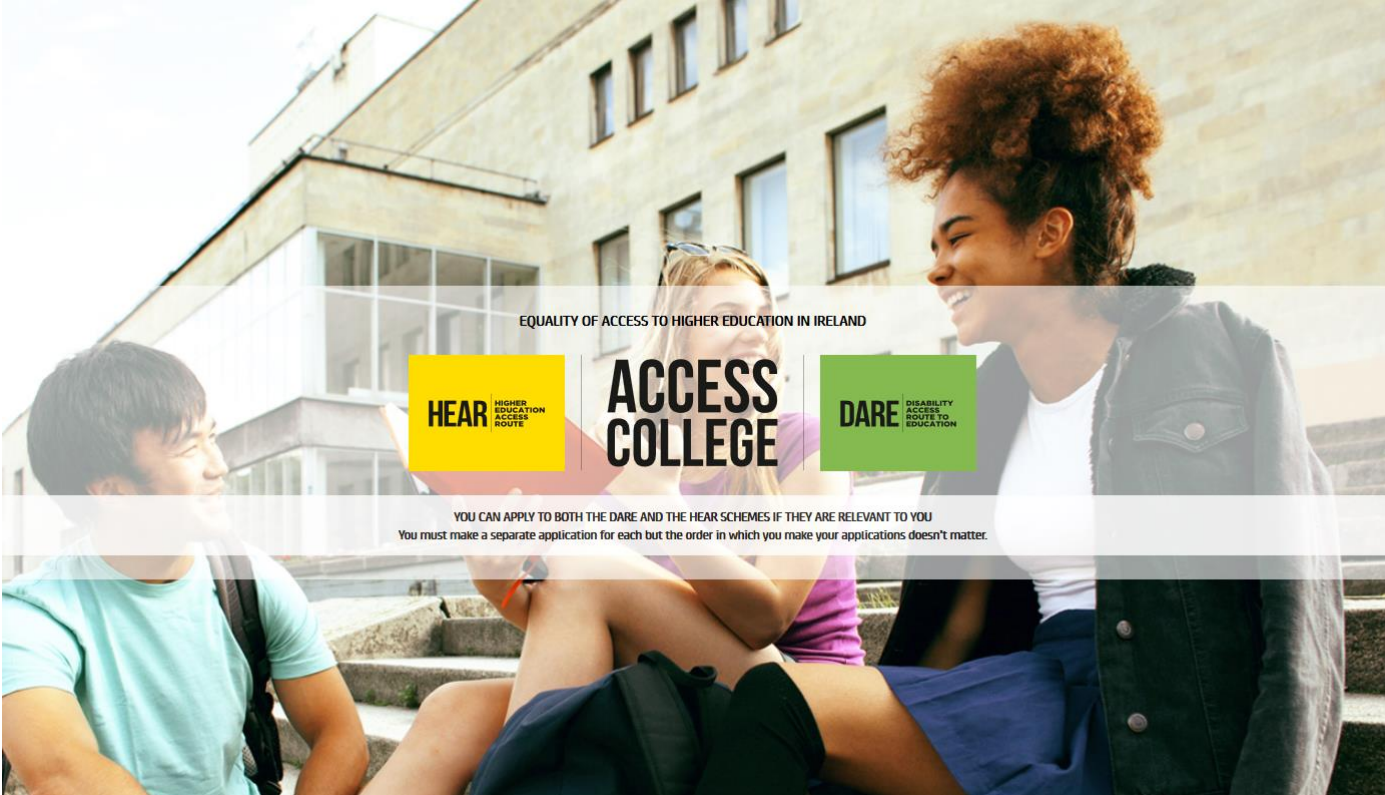
Applicants who are both DARE and HEAR eligible will be prioritised by colleges when allocating reduced points places.



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Further Information: www.accesscollege.ie



EQUALITY OF ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN IRELAND

HEAR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS ROUTE

ACCESS COLLEGE

DARE DISABILITY ACCESS ROUTE TO EDUCATION

YOU CAN APPLY TO BOTH THE DARE AND THE HEAR SCHEMES IF THEY ARE RELEVANT TO YOU
You must make a separate application for each but the order in which you make your applications doesn't matter.



