

A background photograph of three students sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. A young man with dark hair is in the center, looking down at an open book. To his right, a young woman with long red hair is also looking at a book. A third student is partially visible behind them. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. A large yellow semi-transparent graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

HEAR

Higher Education
Access Route

School
Presentation

2018

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EDUCATION
ACCESS
ROUTE

Would
YOU
like to
go to
college?



Where
would
YOU
like to go?

How do
I
get there?

How do
I
apply?



Have you
heard of
HEAR?



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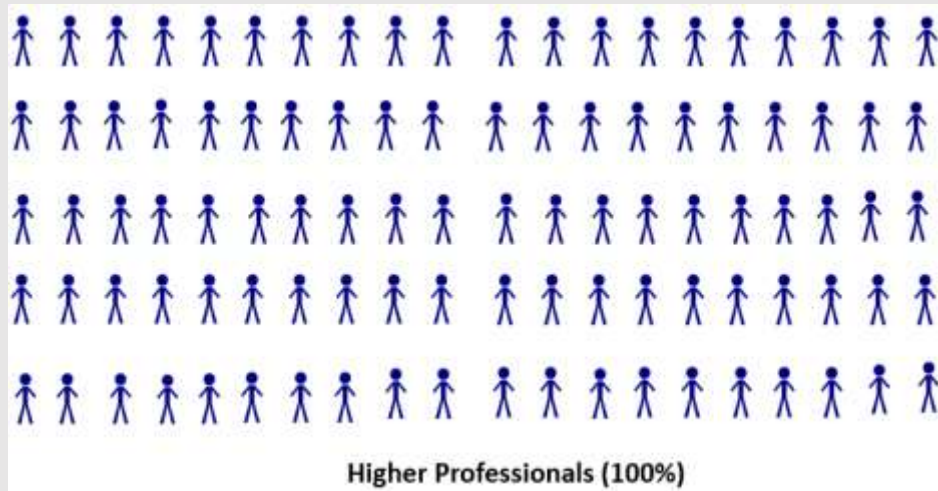
What is HEAR?

The Higher Education Access Route is an admissions route for school leavers who for **social, financial or cultural** reasons are **under-represented** at 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 Professions are significantly more likely to go to college than other socio economic groups.



Higher Professionals (100%)

Non Manual Workers (c. 23%)

Understanding Area Profile



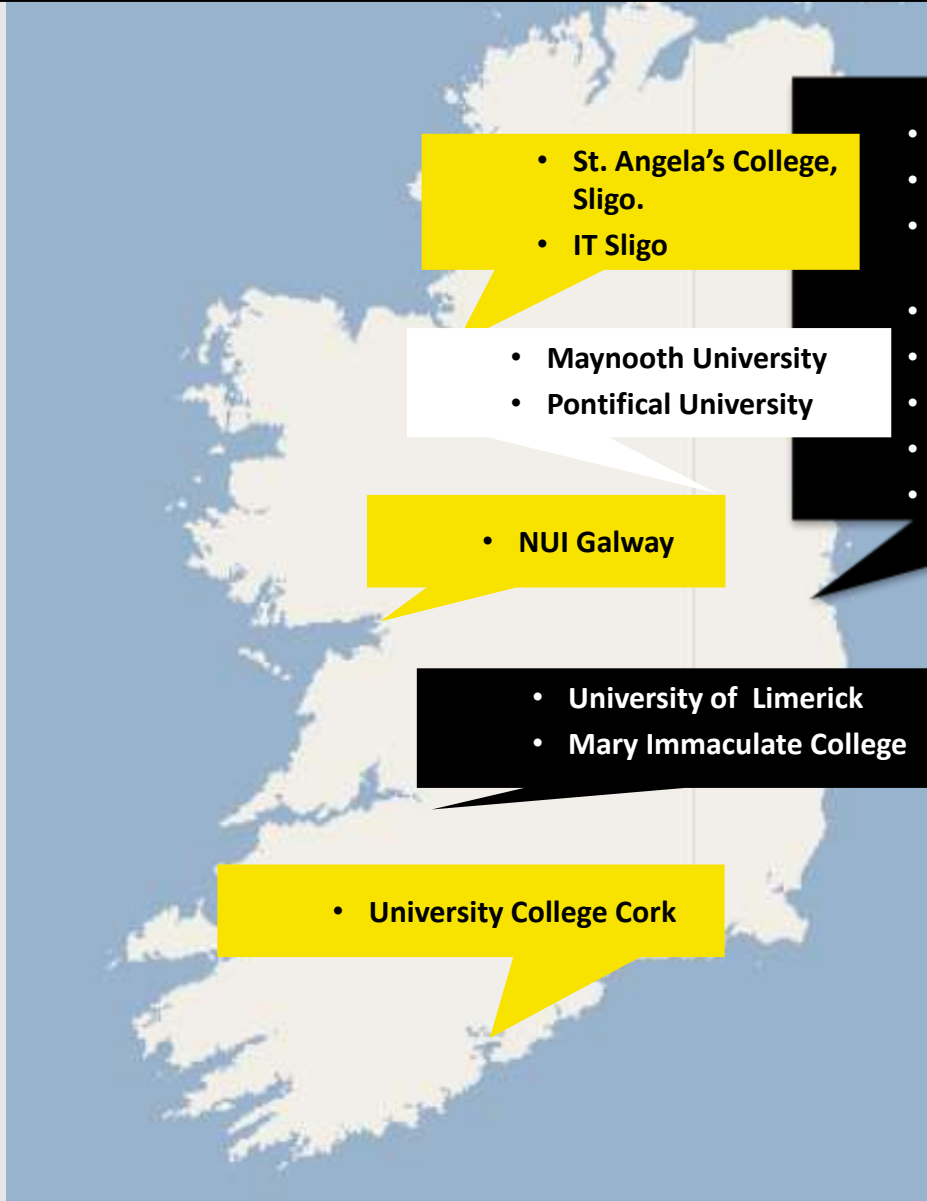
Dublin 6 (99%)



