



Third Level

CAO Information

Plc Information

Studying in England/UK and Europe

Apprenticeships

Information on Grants - SUSI

Guidance Service for 6<sup>th</sup> years

Local Open Days

Points

Students must take responsibility for Career planning.

1. Do your own research;
2. Watch out for closing dates;
3. If attending Open Day inform Year Head (and provide parent's permission in writing). Most colleges have Open Days on Saturdays now.
4. Catch up on any work missed.

### 3rd Level and Further Education

Level	Qualification	Sample Minimum Entry Requirements
<p><b>Universities</b> UCD, UCC, MU Maynooth, NUIG, NCAD, DCU, UL, Shannon College, St. Angelas, RCSI,</p> <p>TCD</p>	Level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree	<p><b>2 H5 and 4 O6 or H7</b> subject grades (minimum)</p> <p>Points - Approx 320-600+</p> <p><b>3 H5 and 3 O6 or H7</b></p>
<p><b>Institutes of Technology</b> TUD( Tallaght, DIT, Blanchardstown), IADT Dunlaoghaire, National College of Ireland, Carlow, Dundalk, Cork, Athlone, Waterford, Tralee, Limerick, Galway, Sligo, Letterkenny,</p>	<p>Level 8-Honours Bachelor Degree</p> <p>Level 7-Ordinary Degree</p> <p>Level 6-Higher Certificate</p>	<p><b>2 H5 and 4 O6 or H7</b> (min)</p> <p><b>5 O6 or H7</b> grades (min)</p> <p><b>5 O6 or H7</b> grades (min)</p> <p>Points - wide range, but Level 8 require higher points in general</p>
<p><b>Colleges of Further Education</b> Post Leaving Certificate P L C courses. Crumlin, Ballyfermot, Inchicore, Greenhills etc St.Kevins , Pearse College etc</p>	QQI (FETAC) level 5 and 6	<p>Generally <b>5 Ordinary Level</b> subjects (min) May ask for <b>1 or 2 Higher Level</b> subjects</p>

**NOTE:** Some courses may specify certain subjects, levels or grades, (E.g: H4 in Chemistry for Veterinary Medicine, O5 in Maths for Engineering...etc). Some courses have a test, interview, portfolio or audition before you can gain access. Check each college and each course individually to make sure you meet the entry requirements.





Apprenticeship training lasts 3 to 4 years

- Training consists of 7 phases
- 4 phases with the Employer/Sponsor - 6 month sessions
- 3 phases in college - 10 week sessions
- Written exams in college and practical assessments with employer. All must be passed to progress to next stage.
- **€900 charge for each college phase. Allowances and wage supports may be available for some apprenticeships.**

**Solas** is responsible for providing training for apprentices and has replaced FAS.

**NOTE: It is the students' responsibility to find his/her own Employer(sponsor) who must be registered with Solas.**

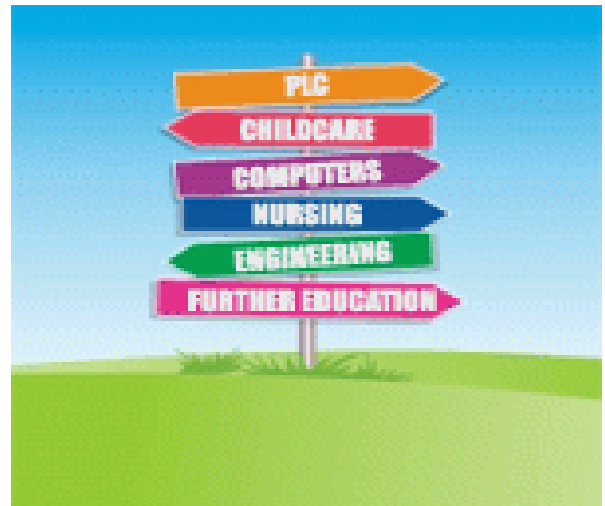
Colour blind test essential for electrical work and may be required for other trades

On completion the student is awarded a National Craft Certificate (range from Level 5 to 9).

**New apprenticeship** types added to the traditional 'craft' apprenticeships in recent times such as **laboratory science, insurance, financial services, hospitality, software development**, logistics...etc. A full list of existing and proposed apprenticeships is available on [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

## Post Leaving Certificate Courses

PLCs award QQI (FETAC) level 5 & 6.



## Admission

- Passes in **5 Ordinary** subjects required for most courses. Some require **2H & 3O** grades. Certain subjects may be specified (eg: Biology/Home Economics for Beauty Therapy, English for Journalism etc.)
- Apply in December, January and February to ensure you secure a place
- Most applications can be done online.
- Selection is based on attaining admission requirements and **INTERVIEW** (points not an issue)
- Length of course - one to two years.
- Work experience usually part of course.
- Wide variety of courses available
- Ladder system -PLC→ INSTITUTES→UNIVERSITIES (e.g. engineering/ nursing)
- Students **compete** for a small number of places in Institutes / Universities

## Colleges of Further Education

Crumlin /Inchicore / Ballyfermot / Greenhills / Naas/ Rathmines

**Crumlin/Inchicore ask for**

- a copy of Christmas report
- 2 references
- attendance from LCA

## Studying Abroad

### UK (England/ Scotland/ Wales)

- Personal Statement (Approx 700 words)
- Much work required of the student
- Students apply through the School.

