

HEAR

Higher Education Access Route

School Presentation
2023

HEAR | HIGHER
EDUCATION
ACCESS
ROUTE

Would
YOU
like to
go to
college?

Where
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YOU
like to go?

How do
I
get there?

How do
I
apply?

Have you
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HEAR?

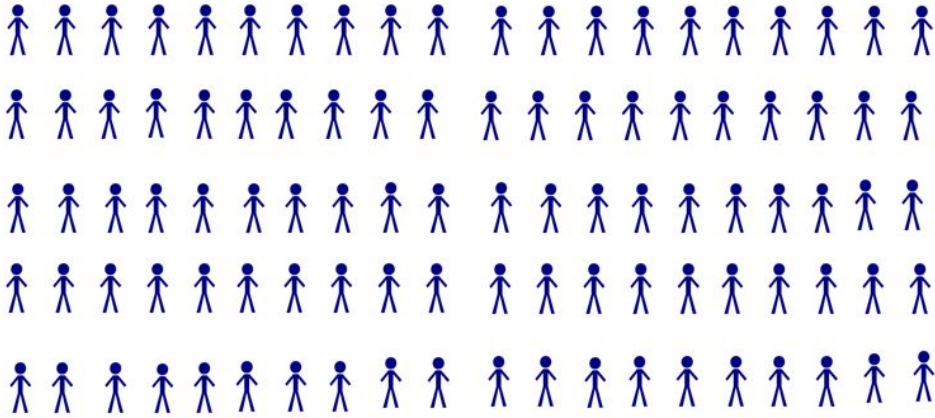
What is HEAR?

The **Higher Education Access Route** is an admissions route for school leavers who for **social, financial or cultural** reasons are **under-represented** in **third level education**.

It was set up to ensure that all Leaving Certificate students have a fair and equal opportunity to progress to third level education.

Understanding Socio Economic Group (SEG)

In a typical Leaving Cert Class, the children of Higher Professionals are significantly more likely to go to college than other socio economic groups.



Higher Professionals (100%)

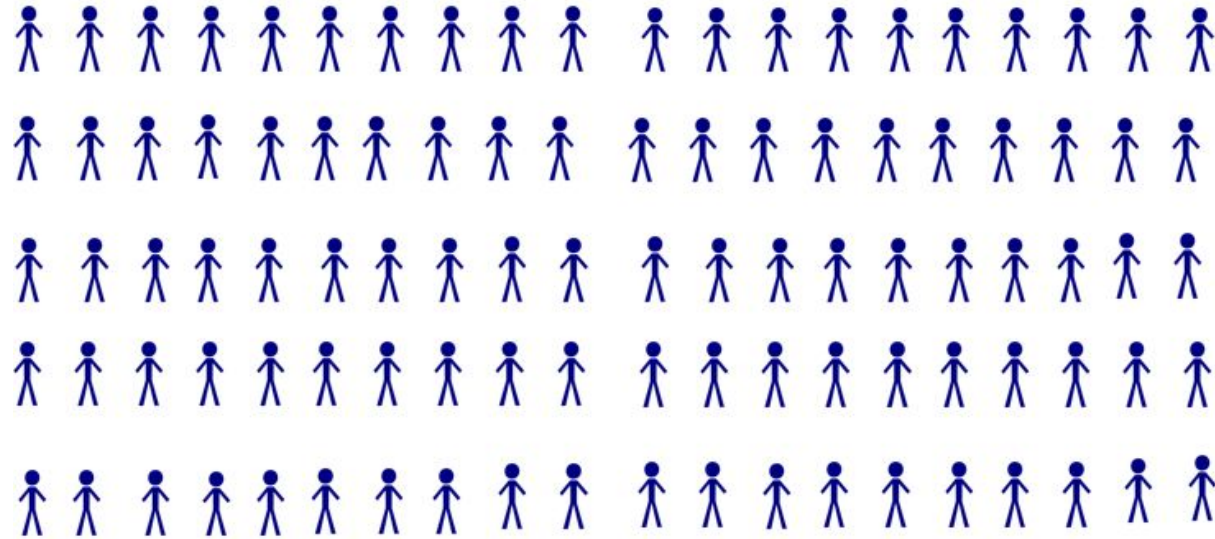


Non Manual (c. 23%)

Higher Professionals (100%)

Non Manual Workers (c. 23%)

Understanding Area Profile



Dublin 6 (99%)



Dublin 17 (15%)

99% of Students in
Dublin 6
go to College compared to
15% in **Dublin 17**

Where can I go to college?

