



3rd Years & Transition Year

2018-2019

Subject Levels and Subject Choice

Aims



- Leaving Cert. Established Programme
- Subject Choices & Application Process
- Subject Choice Preparation & Research

Established Leaving Cert Programme



What are my options now?

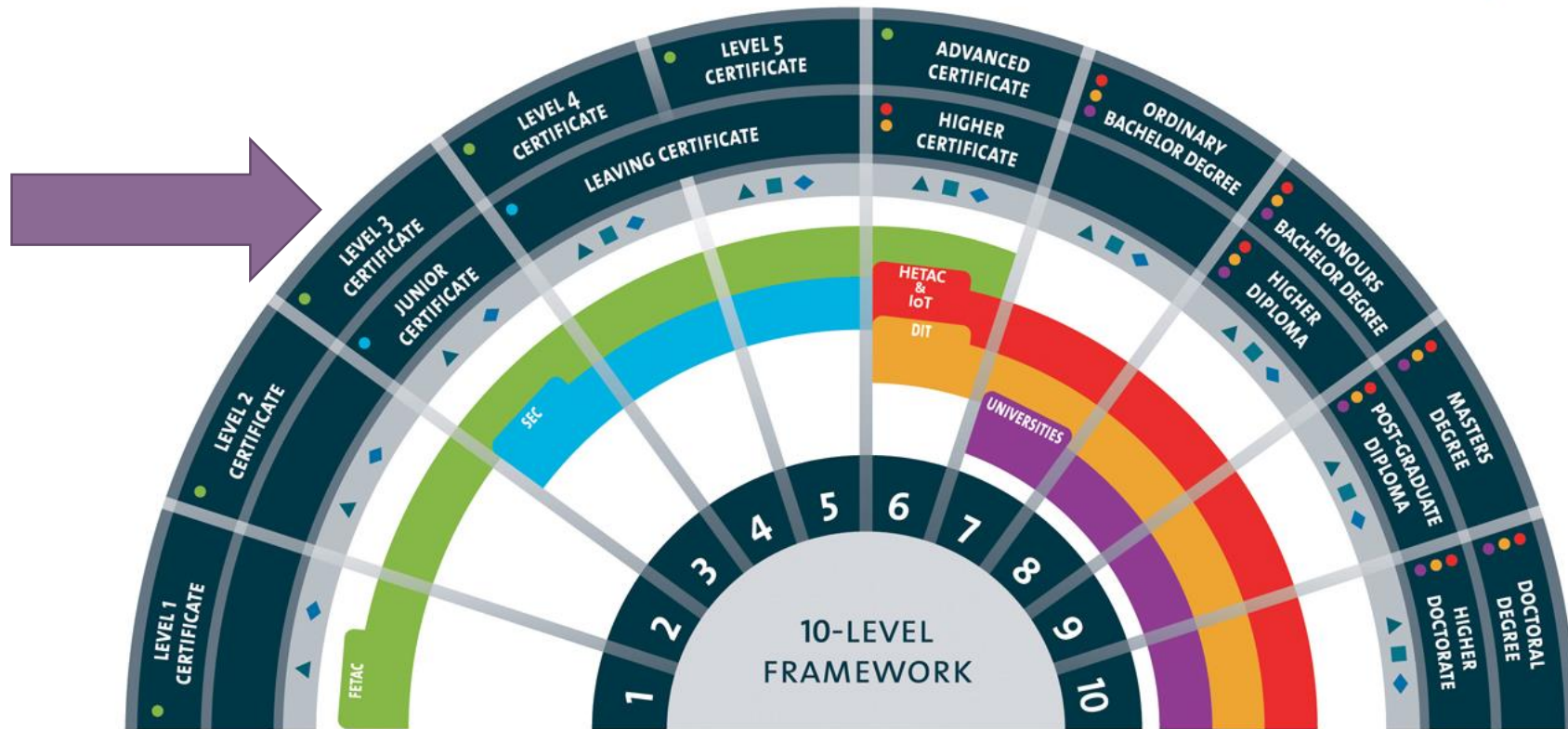
- Leaving Cert Established
- 2 years



