

What 20 20 Next

after the Leaving Cert results

Leaving Cert 2020

All students will be given the option to receive a State Certificate of Calculated Grades in each subject.

It will have the same status as Leaving Certificates awarded to students in previous years.

Students will have the opportunity to sit the Leaving Certificate 2020 examination if they wish at a time when it is safe and practicable to do so.

Crosscare Youth Information Service
You can contact us [here](#).



1

Estimation of Scores and Rankings by Teacher

The subject teacher estimates percentage mark the candidate is likely to have achieved in Leaving Certificate 2020

The teacher estimates class ranking of each candidate in order of predicted level of achievement for each subject.

2

In-school alignment by Teachers

Subject teachers review the estimated marks and rankings of students

Teachers finalise their estimated marks and rankings following alignment process

3

Oversight of Marks and Rankings by School Principal

The principal reviews estimated marks and rankings, and signs off on behalf of the school.

The principal may return the estimated marks and rankings to the relevant group of teachers for further consideration.

4

National Standardisation by Department of Education & Skills

Marks and rankings submitted by schools will be examined and may be adjusted using statistical methods to ensure a common national standard is applied.

The above table is taken from www.gov.ie/leavingcert. It shows how Leaving Cert calculated grades work. For more information about calculated grades there is a [Guide for Leaving Cert Students](#).

Due to these exceptional circumstances, all of the results issued on foot of the examinations this year, calculated grades; appeals and the later written examination will be considered the results of the 2020 Leaving Certificate.

If you receive an improved CAO offer on foot of these results, you will receive a deferred college offer to start your course in the 2021/22 academic year.

For info on this year's Leaving Cert

[Press here](#)

The results of the Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades will be issued on:

Mon 7th Sept

CAO process

Students' calculated grades will be transferred directly to the CAO, in the same way that examination results usually are.

Key dates

- Round 1 offers: 11th September: available from 14:00 online - also issued by e-mail and text
- Applicants who have not received an offer will receive a 'Statement of Application' e-mail
- Round 1 Acceptances closing date: 16th September, 2020 (3:00pm)
- Round 2 offers: 23rd September, 2020 (10:00am): available from 10:00 online
- Round 2 Acceptances closing date 25th September, 2020 (12:00pm)
- Round 3 offers: TBC
- Round 3 Acceptances: TBC

Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades results will be treated by the CAO and UCAS system for UK in the same way as the results of any other year. The issuing of Leaving Certificate Calculated Grades results will meet CAO and all UCAS deadlines.

See the CAO website for more details

[Press Here](#)

Accepting an offer

Applicant texts/ email will be sent (at intervals) from 13:00 on 11 September. Level 8 texts will issue first, followed by Level 7/6 texts. Students may receive their offer at different times due to the large volume of notifications being issued, or because of phone connectivity problems, so don't be concerned if you have not received a text and a friend has.

If you don't receive an email or text, you should still log in to your account from 14:00 on 11th September to check if you have received an offer. If you log in and accept an offer, you may not subsequently receive your offer email and this should not cause any concern. Once the applicant can log in, view and accept their offer, they no longer require an offer notification email.

When an applicant accepts an offer they will receive a confirmation email.

There will be no paper offer notices for any offer round this year.

As per last year, applicants can expect heavy traffic and possible delays on the CAO website when trying to access their CAO account for a short period after 14:00 on the 11th September. Please remain patient and try again later. Applicants will have until 16th September at 15:00 to accept an offer.

* It would be a good idea, before Round One offers to log in to your account to check that you have the correct password and log in information to ensure the offer and acceptance process runs as smoothly as possible for you on the day.

Online chat:

You can chat online to a trained Youth Information Officer Mon - Fri, 4pm - 8pm.
[Youth Information Online Chat](#)



Appealing Your Results

You can appeal your results. The appeal will check that your school data was correctly transferred to the Department and that it was correctly processed by the Department. If you are still unhappy at the end of this process, you can get verification of the Department's processes by independent appeal scrutineers. Under the calculated grades system, the estimated percentage mark provided by the teacher cannot be reviewed.

If there are subjects you are unhappy with, you can sit a written Leaving Certificate exam in the subject(s) when this becomes possible.

If your grade in your exam is higher than your calculated grade, your results for that subject will be amended. If the higher grade means you would have been entitled to a higher offer of a CAO course, you will be facilitated in taking up that place as soon as practicable.

For more info: [Press Here](#)

Higher Grade

Students who receive an upgraded CAO place following Stage 1 of the appeals process may be able to take up their place in the 2020/2021 academic year.

Students who are successful at the Independent Appeal Scrutineer stage, and who receive an improved CAO offer at that stage, will receive a deferred offer to start their course in the 2021/22 academic year.

Students who opt to sit the Leaving Certificate examinations later in the year and who receive an improved CAO offer on foot of these results will also receive a deferred college offer to start their course in the 2021/22 academic year.

If a candidate who has started first year of a course becomes entitled to a higher CAO offer and chooses to accept same in the following academic year, attendance for the first year on the new course would remain eligible for free fees and SUSI funding as appropriate.

For more information: [Press Here](#)

Available Places

If HEIs have any new courses that open for application after the Change of Mind deadline, or if any places remain unfilled in particular courses after all offers have been made and the waiting lists of applicants meeting minimum entry requirements have been exhausted, such vacancies will be advertised.

For more info: [Press Here](#)

The CAO have produced a short video about the Available places facility.

You can watch it here: [Press Here](#)

College Start Date

They can't be specific about that yet, it will be late September or early October. Third level institutions are in constant contact with the Department on a range of issues in relation to enrolments and courses for the 2020/2021 academic year.