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RCSI CAO COURSE CODES

RC001 MEDICINE

RC004 PHYSIOTHERAPY

RC005 PHARMACY

RC101 Graduate Medicine

RC001 Mature Entry Medicine

Pharmacy & Physiotherapy -
Graduate & Mature RCSI direct entry



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CAO COURSE CODES

RC001 RC004 RC005

- **Minimum NUI entry criteria for all RCSI courses***
- **Minimum of 6 subjects to include Irish, English, Maths, another language, one lab science subject & one other recognised subject.**
- **You must obtain a minimum of Grade H5 in two subjects and a minimum of Grade O6/H7 in the remaining four subjects.**
- ***Pharmacy - Chemistry H5 mandatory**
- **Medicine – 5 yr programme - Chemistry + 1 other lab science + HPAT**
- ***NUI LANGUAGE EXEMPTIONS VIA CAO (Dyslexia, SLDs ...)**
- **DARE & HEAR www.accesscollege.ie**
- **“Free Fees”**



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IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT POINTS

Graduate & Mature Entry

15 PLACES FOR MATURE ENTRY - IF YOU ARE +23 BY JANUARY 1ST (TICK MATURE BOX ON CAO FORM)

RC001 - MATURE ENTRY (MEP) = HPAT + LIFE EXPERIENCE + DEGREE* + INTERVIEW = 5 YR PROG

**RC101 - GRADUATE ENTRY (GEM) = GAMSAT + 2H1
RC101= 4 YR PROG**

30 PLACES VIA CAO RC101

10-15 places for Graduate & Mature Entry Pharmacy & Physiotherapy – 2H1 degree, personal statement, CV, refs, clinical / voluntary experience, interview.



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School of Physiotherapy CAO RC004

13 SCHOOL LEAVER PLACES (4 YR PROG)

13 PLACES FOR GRADUATES ENTERING THE 3 YR PROG

3-5 INTERNATIONAL PLACES

Rd 1 RC004 LCE PTS = 566

30 RCSI Physiotherapists each year



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School of Pharmacy CAO RC005

30 CAO SCHOOL LEAVER - RC005

10+ PLACES FOR GRADUATES

2 PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

1 Mature Entry

10+ NEU

Rd 1 RC005 LCE PTS = 578*

54+ RCSI Pharmacists each year



“ Learning alongside medicine and physiotherapy students has prepared me to practice team-based patient care in my future career as a pharmacist ”



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SELECTION CRITERIA FOR
Undergraduate Entry to Medicine
FOR EU APPLICANTS 2021



NUI Galway
Ole Gallunab



Trinity College Dublin
College of Veterinary, Biota Education
The University of Dublin



UCC
University of Cork, Ireland
University of Cork, Ireland



hpat-ireland.acer.org

HPAT — IRELAND

Health Professions Admission Test – Ireland

Information booklet 2021

Registration Deadline – Monday 20 January 2021 5.15pm GMT
Test date – Saturday, 20 & Sunday, 21 February 2021

<http://hpat-ireland.acer.org>

Australian Council for Educational Research



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Table 1: Summary of Minimum Entry Requirements for EU Admissions for Each Medical School¹

Medical programmes			Minimum SUBJECT Requirements ¹						Minimum POINTS Requirement
Institution	CAO Code	Duration	Minimum Entry Requirements	English	Irish	Third Language	Maths	Science	480 points from the same sitting of the Leaving Certificate Examination or equivalent.
National University of Ireland, Galway (NUI GALWAY)	GY501	6 Years	2 x H5 and 4 x O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics/Chemistry, Agricultural Science	
		5 Years	2 x H4 and 4 x O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	H4 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics/Chemistry, Agricultural Science	
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)	RC001	6 Years	2 x H5 and 4 x O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics/Chemistry, Agricultural Science	
		5 Years	2 x H4 and 4 x O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	H4 Chemistry and H4 in either Biology or Physics	
Trinity College Dublin (TCD)	TR051	5 Years	1 x H3 1 x H4 1 x H5 and 3 x O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 in a language other than English		O6/H7 or O4/H6 if no Physics	H3 and a H4 from Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics/Chemistry, Agricultural Science	
University College Cork (UCC)	CK701	5 Years	2 x H4 and 4 x O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	H4 Chemistry and H4 in either Biology or Physics	
University College Dublin (UCD)	DN400	6 Years	2 x H5 and 4 x O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7	O6/H7 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics/Chemistry, Agricultural Science	

