

# DGS Careers Bulletin – February 2018

## CAO

The 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring also marked the closing date for applications to the CAO. With the exception of restricted courses, e.g. Medicine, students do not have to enter any course choices as this can be done from 3<sup>rd</sup> May up to 1<sup>st</sup> July using the CAO's Change of Mind Facility.

Students applying through the DARE Scheme, as part of the CAO application process, are reminded that Section A of the Supplementary Form must be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) College Applications

All PLC colleges are now open for application 2018/19. PLC courses can offer students an opportunity to sample a specific course area, e.g. Psychology, prior to committing to a full-time Degree programme at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level. In addition some courses can give students the time to prepare portfolios for application to colleges including NCAD and Dun Laoghaire. Many students use PLC courses as their back-up in the event of not meeting the entry requirements for their desired course at I.T. or University.

Application to PLC's are made on-line directly to each institution. Students require their PPS number when applying and interviews at our two local PLC Institutes, O'Fiaich and Drogheda Institute, take place during the second week of May.

## Mock Exams

All Junior and Leaving Certificate exam students have just completed their mocks. The results will be available after the mid-term break and these will provide crucial information in planning study and revision across all subjects in the run up to June. It is important that all exam students use the mid-term break to rest and recharge the batteries for the 2nd half of term.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Student On-Campus Accommodation 18/19 - Dates for your Diary

12th February - Corrib Village (NUI Galway) on-line booking opens

<http://www.campusaccommodation.ie/students/>

1st March – DCU on-line booking opens

<https://dcu.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortal>.

2<sup>nd</sup> May (12 noon) – Maynooth University application opens

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/accommodation/accommodation-campus/applications-overview/incoming-cao-students>

### Cadetships 2018

The Defence Forces will shortly open applications for 2018 entry. Having spoken by telephone to them yesterday they indicated that it would be towards the end of this month when the online application system will be available to students.

### Study in the USA

Following a few enquiries about 3<sup>rd</sup> Level study in the USA you may find some of the following websites informative.

[www.educationusa.state.com](http://www.educationusa.state.com)

[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)

[www.chea.org](http://www.chea.org)

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

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