

The **Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)** is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school-leavers whose disabilities have had a negative impact on their second level education.

**DARE** offers reduced points places to school leavers who as a result of having a disability have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education.

### Eligible Disabilities

- Autistic Spectrum Disorders (including Asperger's Syndrome)
- ADD / ADHD
- Blind / Vision Impaired
- Deaf / Hard of Hearing
- DCD – Dyspraxia/Dysgraphia
- Mental Health Condition
- Neurological Condition (Incl. Brain Injury & Epilepsy,)
- Speech & Language Communication Disorder
- Significant Ongoing Illness (including Diabetes)
- Physical Disability
- Specific Learning Difficulty (Dyslexia & Dyscalculia)



To be eligible for DARE you must meet **both** the DARE **educational impact** criteria and DARE **evidence of disability criteria**.

### Benefits of DARE

- Orientation Programmes      Learning Support      Assistive Technology
- Library Support      Exam Accommodations      Educational Support Worker
- Academic Tuition

#### Do you want to apply for DARE?

**Complete and return form to the HEAR/DARE collection box located outside Mr. Courtney's Office between Aine and Brid by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018.**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible Disability (from above list):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counsellor (Please circle): Mr. Courtney / Mr. McCormack / Ms. O'Flanagan**

The **Higher Education Access Route** is an admissions route for school leavers who for **social, financial or cultural** reasons are **under-represented** at **third level education**.

**You will receive reduced points CAO offers** in the participating colleges provided you meet the minimum entry requirements.

### Reduced Points

- An example: If the Leaving Certificate points for a course is 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.

If you can say yes to these 2 statements:

1. Was your household income on or below €45,790 in 2017?
2. Do you or your family have a Medical Card/GP Visit Card?

Or .....if you can say yes to these 2 statements:

1. Was your household income on or below €45,790 in 2017?
2. Did your parents/guardians receive a means-tested social welfare payment for at least 26 weeks in 2017?

Then you should apply

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 1 Current/Previous Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 2 Current/Previous Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counsellor (Please circle): Mr. Courtney / Mr. McCormack / Ms. O'Flanagan**

**NOTE: Current/Previous Occupation of parents/guardians will be required as part of the HEAR application process.**