In addition all students will be required to satisfy the Garda Vetting, Medical Clearance and Fitness to Practise requirements as required by each institution.¹



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Combination of Leaving Certificate Examination Results and the HPAT-Ireland Score

For school-leaving applicants who meet the minimum entry requirements and the 480 points criterion in the same sitting of the Leaving Certificate, allocation of places for medicine will be determined on the basis of a combination of the Leaving Certificate and HPAT-Ireland scores. Before the scores are combined, Leaving Certificate Examination points above 550 will be moderated as per Table 3 below.

Table 3: Moderated Leaving Certificate Points from 550 Points

Normal LCE points	Moderated LCE points	Normal LCE points	Moderated LCE points	Normal LCE points	Moderated LCE points
551-555	551	576-580	556	601-605	561
556-560	552	581-585	557	606-610	562
561-565	553	586-590	558	611-615	563
566-570	554	591-595	559	616-620	564
571-575	555	596-600	560	621-625	565



Normal Points	Adjusted points
550	550
551-555	551
556-560	552
561-565	553
566-570	554
571-575	555
576-580	556
581-585	557
586-590	558
591-595	559
596-600	560
601-605	561
606-610	562
611-615	563
616-620	564
621-625	565

LEAVING CERT RANGE (nationally)

543 – 625

HPAT RANGE 163 – 227

RD 1 LCE & HPAT COMBINED SCORES 2020

RC001 733

Table 5: 2020 Minimum Entry Points

2020 Minimum Entry Requirements	
CAO Code	Minimum Entry Level
CK701	731*
DN400	736*
GY501	728
RC001	733
TR051	734*

* Not all on this score were offered a place



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HPAT — IRELAND

Health Professions Admission Test – Ireland

Registrations open
December 2020

Registrations close
5:15pm GMT 20 January 2021

Sit HPAT – Ireland
20-21 February 2021

Results released
Late June 2021

COVID-19 (coronavirus) advice for exam candidates

The HPAT-Ireland 2021 exam is being held via online proctoring on 20 & 21 February 2021. Please refer to the HPAT-Ireland Information Booklet for further information.

The Health Professions Admission Test – Ireland (HPAT – Ireland) is an admissions test used to assist with the selection of students into medicine and health professions degree programs. The test measures a candidate's logical reasoning and problem solving skills as well as nonverbal reasoning and the ability to understand the thoughts, behaviour and/or intentions of people.

Register

HPAT-Ireland 2021 registrations are now open.

[Find out more...](#)

Prepare

HPAT - Ireland Practice Test 4 is now available for purchase.

[Find out more...](#)

Sit

HPAT – Ireland will be held on Saturday 20, and Sunday 21 February 2021.

[Find out more...](#)

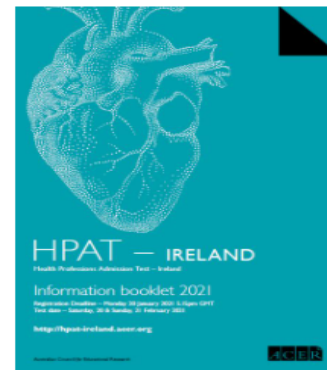
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Latest news

The HPAT - Ireland Information Booklet 2021.



