Irish and EU School Leaver application timeline

The important application deadline dates for Irish and EU School Leaver applicants to the Undergraduate Medicine programme are outlined in more detail below.

5 November (in the year prior to expected admission to RCSI)

- CAO applications open for all EU applicants on 5 November in the year prior to the year of admission.

20 January (in the year of admission)

- Final date for CAO online discounted application fee.
- Closing date for registration for the HPAT-Ireland admission test. To be eligible to sit HPAT-Ireland, candidates must be in their final year of school or have completed their Leaving Certificate (or another EU secondary school exit examination) prior to the year of admission.
- Before registering for the HPAT exam, candidates must complete their CAO application, as the CAO application number is required to register for HPAT-Ireland.

1 February (in the year of admission)

- Closing date for CAO applications to RC001 (Undergraduate Medicine). This closing date also applies to DARE and HEAR applicants.
22 February (in the year of admission)
- The 2020 HPAT exam takes place on 22 February 2020. For details, visit the HPAT website.

1 March (in the year of admission)
- DARE applicants must disclose their disabilities and/or specific learning difficulties in their CAO applications and fully and correctly complete Section A of the Supplementary Information Form.
- HEAR applicants must apply to HEAR and finalise all elements of their HEAR online application.

5 March (in the year of admission)
- CAO late application facilities open at 12 noon.

15 March (in the year of admission)
- Latest date for HEAR/DARE supporting documentation to arrive in CAO

1 May (in the year of admission)
- Closing late for late applications via CAO.

1 July (in the year of admission)
- Closing date for submission of a CAO ‘Change of Mind’ (changes in the order of preference of the courses on your application).

Mid August (in the year of admission)
- Offers to all successful EU School Leaver applicants are made through the CAO, after the Irish Leaving Certificate and A-Level exam results are released, in mid-August.
- Applicants who wish to accept an offer of a place must return a formal acceptance notice to the CAO, either online or hard copy, within the specified time period.
- If an acceptance is not returned in time, the offer will lapse.