

HEAR

Higher Education Access Route

School Presentation
2022

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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** in **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 Professionals are significantly more likely to go to college than other socio economic groups.



Higher Professionals (100%)



Non Manual (c. 23%)

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?

- Letterkenny Institute of Technology
- Institute of Technology, Sligo
- St. Angela's College, Sligo

- Athlone Institute of Technology

- Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- NUI Galway

- Carlow Institute of Technology

- Limerick Institute of Technology
- Mary Immaculate College
- University of Limerick

- Munster Technological University, Kerry Campus

- Maynooth University
- Pontifical University

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

- Waterford Institute of Technology

- Munster Technological University, Cork Campus
- University College Cork

Where can I go to college?

www.accesscollege.ie/hear/participating-colleges/



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

less than €24,500

2021 €

SUSI: Key Eligibility Criteria



- **Check the website:** www.susi.ie
(Use Eligibility Reckoner)
- **CAO form:** Tick the SUSI option to share your college acceptance
- **Apply early:** April 2022
- **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 are 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 2020?
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 2020?
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?

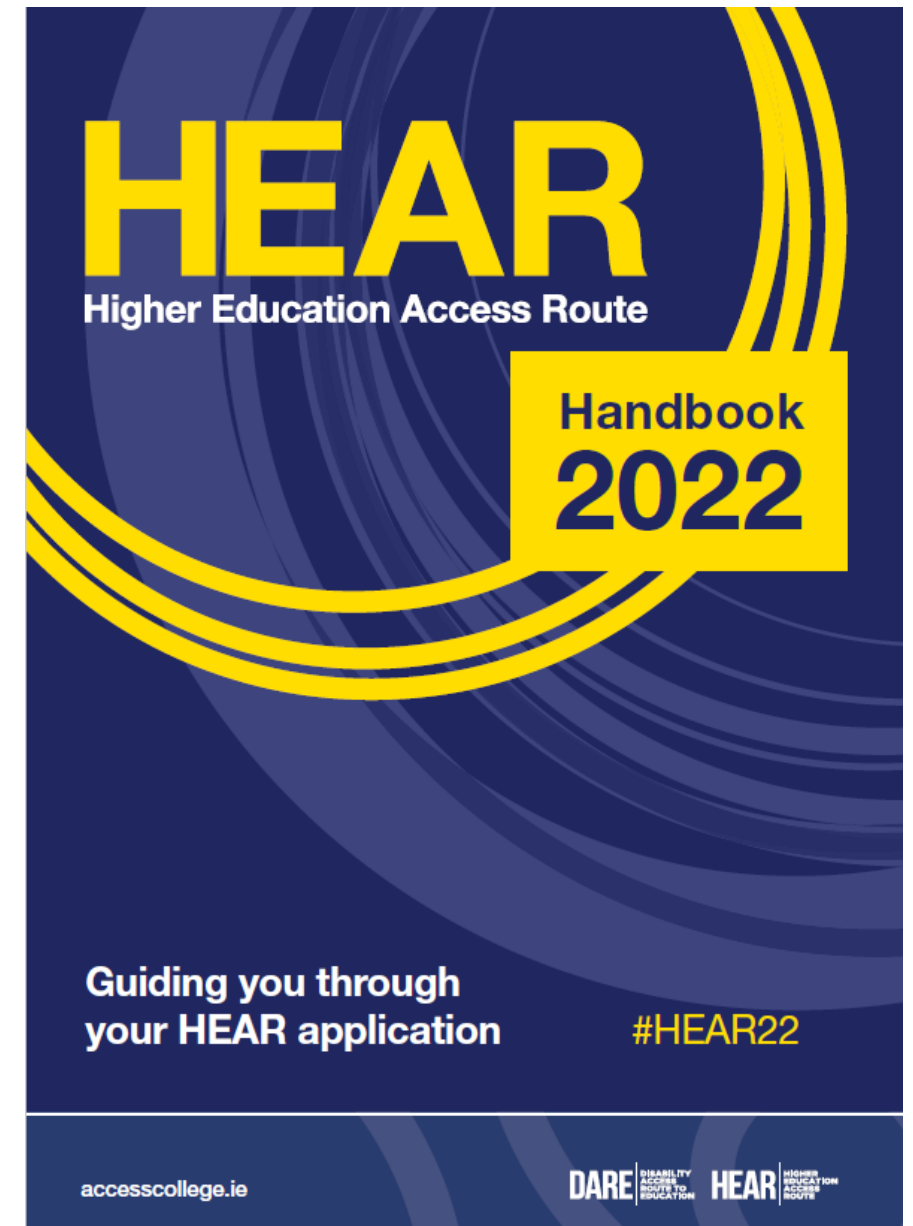


Talk to your
Parent/
Guardian.

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 2022**.
2. Review your HEAR Handbook with your parents or guardians.
3. Complete all elements of the **online HEAR application** form by **17:00** on **1 March 2022**.
4. Submit clear copies of **supporting documents** requested on your checklist to CAO by **15 March 2022**.



How do I know what documents I need?

1. When you fill in your online HEAR application 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. You should start gathering your documentation in a timely fashion, i.e. **before 15 February.**
4. Send in **all** documents on checklist to make a complete application before **15 March 2022.**

How do I know what documents I need?

- You can start your application as soon as the CAO opens on 5 November 2021.
- Do not leave it too late to start looking for the documents you need for your application –
 - **you should start gathering the documents you need before 15 February 2022**

Sample Supporting Documents

- **Statement of Liability** or **Self Assessment Letter – Chapter 4** for **2020**
- **Social Welfare Form/Statement** for **2020** Signed and Stamped by Social Welfare official
- **RP50 Notification of Redundancy** or
- **Retirement Lump Sum Letter** for **2020**
- **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.
 - **Submit correct Revenue documents – eg Statement of Liability**
- Keep proof of postage.
- Deadlines!



Did you know?

The most common reason for ineligible applications to HEAR in 2021 was because the applicant submit the wrong Revenue document.

HEAR seeks financial documents for 2020

- Statement of Liability or Self Assessment Letter or Notice of Assessment