<https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/>

CAO RC001 MEDICINE & HPAT

HPAT

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADMISSIONS TEST

RD 1 LCE & HPAT COMBINED SCORES = **733**

LEAVING CERT RANGE (nationally)

543 – 625

HPAT RANGE **163 - 227**

**NO MYSTERY - PREPARE WELL – PRACTICE TEST BOOK
– TEST YOURSELF... (read outside of the LCE)**

**484 SCHOOL LEAVER MED PLACES NATIONALLY (+
GRAD ENTRY = 720).**

<http://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2019/UGMedEntry2019.pdf>



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- Select HEAR
- HEAR form
- TCD Feasibility Option

Demo Application

Please note: Using this demo facility in no way excuses you from your responsibility to follow all online instructions and to read the CAO Handbook.

If you wish to make a real application, click [here](#).

You may proceed sequentially through the demo application process or navigate to sections of interest using the menu.

Applicant's Personal Details

Surname

Other names

Title (Mr, Ms, Mrs, etc.)

Date of Birth

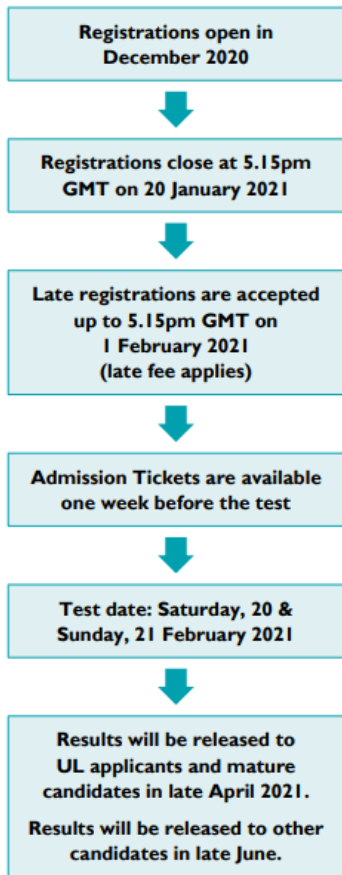
Sex Male Female

As stated in the CAO Handbook, an applicant may only present one application in any one year (either online or paper). There will be no refunds given to applicants who make more than one application.

Home address Rep. of Ireland Other Country



HPAT – Ireland 2021 Timeline



Practice Test

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Practice Test 2

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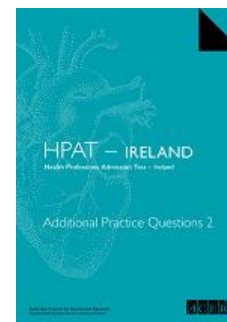
3 x complete practice tests 22 euro each

2 x additional practice questions 12 euro each



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HPAT – Ireland is divided into three sections designed to assess performance in the areas of:

1 Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving

2 Interpersonal Understanding

3 Non-Verbal Reasoning

The following table shows the structure of HPAT – Ireland by section and time.

	Number of questions	Time in minutes
Section 1	44	65
Section 2	36	45
Section 3	30	40

**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADMISSIONS TEST HPAT -
150 minutes - 1 test date only - February 2020**

**PURPOSE – TO ASSESS THE GENERAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES
DEVELOPED OVER THE COURSE OF YOUR EDUCATION AND LIFE
EXPERIENCE**

**SECTION 1 - LOGICAL REASONING AND PROBLEM SOLVING
(40%)**

**44 Qs in 65 mins - 4 options A – D. Evaluate information and draw
logical conclusions. Reach solutions by identifying relevant facts.
Generate and test plausible hypotheses, Qs are based on a brief
text or graph.**

**This tends to be the most “difficult” section as it has the greatest
variety of question types.**



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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADMISSIONS TEST HPAT -
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SECTION 2 - INTERPERSONAL UNDERSTANDING (40%)

36 Qs in 45 mins. Understand people and their thoughts, feelings, behaviour and intentions. Questions are based on a scenario, dialogue or text representing interpersonal situations. Most passages have multiple questions.

Emotional intelligence, empathy, compassion, good judgement skills are required in this section - speed and your gut instinct key.



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**HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADMISSIONS TEST HPAT -
150 minutes - 1 test date only - February 2020**

SECTION 3 - NON VERBAL REASONING (20%) 30 Qs in 40 mins. 5 options A – E. Reason in the abstract, solve problems in non-verbal contexts. Qs are based on patterns or sequences of shapes.

