

An introduction to:

Irish Universities

Application process

1. Irish, British and EU applicants apply centrally through the Central Applications Office (www.cao.ie)
2. All applications that meet the minimum requirements will be considered.
3. Students can apply for up to 10 Level 8 (honours bachelors) and 10 Level 7 (normal bachelors) degrees.
4. Students need to rank their applications in strict order of preference.
5. Once results come out, CAO calculates IB points into CAO tariff points and ranks each application against all other applications for a particular course for however many places are available on that course. CAO works down the preference list until a student is ranked high enough for one of his/her applications
6. Applications cost and have varying deadlines:
 - a. Early application Jan 20, 2022 €30.00
 - b. Regular application Feb 1, 2022 €45.00
 - c. Late application May 1, 2022 €60.00
7. Not all courses are available after February 1st
8. "Change of mind" process until July 1st - students can add/remove applications and change preferences
9. Offers start to be made from August 2022 onwards

Information about studying in Ireland

1. The cost of study is free for Irish, EU and UK students but a €3000 fee for student services is charged
2. Ireland has 7 universities and many technical universities and institutes of technology offering Level 8 and/or Level 7 degrees

Useful links

- <http://www.cao.ie/> – central application portal for studying in Ireland
- <http://www.cao.ie/index.php> - Central Application Office. Application and information site for applying to higher education in Ireland
- <https://www.educationinireland.com/en/> – information website for studying in Ireland
- <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/inis/pages/study> - Irish government website on student visas
- <https://www.topuniversities.com/where-to-study/europe/ireland/guide> - overview of top universities in Ireland