Dublin 17 (15%)

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

Where can I go to College?



- St. Angela's College, Sligo.
- IT Sligo

- Maynooth University
- Pontifical University


- NUI Galway

- University of Limerick
- Mary Immaculate College

- University College Cork

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





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)
 - less than €54,240/ €59,595/ €64,700
 - less than €39,875/ €43,810/ €47,575

SUSI: Some Key Messages



- **Check the website:** www.susi.ie
(Use Eligibility Reckoner)
- **CAO form:** Tick the SUSI option to share your college acceptance
- **Apply early:** April 2018
- **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:** 0761 087 874

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 is 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 €45,790 in 2016?**
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 2016?
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 2018**.
2. Review your HEAR Handbook with parents or guardians.
3. Complete all elements of the online HEAR application form by **1 March 2018**.
4. Submit clear copies of supporting documents requested on your checklist to CAO by **1 April 2018**.



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Handbook
2018

DARE HEAR
Nationwide Application
Advice Clinics

Saturday 20 January 2018

For locations and times visit:
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How do I know what documents I need?

1. When you fill in your online HEAR application and 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. Send in **all** documents on checklist to make a complete application before **1 April 2018**.

Sample Supporting Documents

P21 or Self Assessment Letter – Chapter 4 for 2016

Social Welfare Form for 2016
Signed and Stamped by Social Welfare official

RP50 Notification of Redundancy
or Retirement Lump Sum Letter for 2016

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.**

- **Keep proof of postage.**
- **Deadlines!**

DARE

DISABILITY
ACCESS
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What is DARE?

The **Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)** 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 disability.
- You are under 23 years as at **1 January 2018**.

Disabilities eligible for consideration

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

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 Specific Learning Difficulty: 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 **1 February 2018**.
2. Review your DARE Handbook with parents or guardians.
3. Complete Section A of the Supplementary Info Form and apply to DARE by answering Yes to Question 1 by **1 March 2018**.
4. Submit Educational Impact Statement and Evidence of Disability to CAO by **1 April 2018**.

DARE HEAR Timelines

DARE & HEAR closing date	1 March 2018
Supporting documents closing date	1 April 2018
Notification of eligibility	Late June 2018
Review and Appeals Application	July 2018
HEAR/DARE offers	August 2018
College Orientation	Late Aug /Early Sept 2018