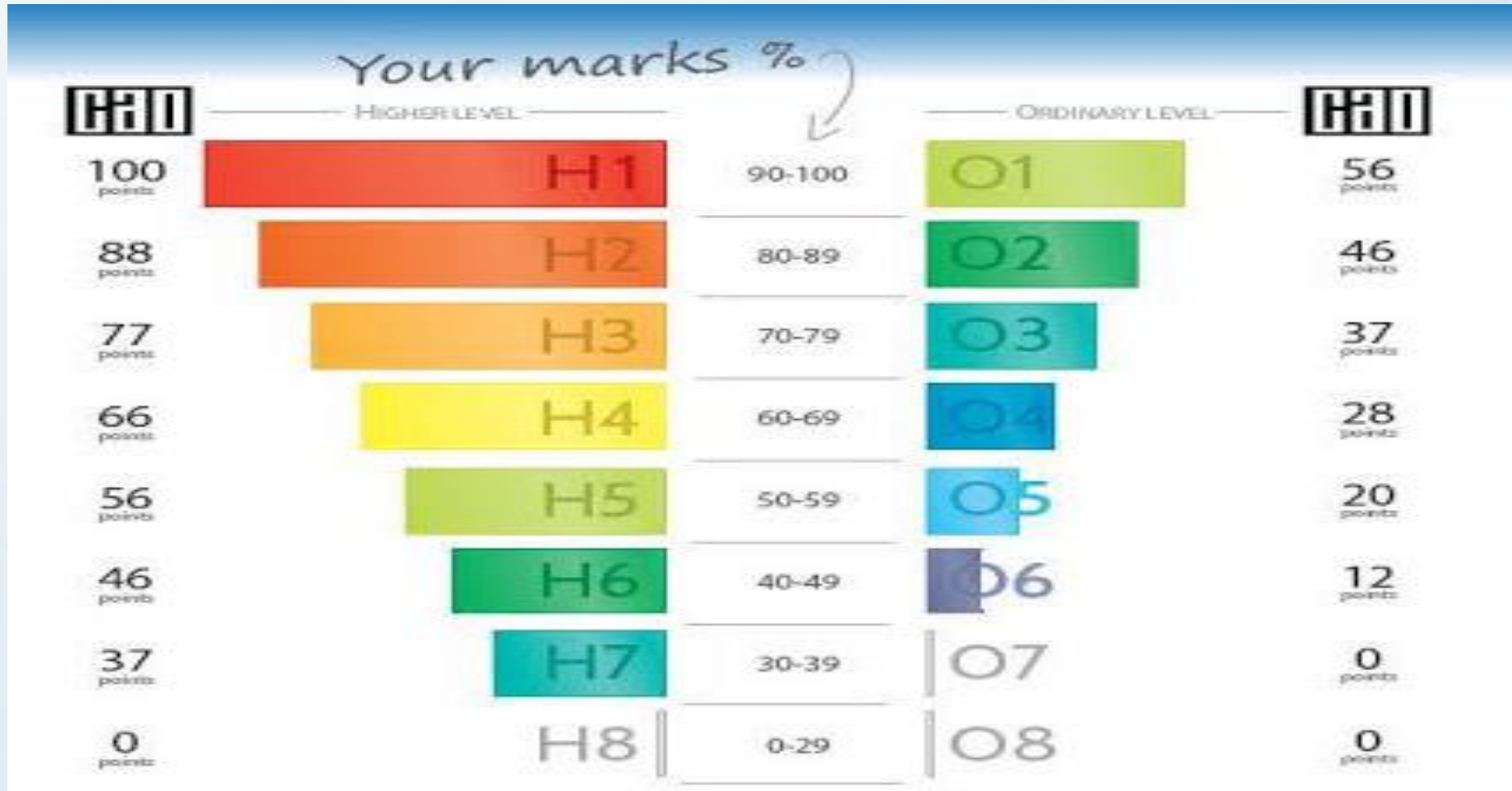
Qualifications

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS

Údarás Náisiúnta
Cáilíochtaí na hÉireann
National Qualifications
Authority of Ireland



New CAO Points System and Grades



*The 25 bonus points will continue to be awarded for higher level Mathematics, but not for the H7 grade).