- ATU, Donegal
- ATU, Sligo
- St. Angela's College, Sligo

TUS, Athlone

- ATU, Galway
- University of Galway

- TUS, Limerick
- Mary Immaculate College
- University of Limerick

- MTU, Kerry Campus

- SETU, Carlow and Wexford

- Maynooth University
- Pontifical University

- Dublin City University
- Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Institute of Art, Design & Technology, Dún Laoghaire
- Marino Institute of Education
- National College of Ireland
- NCAD
- RCSI
- Trinity College, Dublin
- TU Dublin
- University College, Dublin

- SETU, Waterford

- MTU Cork Campus
- University College Cork

Where can I go to college?

www.accesscollege.ie/hear/participating-colleges/



There is
something for
YOU
in college.



Arts...
Science...
Business...
Engineering...
Health Sciences...
Medicine...
IT...

Clubs & Societies...

Athletics...Gaelic Football...

Mountaineering...Drama...

Film...Dance...

Volunteer...Make a difference.

Applying for a grant

HEAR is **NOT**
the SUSI grant.

If you apply to HEAR,
you should also apply to SUSI
if you think you may be eligible.

SUSI: Key Eligibility Criteria



- **Nationality:** Irish, EU, EEA, Swiss nationals or have specific leave to remain in the State.
- **Residency:** 3 of last 5 years in Ireland, EU, EEA or Switzerland.
- **Progression** in education – NFQ levels 5-10.
- **Approved College/Course**
- **'Reckonable' Income** (Class - Dependent/Independent)

www.susi.ie/undergraduate-income-threshold-and-grant-award-rates/

SUSI: Key Eligibility Criteria



- **Check the website:** www.susi.ie
(Use Eligibility Reckoner)
- **CAO form:** Tick the SUSI option to share your college acceptance
- **Apply early:** April 2023
- **Return requested documentation:** complete and on time

Contact SUSI

- **Website:** www.susi.ie
- **Email:** support@susi.ie
- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/susisupport](https://www.facebook.com/susisupport)
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/susihelpdesk
- **Telephone helpdesk:** 0818 888 777

Why apply to HEAR?

- **Reduced points CAO offers** in the participating colleges provided you meet the minimum entry requirements.
- **Post-entry supports** such as financial, academic, social and personal.

Benefits of HEAR

Reduced Points

- An example: If the Leaving Certificate points for a course are 366 points, an eligible HEAR applicant could be offered a place with a lower points score e.g. 356 points.
- Applicants need to **meet entry** and **programme requirements** to be **considered for a HEAR reduced points offer**.
- The amount of points a particular course is reduced by is dependent on:
 - The overall number of places on the course
 - The number of reserved HEAR places on the course
 - The number of HEAR eligible applicants competing for these reserved places.
- The reduction in points for HEAR places can vary every year.

Should I apply?

1. **Was your household income on or below €46,790 in 2021?**
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 2021?
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?