For more information: [Press Here](#)

Deferring:

Opinion would say that it may be more difficult to defer your course this year – however, if you have a genuine reason to defer your college place, do not accept your CAO offer. Instead, you must email or write to the Admissions Office of the appropriate HEI immediately and follow precise process.

[Press Here](#)

Going to the UK & EU

The Department has been in contact with counterparts in the UK and across the EU to explain the position regarding the Leaving Certificate. Other countries are being asked for as much flexibility as possible for our students. This is also a common challenge in the UK and across the EU.

For more information:

[Press Here](#)

Further Education Institutes

Further Education and Training or FET, offers a wide variety of life-long education options to anyone over 16. FET includes apprenticeships, traineeships, Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses, community and adult education as well as core literacy and numeracy services.

You can find colleges and training options:

[Press Here](#)

CAO
is not the only way to go

An Garda Síochána

To register your interest you must have a "User Account" on <http://www.publicjobs.ie>. If you have not already done so, you must register as a 'New User' to create your Profile (register a New Account). Once registered, you can set up a job alert for positions within An Garda Síochána. In the section "Create Job Alert" under Job Category select "Security/Emergency Services" and Sub Category "Garda" then "Add alert". Candidates should not confuse registering (Creating a Profile) and setting up a job alert with submitting an application. Once the position is advertised you must then access the application form, complete and submit it.

Solas

Offers Further Education and Training programmes. Part-time, full-time, day, evening and online courses. Programmes include Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Skills to Advance, eCollege and the European Globalisation Fund.
www.solas.ie

They also have a Covid-update section where you can find up to date more information about impacts and also opportunities. For more information:

[Press Here](#)

Apprenticeships

Craft Apprenticeships:

Train to become a plasterer or electrician etc. While you are training, you work with an employer learning the necessary skills and receive a wage. Most apprenticeships last 4 years. You must be at least 16 years of age and have a minimum of grade D in any five subjects in the Junior Certificate or equivalent.

However, employers may require additional minimum qualifications.

Given that the Junior Certificate/Cycle examinations will not now take place in 2020, and to avoid any unfair disadvantage for young people wishing to access craft apprenticeship, it has been determined that the 2020 State Certificate and the School Report provided to Junior Certificate students will be deemed to be an 'approved equivalent' as per the eligibility requirements.

Apprentices may present their 2020 State Certificate and accompanying School Report to employers, training providers and SOLAS Authorised Officers confirm their eligibility for a craft apprenticeship. This arrangement specifically applies to those learners who were due to complete the Junior Certificate/Cycle in 2020. It does not apply for learners who complete or completed the Junior Certificate/Cycle in any other year.

For more information:

[Press Here](#)

New Apprenticeships:

NFQ Level 5 to 9 is offered through the individual industries in areas as diverse as: financial services, accounting, medical devices, software development. Professional bodies such as the Accounting Technicians of Ireland/ ESB/ Insurance Practitioner of Ireland have programmes to link you to the employers & relevant academic institutes. www.solas.ie (click on apprenticeships).

For more information:

[Press Here](#)

Defence Forces

Recruitment competitions are held as required, check out their website for more information.

[Press Here](#)

Teagasc

Teagasc colleges deliver a wide range of Level 5 and Level 6 courses in agriculture, horticulture, equine and forestry. The colleges also collaborate with a number of third level institutions in the delivery of Higher Level courses in agriculture and horticulture.

[Press Here](#)

Money - college grants

You can apply for a grant if you are attending a recognised full-time course, and resident in Ireland. You apply through www.susi.ie. You have to register online and fill out a means test which takes into account your parent's (and your income) to decide if you are eligible for a grant and if so, how much you get.

Please note, although the means test is for the year 2019, if your circumstances have changed it is important to let them know and this will be taken into consideration.

Other sources of funding

Back to Education Allowance/Vtos
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Education Grant.
1916 Bursary

For more information on student finance check out www.studentfinance.ie

Accommodation

We have had a lot of questions about accommodation this year. Our advice would be contact your college, they will be able to give you more information of their course delivery and accommodation requirements.

Here is a link to the Qualifax website that details the different accommodation provisions offered by the different colleges: [College Accommodation](#). You can find all the contact details to the different college [Admission Officers](#) if you need support.

The Union of Students Ireland have an introductory service website for the purpose of matching students seeking digs-style accommodation. homes.usi.ie

Alongside the Residential Tenancies Board they also produced an [Accommodation and Finance Guide](#). It gives information about rights and responsibilities, and also has checklists for viewing accommodation etc.

Crosscare shall not have any responsibility for or be liable in respect of the content or the accuracy of the information so provided, or for any errors or omissions therein, nor for the consequences of any actions taken or not taken as a result of this information.

Supports

There is a lot of help and support available to you when you start college - you just need to ask.....

Admission Officer: Often your first point of contact. They advise on the administration of college life, such as deferring courses, changing courses etc.

Access Officer: Assists students on various issues such as financial problems, education worries and facilities / resources for people with disabilities (some colleges have separate disability officers).

Student Services Officer: Plans for students needs such as orientation for newcomers, counselling, mentoring etc.

Student Union: Represents students and advises on student issues.

help

Each year the National Parents Council organises a helpline for advice and guidance from professional guidance counsellors. The Institute of Guidance Counsellors are employed to provide qualified guidance counsellors to give advice. It usually runs for one week after Leaving Cert results and one week after the CAO offers.

Freephone 1800 265 165.

You can also chat online to a trained Youth Information Officer every Mon - Fri, 4pm - 8pm. [Youth Information Online Chat](#)



You can also call us

[Contact us](#)

Crosscare Youth Information Service
youthinfo.crosscare.ie
E: youthinfo@crosscare.ie
T: @YouthInfoDub