This section you can improve your score on with practice .



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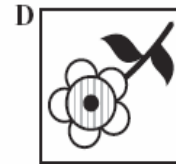
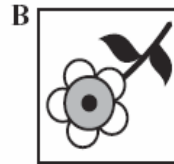
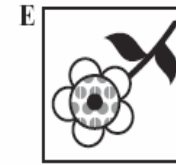
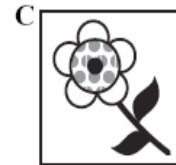
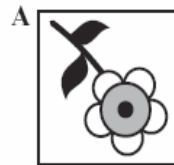
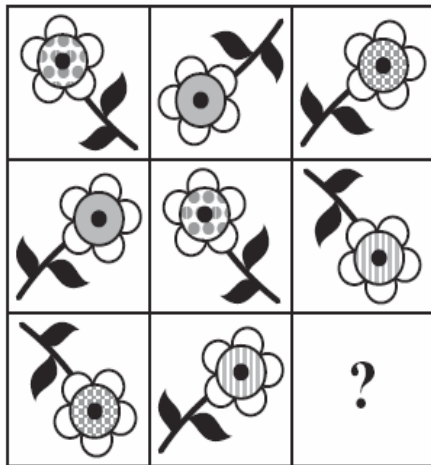
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Questions 106 – 110 Missing Segment

For each of the following items, select the alternative (A, B, C, D or E) that most logically and simply completes the picture.

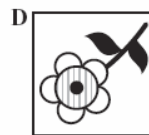
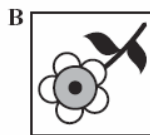
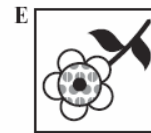
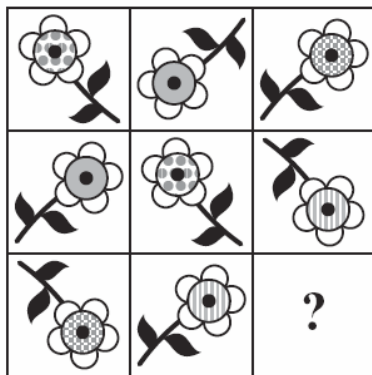
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Question 108

In this pattern, note that the flowers have four differently shaded centres and that the flowers in each row and column have different orientations. The simplest explanation of this pattern is that, in each row, from left to right, the flower rotates anticlockwise by one, then two, positions; the four shadings ‘snake’ horizontally, from top left, in the order dots, grey, checks, stripes. Therefore, in the missing frame, the flower head should be in the bottom left corner and the shading should be dots. The alternative that satisfies these conditions is **E**.

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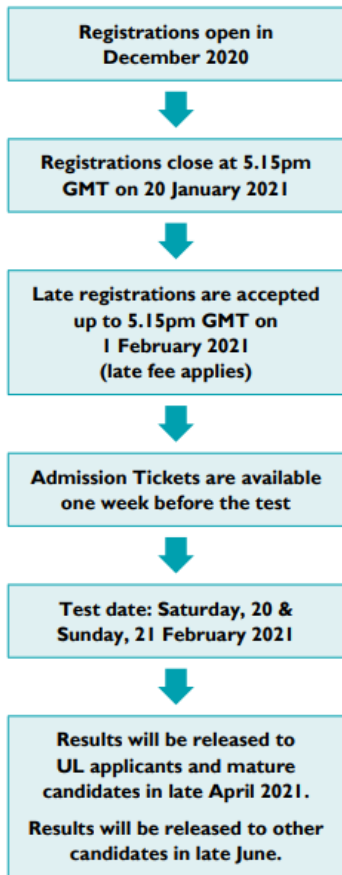
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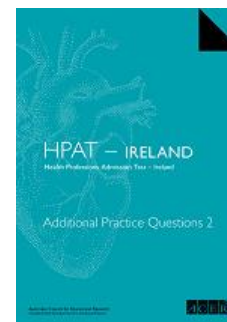
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