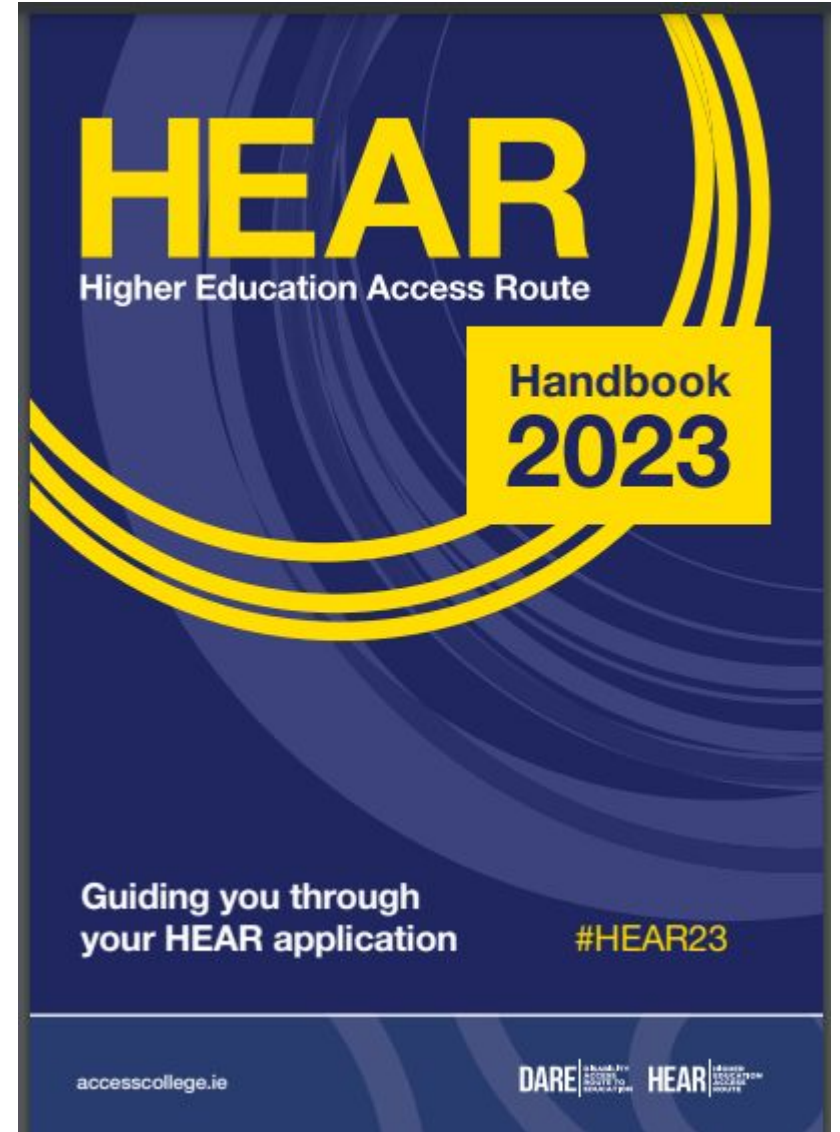


Talk to your
Parent/
Guardian.

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 2023**.
2. Review your HEAR Handbook with your parents or guardians.
3. Complete all elements of the online HEAR application form by **17:00** on **1 March 2023**.
4. Submit clear copies of supporting documents requested on your checklist to CAO by **15 March 2023**.



How do I know what documents I need?

1. When you fill in your online HEAR application you will receive a **checklist** at the end. This is based on the information you provided.
2. The **checklist** tells you what **documents** you need to fully complete your HEAR application.
3. You should start gathering your documentation in a timely fashion, i.e. **before 15 February.**
4. Send in **all** documents on checklist to make a complete application before **15 March 2023.**

How do I know what documents I need?

- You can start your application as soon as the CAO opens on 4 November 2022.
- Do not leave it too late to start looking for the documents you need for your application –
 - **you should start gathering the documents you need before 15 February 2023**

Sample Supporting Documents

- **Statement of Liability** or **Self Assessment Letter – Chapter 4** for **2021**
- **Social Welfare Form/Statement** for **2021** Signed and Stamped by Social Welfare official
- **RP50 Notification of Redundancy** or
- **Retirement Lump Sum Letter** for **2021**
- **Letter from TUSLA** for Children in Care

Helpful Tips

- Study the HEAR Handbook carefully with your parents/guardians.
- Complete the online application accurately.
- Accurate description of Parental Occupation.
 - Request the required supporting documentation early.
 - Send good quality copies of all pages of the correct documents.
 - Submit all supporting documents requested.
 - **Submit correct Revenue documents – eg Statement of Liability**
- Keep proof of postage.
- Deadlines!



Did you know?

The most common reason for ineligible applications to HEAR in 2022 was because the applicant submit the wrong Revenue document.

HEAR seeks financial documents for 2021
- Statement of Liability or Self Assessment
Letter or Notice of Assessment

DARE

**DISABILITY
ACCESS
ROUTE TO
EDUCATION**

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 2023**.

