

## Available Places Policy

### What is “Available Places”?

Available Places are a list of courses that haven’t been filled by CAO applicants for places in SETU and other HEIs. It is very important to read all course related literature before making an application to an Available Place course to ensure it is of interest to you - it is not recommended to apply for “Available Places” for the sake of applying for a place in third-level. All “Available Place” courses for both List 1 (Level 8) and List 2 (Level 6/7) are advertised on the CAO website [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

### How do I add a new course?

Go to the ‘My Application’ section of the CAO website and log in. Once you’ve logged in you can add a Level 7 or Level 8 Available Place course. This will be added to your current list of courses so make sure that everything is listed in order of preference. Please see [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) for full details, including how to apply for an Available Place course.

If you put your Available Place course as your first preference, you may be offered that course and not anything below it. If you want to add an Available Place course, but still want to be considered for your first choice, then place it below your first choice.

Should SETU have Available Place courses, they will be advertised post CAO Round One.

### Important

Application for an Available Place course does **not** guarantee an offer for that course. Applicants must satisfy the Minimum Entry requirements as specified.

1. Mature applicants and applicants who have qualifications other than the Irish Leaving Certificate and/or QQI FET/FETAC are categorised as Non-Standard Applicants. Such applicants must contact the Admissions Office before completing an Available Place application.
2. An application should not be made for any course without first consulting the information literature for that course.
3. It is not unusual that the final cut-off points required for entry to Available Place courses can be higher than a previous offer round.
4. Applicants will only be considered for places on “Available Place” courses only.