Academic reference from school required.

- If you wish to apply as an independent candidate you must clear it with the Principal.
- Closing date **15<sup>th</sup> January /15<sup>th</sup> October** in certain cases
- Tuition fees - £3,200 to £11,000 sterling per year & maintenance- Brexit may result in changes
- Students **must** do own research.
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)- Let us know immediately if interested.
- **Eunicas** - an organization that helps students apply for courses in Europe that are taught through English.



To access further information in studying in the UK, or in other parts of the world such as Europe, the USA, Australia or New Zealand, log on to [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie) and click the tab 'Courses'.



## What Guidance Department Offers (summary)

- Career interview before Christmas (unless you forget/absent). Parents are welcome to attend.
  - In November the CAO application booklet is available and a student can apply from early November online.
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- Student takes **full responsibility** for the booklet and application.
  - Students can make own application to CAO online from the 5<sup>th</sup> of November onwards.
  - Apply online at home before 20<sup>th</sup> January (cheapest - €30) and February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 is closing date(€45).
  - PPS number can be asked for.

**HEAR** is a scheme that provides financial help for long term disadvantaged (Apply with CAO Application, supporting financial documents required).

**DARE** is a scheme for students with a learning or physical disability- psychological report or test scores required (apply with CAO application ). Clinics for both HEAR and DARE available in January.

- Career talks in school by colleges.
- Interview techniques and preparation for PLC interview.
- Visit to Higher Options Conference in 6<sup>th</sup> Year / trip to UCD in 5<sup>th</sup> Year.
- Career classes. (CAO/PLC PROCESS/ INTERVIEW PREPARATION/STUDY SKILLS/GRANTS) Other speakers/ talks arranged throughout the year.
- Personal/ Career counseling.

### Websites

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

[www.careernews.ie](http://www.careernews.ie)

[www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)

[www.fetch.ie](http://www.fetch.ie)

[www.Apprentices.ie](http://www.Apprentices.ie)

[www.apprenticeship.ie](http://www.apprenticeship.ie)





## Student Grants

All applications will be made online to Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) through [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie).

### How to make a grant application

The online application open in April/May each year

- You register online with SUSI and then complete the online application form
- Remember it is not necessary to receive an offer of a college place or to be enrolled in college in order to apply online.

### How to submit supporting documentation

- Following initial assessment of your application, if you receive provisional grant approval you will be required to submit supporting documents, (usually P.60, P.21, P.45 , social welfare payments, farm accounts, birth certificate. copy of Junior Certificate).
- NOTE: As a general rule household incomes of over €50,000 will not qualify for a grant.
- Completed documentary evidence packs (photocopies of the documents, not originals) should be returned as soon as possible in the envelope provided to you (probably end of July).
- When all the necessary supporting documents have been returned only then will your application be processed by SUSI.

### When will I receive a final decision from SUSI?

When you confirm acceptance of a place on an approved course (usually late August/early September) your grant is awarded. Payment will be made on a monthly basis (subject to confirmation of attendance) directly into your nominated Irish bank account

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Web [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)

Youth Information centres at Naas (BasinSt), Clondalkin (Monastery Rd), Tallaght (Mountain Park, Old Bawn Rd) will be able to help you and your parents.



## Local Open Days 2019/20

Location	Date
Higher Options	18 Sept.
Blanchardstown Institute of Technology	12 Nov.
National College of Ireland	20 Nov.
Institute of Technology, Tallaght	15 and 16 Nov. (Fri and Sat)
St Angela's College of Education	18 Oct.
Dublin City University (DCU)	15 and 16 Nov. (Fri and Sat)
Institute of Technology, Carlow	14 Nov.
<b>St Pat's College, Drumcondra</b>	16 Nov.
Marino Institute of Education	16 Nov.
Dun Laoghaire institute of Art Design and Technology(DLIADT)	23 Nov.
Maynooth University & Pontifical University	29 and 30 Nov. (Fri and Sat)
National College of Art and Design(NCAD)	27 Nov.
University College Dublin (UCD )(for 6 <sup>th</sup> years)	9 Nov.
Technological University, Dublin (formerly DIT)	29/30 Nov.
Trinity College Dublin (TCD)	23 Nov.
<b>Post Leaving Certificate Colleges(PLC) Colleges of Further Education</b>	
Rathmines College of Further Education	
Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education	22 Jan.
Liberties College of Further Education	17 Jan
Crumlin College	
Pearse College	10 March
Ballsbridge College	22 Jan.
Inchicore College	21 Jan.
Ballyfermot College	
Greenhills College	27 Jan.
Blackrock FEI	15 Jan.