Disabilities eligible for consideration

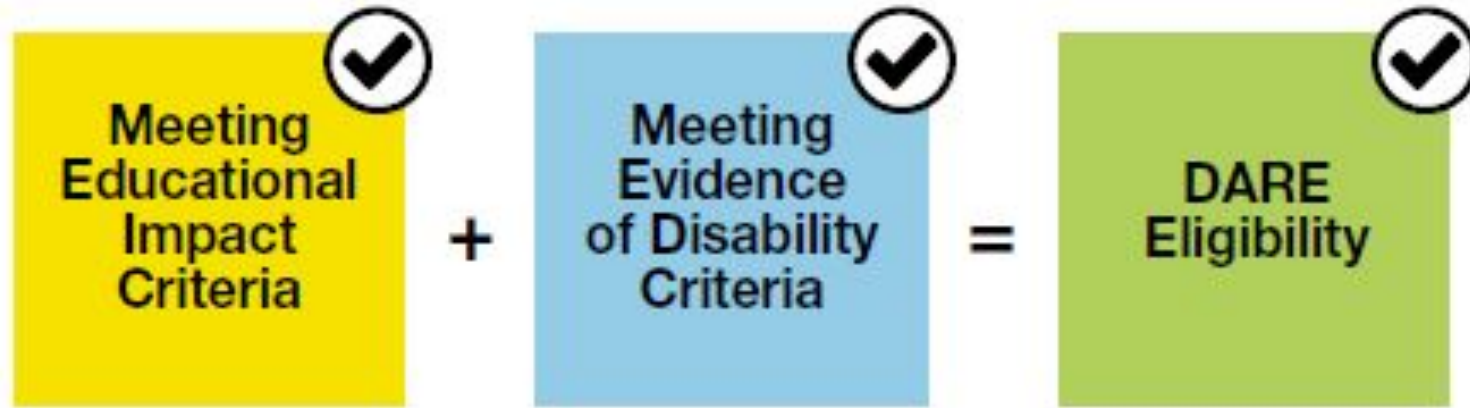
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- ADD/ADHD
- Blind/Vision Impaired
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- DCD – Dyspraxia
- Dyslexia/Significant Literacy Difficulties
- Dyscalculia/Significant Numeracy Difficulties
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (Incl. Brain Injury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

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 Dyslexia/ Significant Literacy Difficulties or Dyscalculia/
Significant Numeracy Difficulties: 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 17:00 on **1 February 2023**.
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 17:00 on **1 March 2023**.
4. Submit the Educational Impact Statement and Evidence of Disability to CAO by **15 March 2023**.

DARE and HEAR Timelines

DARE & HEAR closing date	○	1 March 2023 at 17:00
Supporting documents closing date	○	15 March 2023
Notification of eligibility	○	Late June 2023
Review and Appeals Application	○	July 2023
HEAR/DARE offers	○	August 2023
College Orientation	○	Late Aug /Early Sept 2023

Remember



Submit it!



Check it!



Send it!

