

Mature Student Routes to Third Level

Access Courses
Direct Entry (CAO)
FETAC Pilot Scheme
Higher Education Links Scheme (HELS)



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Access Courses

Access courses are one-year preparation courses to enter third level. They aim to give students the skills and confidence to progress with their learning. Most require that you are at least aged 21. The big plus of access courses is that they have flexible entry requirements and you do not need to have the Leaving Certificate. The course may include study skills, writing skills, computer skills, other selected academic subjects and educational guidance.

GOING TO COLLEGE FACTSHEET

Trinity College Dublin

Trinity Access Programmes (TAP)
Mature Students
Attendance: 1 year, full-time
Fees: Do not apply
Financial supports: BTEA, College bursary
Closing date: March

University College Dublin

Access to Arts & Human Sciences
Access to Commerce
Access to Science & Engineering
Attendance: 1 year, part-time
Fees: Apply
Financial supports: Reduced fees if you are on social welfare or on low income

Dublin Institute of Technology

Mature Student (Access course)
Attendance: 1 year, full-time
Fees: Do not apply
Financial supports: BTEA
Closing date: Apply by May

NUI Maynooth Access Course

The NUI Certificate in Science, Business & Engineering
Attendance: 1 year, full-time
Fees: Do not apply if on social welfare
Financial Supports: BTEA
Closing date: Apply before May

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NUI Maynooth

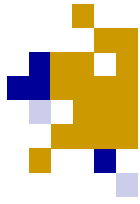
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Direct Entry through the CAO

(Central Applications Office)
Mature students (aged 23 or over on 1 January of the year of application) can apply directly through the CAO. Certain restrictions may apply so it is important to also contact the College Mature Student Officer/Admissions Office well in advance of the closing date for 1 February for normal applications.

FETAC Progression Pathways to Higher Education

A number of course places are available in Institutes of Technology and Universities for applications who hold a full FETAC level 5 Certificate.

Two schemes are in operation:

- Pilot Scheme
- Higher Education Links Scheme (HELS)

Under both Schemes application is made through the CAO and FETAC results are used as the basis for calculating points.

Pilot Scheme

FETAC results are converted into CAO points using the best 8 modules presented up to a maximum of 400. This scheme applies to Institutes of Technology only, excluding DIT

Higher Education Links Scheme (HELS)

A number of places are reserved on named FETAC courses for applicants holding particular awards with specified modules. A Major FETAC Award is necessary and a minimum of 5 distinctions is need to be considered for entry on a competitive basis.

The three Colleges of Further Education in Dun Laoghaire operate these schemes

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www.cao.ie

Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education

Cumberland Street
Dun Laoghaire
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Sallynoggin College of Further Education

Pearse Street
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Tel: 285-2997
www.scfe.ie

Senior College Dun Laoghaire

Eblana Avenue
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