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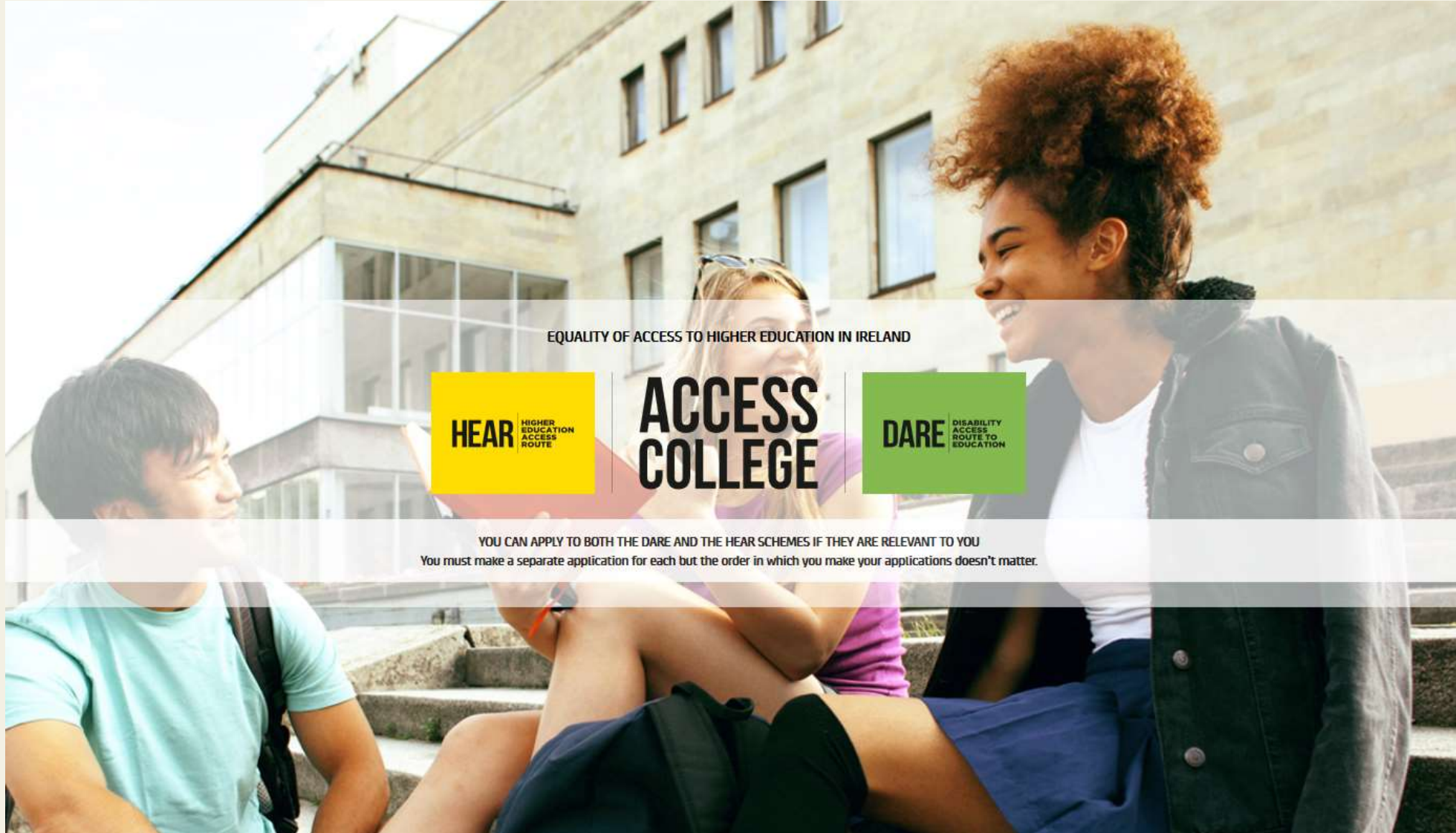
Remember

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



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.



Application Advice Clinics

DARE HEAR Application Advice Clinics



Saturday
20 January 2018
10am - 2pm

Additional Clinics

Kerry

Venue: The Rose Hotel, Tralee Co. Kerry
Date: Wednesday, 17 January 2018
Time: 5-8pm

Waterford

Venue: Woodlands Hotel,
Dunmore Rd, Waterford
Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2018
Time: 8-9pm

Wexford

Venue: Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford
Date: Thursday 18 January
Time: 2-7pm

Sligo
Glashouse Hotel,
Sligo

Donegal
Villa Rose Hotel,
Ballybofey

Monaghan
Glencam Hotel,
Castleblaney
Co Monaghan

Galway
NUI Galway
Aula Maxima
Lower

Midlands
Athlone Institute
of Technology,
Coffee Dock,
Main Building,
Athlone

Kildare
Maynooth University,
The Phoenix

Dublin
Trinity Access
Programmes,
Goldsmith Hall,
Pearse Street,
Dublin 2

Limerick
University
of Limerick,
Kenny Business
School

Kilkenny
Maynooth University,
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Cork
University College
Cork, Aula Maxima

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