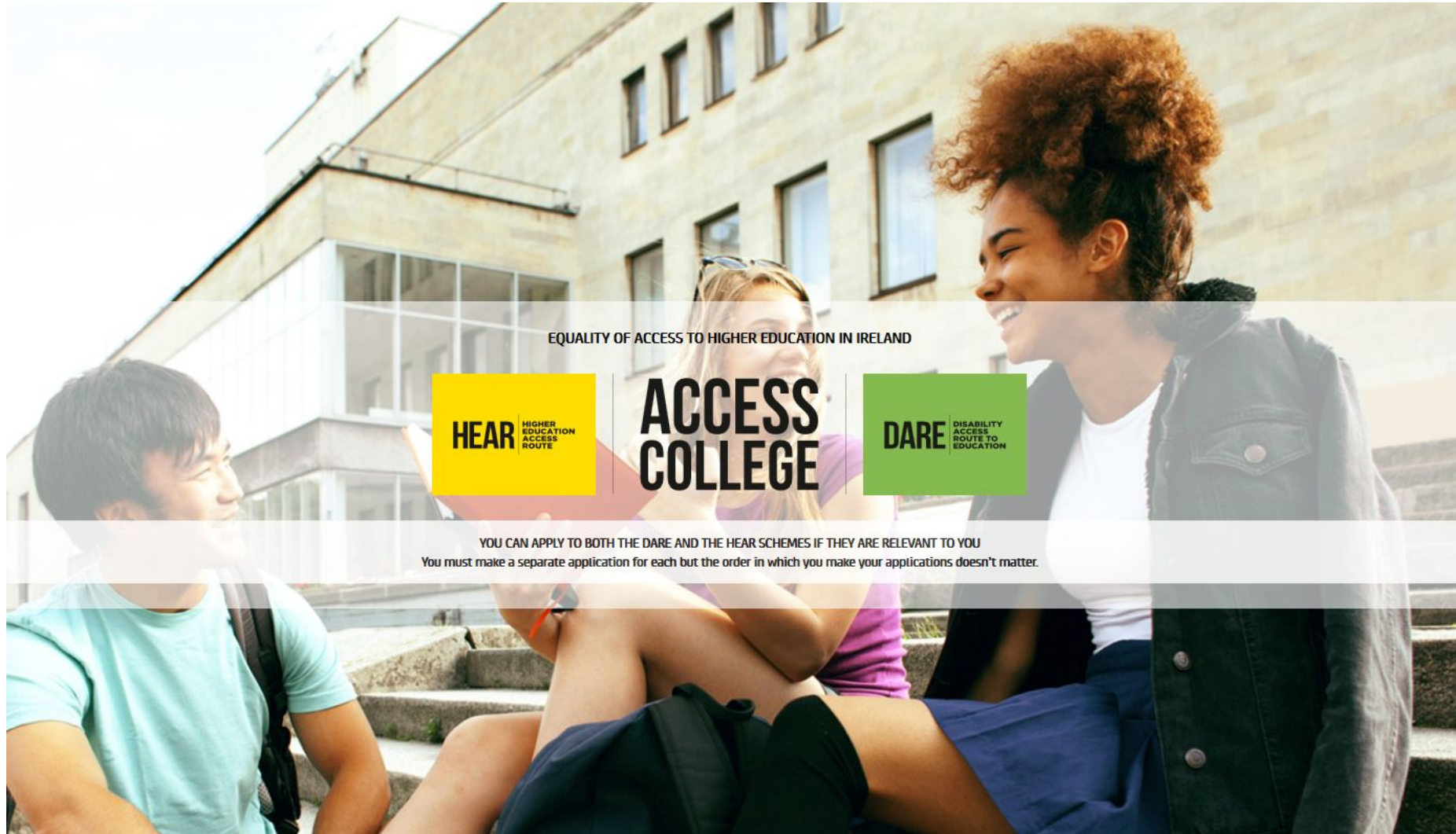
Remember

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.

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.

Virtual Application Information Days

Saturday

14 January

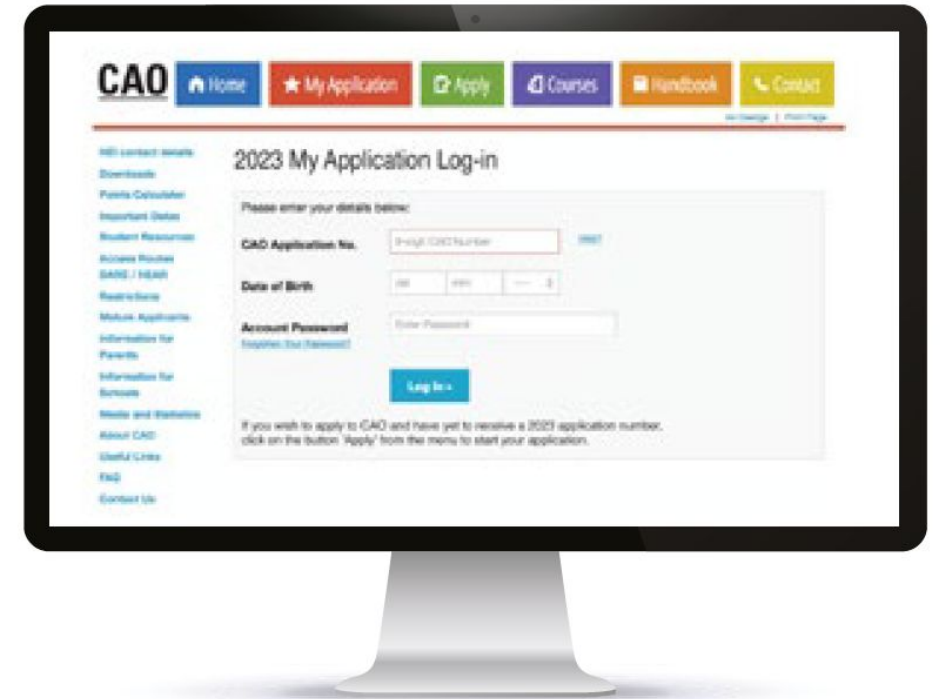
2023

10am -2pm

HEAR Application Outcome

You will receive an **email notification** about your HEAR application outcome once the Leaving Certificate examinations are over **in late June.**

Log into your CAO application to view your **HEAR Application Outcome.**



Further Information



cao.ie



susi.ie



qualifax.ie

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