



## Guidance Department

LC2 Students should apply to the **CAO** in the next few weeks. They should fully research all their options (check "qualifax.ie" for entry requirements, course content, possible careers, previous points etc) and always ensure they have a "Plan B". Students can avail of the "change of mind" facility at a later stage so the only courses that have to be applied for before February 1st are the "**RESTRICTED**" courses. "**HEAR**" and "**DARE**" Schemes are applied for online as part of the CAO application. There are a number of valuable resources on the CAO website for students and parents, including video guides and answers to frequently asked questions. Students are also reminded to book student accommodation as soon as possible. **PLC** applications open from February onwards and the **SUSI Maintenance Grant** may be applied for in April 2019.

Highlighted are key dates and very useful websites to assist students and parents.

Best of luck in upcoming Mock Exams.

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## Important Closing Dates

NAME	DATE	DEADLINE
UCA	15th Jan. 2019	All Courses Close
CAO Application Deadline	20th Jan. 2019	Early Application Online Discount €30
	1st Feb. 2019	Normal Application Online/Paper €45
		Change of Mind facility opens (Free) 4th May 2019
		Change of Mind facility closes 1st July 2019
<b>HEAR &amp; DARE Schemes</b>	1st Feb. 2019	Apply ONLINE as part of your CAO application
Higher Education Access Route ("HEAR") and Disability Access Route to Education ("DARE")		
	1st Apr. 2019	HEAR & DARE Supporting Documents
Post Leaving Cert Courses		Apply Mid Feb. to August 2019
SUSI Maintenance Grant		Apply April - July 2019

## Important Websites

- [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie) (Essential Course Search Engine)
- [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) (CAO Information & Application)
- [www.accesscollege.ie](http://www.accesscollege.ie) (Hear & Dare Schemes)
- [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie) (Essential Course & Career Portal)
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) (Study in England)
- [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) (SUSI Grant Information)

All College Websites for Ireland - [www.name.ie](http://www.name.ie)  
 e.g. [www.ucc.ie](http://www.ucc.ie), [www.ul.ie](http://www.ul.ie), [www.dcu.ie](http://www.dcu.ie)

