

6th Year Parents Information Evening 2024/5- Resource Handout

1. CAO- Applying to Higher Education

Website for applying- www.cao.ie

Websites for Researching courses www.careersportal.ie and www.qualifax.ie

A guide for Parents and Guardians – <https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/CAOparentsguide.pdf>

CAO 2025- Key Dates and Tips -

https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2025/dates_and_tips_2025.pdf

Link to the CAO handbook 2025 <https://www2.cao.ie/handbook/handbook2025/hb.pdf>

Document guide on accepting or not accepting an offer

<https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/AcceptingVersusNot.pdf>

Video Guides

Video on How the CAO actually works <https://youtu.be/KhbZ0CEiFNk>

Video on applying to the CAO- <https://vimeo.com/80052547>

Video on how to change your mind on the CAO <https://vimeo.com/86519317>

Video on the offer process <https://vimeo.com/102134759>

2. SUSI Grant

Website for applying- www.susi.ie

How to apply to SUSI – <https://www.susi.ie/how-to-apply/>

An application guide from last year for those who want to look ahead <https://www.susi.ie/how-to-apply/your-new-application-form-guide/>

Video on SUSI grant eligibility <https://youtu.be/YrMpVWL-r88>

Video on SUSI grant online form <https://youtu.be/Ylk6pp1DmN0>

3. HEAR and DARE Access Routes

Website for researching HEAR and DARE www.accesscollege.ie

DARE handbook 2025 <https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2025/DARE2025.pdf>

A guide to providing Evidence of Disability

<https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2025/DAREvidence.pdf>

DARE Evidence of disability form – Section C

<https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2025/EDF.pdf>

Video on applying to DARE - <https://youtu.be/b0kgdpiZoK4>

HEAR Handbook 2025 <https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2025/HEAR2025.pdf>

HEAR Information Leaflet

<https://www2.cao.ie/downloads/documents/2025/HEARInformationLeaflet2025.pdf>

Video on applying to HEAR <https://youtu.be/8cxtPgghFE>

4. UCAS and Eunicas

Website to research www.ucas.com and www.eunicas.ie

5. Post leaving Certificate Courses

Website to research www.cao.ie

www.fetchcourses.ie

Useful website for Information on PLC <https://www.thisisfet.ie/>

Video on applying to a PLC- <https://youtu.be/1rtDtdBgZ14>

6. New Tertiary Degrees

Website for researching further information on the new tertiary Degrees <https://nto.heai.ie/>

Video Guide on New Tertiary Degrees https://youtu.be/SSV-wf_2qZk

7. Apprenticeships

Websites <https://apprenticeship.ie/>

LOETB - <https://www.loetb.ie/apprenticeships>

A Freephone Helpline is available for advice and support on apprenticeship options. Contact us today: 1800 794 487. Open 12pm-6pm Monday-Friday.

Videos on Apprenticeships-

https://youtu.be/8eY_LjTmNpY?list=PLwR3ypqyN5ZOASRvjIoUNdnh27_voVEPn

https://youtu.be/4hvVHwVz5wY?list=PLwR3ypqyN5ZMLg_uYnbUYYXRaiv712zgq

8. Gardaí and Defence forces

Websites www.military.ie and www.garda.ie

Educational Requirements for the Gardaí <https://www.garda.ie/en/careers/career-fags/what-are-the-educational-requirements-.html>

Educational Requirements for the Defence Forces <https://www.military.ie/en/careers/fags/requirements/>

