

Colleges of Further Education



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Why choose Further Education?

Colleges of further education offer a wide and flexible range of options for mature students and school leavers alike. In this factsheet we look at some reasons why you might choose further education. The three local colleges are listed below.

- You **apply directly to the college** (there is no Central Applications System (CAO)) This gives you more time to make your choices and the chance to find out more about courses through open days and interview days
- Colleges offer learners more **flexible study options** such as mornings only and sometimes the option to do the course over two years instead of one. This can be particularly attractive to mature students and those with children
- Class size in the colleges tend to be smaller and offer students a more **personal experience**
- Colleges have good **links with employers** and they provide a wide range of options that reflect the diverse needs of the jobs market. Also a work experience module is usually part of the course
- Courses in the colleges can be a **stepping stone** to university. Many courses have direct links with degree courses
- For foreign nationals, further education is an important way to get a **recognised qualification**. Studying in Ireland also helps develop language skills and make CVs more attractive to prospective employers
- You can apply for a Maintenance Grant while you are on the course
- Social welfare recipients can apply for VTOS and BTEA

Local Colleges

Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education
Cumberland Street
Dun Laoghaire
Tel: 280-9676

Sallynoggin College of Further Education
Pearse Street
Sallynoggin
Tel: 285-2997

Senior College Dun Laoghaire
Eblana Avenue
Dun Laoghaire
Tel: 280-0385

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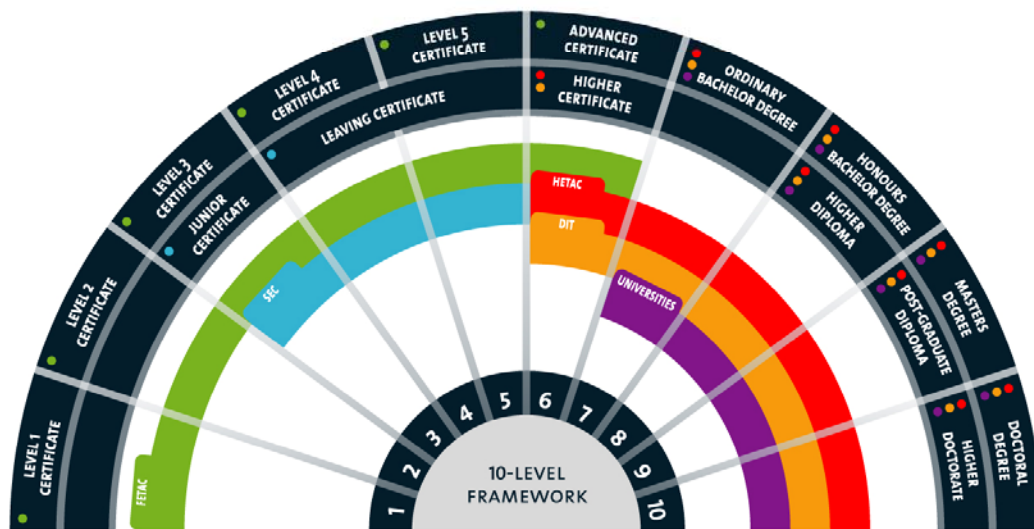
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AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

KEY

- FETAC - Further Education and Training Awards Council
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education & Science)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Awards Council
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities
- new Framework awards



The Colleges of Further Education and FETAC

The colleges of further education offer recognised qualifications at Levels 5 and 6 of the National Framework of Qualifications. If you wish to progress further with your education, courses in the colleges are very often directly linked with related courses in institutes of technology and universities.