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DISABILITY ACCESS ROUTE TO EDUCATION

FOR ENTRY AUTUMN 2012



**DARE APPLICATION
ADVICE CLINICS**

**Nationwide, Saturday
January 14th 2012**

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locations & times

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What is the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)?

The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a supplementary admissions scheme which offers college places on reduced points to school leavers with disabilities.

DARE has been set up by a number of colleges and universities as evidence shows that disability can have a negative impact on how well a student does at school and whether they go on to college.

Who should apply to DARE?

School leavers (under 23 years as at 1st January 2012) who have the ability to benefit from and succeed in higher education but who may not be able to meet the points for their preferred course due to the impact of a disability.

Why should I apply to DARE?

You should complete a DARE application if you wish to compete for one of the reduced points places on offer in the participating colleges.

Each college that takes part in DARE has a reserved number of places to offer eligible DARE students at lower Leaving Certificate points. This is what we mean by reduced points places.

Details of places available and the minimum course entry requirements can be found at accesscollege.ie

You don't have to be eligible for DARE to get support in college. All students with a disability, regardless of whether they come through DARE or not, can avail of a variety of academic, personal and social supports while studying at third level. Further information on the support available in college can be found at accesscollege.ie

How do I apply to DARE?

STEP 1

Apply to CAO www.cao.ie by 17:15 on **1st February 2012**.

STEP 2

No later than 17:15 on **1st March 2012**, you must disclose your disability and/or specific learning difficulty in your CAO application and fully and correctly complete Section A of the Supplementary Information Form (the SIF is a part of your CAO application). If you wish to be considered for the DARE scheme, you must indicate this on Section A of the fully completed SIF by ticking “Yes” to Question 5 by 17:15 on **1st March 2012**.

STEP 3

You must return the fully completed Second Level Academic Reference (Section B) and Evidence of Disability (Section C) to the CAO by 17:15 on **1st April 2012**.

Where can I find more information on DARE?

Further information on DARE, including the eligibility criteria for all disabilities, is available from **accesscollege.ie**

For questions on completing a DARE application, please contact the CAO Helpdesk by clicking ‘Contact Us’ at **www.cao.ie** or calling **091 509 800**.

The DARE Application Guide is available directly from participating colleges and guidance counsellors.

This guide is also available to view or download from the following websites: **accesscollege.ie**, **cao.ie** and **qualifax.ie**

