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Dear parents/guardians,

The following is a list of important dates and information relevant to your son/daughter as they consider career choices for 2021 and beyond.

## CAO 2021

A full list of the CAO Timetable of Events can be found at

<https://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=timetableevents&bb=importantdates>

Some of the important dates relevant to CAO applications are:

Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Apply online by this date to avail of the €30 discount fee (before 17:15) Normal fee after Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> deadline is €45
Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Normal closing date for applications (before 17:15). Restricted courses <b>can not</b> be applied for after this date. HEAR and DARE <b>can not</b> be applied for after this date
Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Facility to amend course choices becomes available online @ 12:00 (€10 fee)
February	HPAT test (Undergraduate entry to Medicine - exact date to be confirmed)
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Closing date for amending course choices online (€10 fee)
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Late application opens @ 12:00 (€60 fee)
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Closing date for Late Applications @ 17:15
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Online Change of Mind facility becomes available (free)
May	Statement of Application Record sent to all CAO applicants
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Change of Mind facility closes @ 17:15. <b>No more changes allowed after this time</b>

For further details on the CAO see <http://www.cao.ie/>

## HEAR and DARE 2021

The Application Timeline for HEAR can be found online at <https://accesscollege.ie/hear/making-an-application/application-timeline/>

The Application Timeline for DARE can be found online at <https://accesscollege.ie/dare/making-an-application/application-timeline/>

Some of the important dates relevant to HEAR and DARE:

- Feb 1<sup>st</sup> An applicant must apply to the CAO before 17:15 on this date to be considered for both/either the HEAR and DARE schemes
- By March 1<sup>st</sup> **DARE:** indicate on the CAO application that you wish to be considered for DARE and complete Section A of the Supplementary Information Form  
**HEAR:** complete all elements of the online HEAR application form by 17:15  
Gather all supporting documents relevant to your application
- March 15<sup>th</sup>  
(by 17:15) **DARE:** Return your completed signed and stamped Section B and Section C of your DARE application to CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway by certified post  
**HEAR:** Submit copies of supporting documents to above address by certified post
- Late June **DARE:** Notification of outcome of DARE application  
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- Appeals Information re. appeals will be available online in March  
See <http://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=darehearappeals&bb=accessroutes>

DARE handbooks can be found at <http://accesscollege.ie/dare/making-an-application/handbooks-forms/>

HEAR handbooks can be found at <http://accesscollege.ie/hear/making-an-application/handbooks-forms/>

## SUSI Grant application 2021

SUSI applications usually open in March and usually close on the first week of November.

SUSI applications are completed online. See <https://susi.ie/>

**Note:** successful application is based on gross family income from the previous year.

See <https://susi.ie/undergraduate-income-threshold-and-grant-award-rates/>

## **PLC applications**

Many PLC colleges are now facilitating online applications. Alternatively paper applications can be made. Applications can be completed from December -August. Early application is advised.

For further information see PLC College websites.

Examples include

Enniscorthy Vocational College: <https://www.evcfurthereducation.ie/>

Selskar College: <https://www.selskarcollege.ie/further-education/application-forms/>

Kennedy College: <http://www.kennedycollege.ie/PLC/Index.html>

Waterford College of Further Education: <http://wcfе.ie/apply-now/>

## **Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships are structured training programmes which give you a chance to work while gaining a qualification. In effect it allows you to “earn while you learn.” An apprenticeship alternates between on-the-job training with an employer and off the job training in an education centre. An apprenticeship usually lasts from 2-4 years. All apprenticeship qualifications are now recognised on the National Framework of Qualifications which allows progression onto further courses/training if desired.

**How to become an apprentice:** an apprentice can approach an employer directly or use job portals such as <https://apprenticeship.ie/career-seekers/available-jobs>  
<https://www.apprenticeshipjobs.ie/#/home/index/&/pg/1/ln/10/sdir/asc/scol/7>

For more information see

<https://apprenticeship.ie/>

<http://www.wwetbtraining.ie/apprenticeship>

Yours sincerely,

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