Bonus Points for Higher Maths

- There is an additional 25 points added to every grade at Higher Level for Maths e.g.



H1 = 125 PTS

H2 = 113 PTS

H3 = 102 PTS

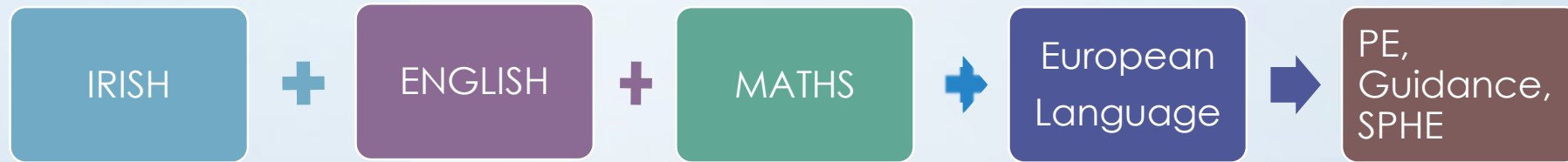
- This applies the whole way down to a H6 but only at **Higher Level Maths.**

Sample Student Profile- John

Subject	Grade	Points
Irish	O2	46
Maths	O4	(28) *Best 6 of 7
English	H3	77
French	H1	100
Biology	H5	56
History	H2	88
Business	H2	88
Total		<u>455 Points</u>



Subject Choices & Application Process



Established Leaving Cert

Core Subjects:

Choose Three Additional Subjects

Subject Choice	Rank
Biology	
Physics	
Chemistry	
Agricultural Science	
Home Economics (Social & Scientific)	
Engineering *	
Construction Studies	
Design Communications and Graphics	
Art (History & Appreciation)	
Music	
Geography	
History	
Business	
Economics	
Accounting	

Desirable Subjects

(But not Essential)

- Engineering –
 - **Physics, DCG/Construction and an aptitude for Maths**
- Beautician
 - **Biology**
- Science
 - **2 Science Subjects**
- Nursing
 - **Biology**
- Hotel & Catering
 - **Home Economics**
- Electrician, Business, Accounting
Computing, Psychology
 - **An aptitude for Maths**
- Business
 - **Business/Accounting**
- Radiography
 - **Physics**

Choosing a SCIENCE Subject – Biology/ Chemistry/ Physics/ Agriculture science

- **Some Courses require 2 Science Subjects:**

- TCD: Medicine, Dental Science (Any two lab sciences)
- UCC: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy (Chemistry & 1 other lab science)

- **Some Courses require 1 Science Subject:**

- Medicine
- Veterinary (Chemistry)
- Pharmacy
- Science
- Nursing
- Landscape Architecture
- Engineering (Physics Recommended)
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Human Nutrition & Dietetics (Chemistry)
- Radiography

There are over 170
courses on the CAO
that require a Science
Subject

- It is highly recommended that students **take two science subjects** if they want to pursue the **medical or science** areas due to subjects that are taught in college.

How do I choose my subjects?

- **1.** Do I need it for college?
- **2.** Am I good at it?
- **3.** Did my CAT4 results say I have a strength in a certain area?
- **4.** Am I interested in it?
- **5.** Do I enjoy it?
- **6.** Do I find it easy?

IF SO.....Yes!!



Steps I must take?



- 1. I get a form
- 2. I meet with Iníon Callinan
- 3. I talk to my subject teacher(s)
- 4. I talk to my friends studying the subject
- 5. I review my Career Investigation (steps)
- 6. Research entry requirements/courses etc.
- 7. If unsure (college/career) keep options open

Subject Choice Preparation & Research

Preparation & Research



Career Research Steps

- 1. www.careersportal.ie
- 2. Careers and Jobs
- 3. Search – Occupations
- 4. Research career of interest

Subject Choice Guides

- 1. www.careersportal.ie
- 2. Courses
- 3. Leaving Cert Subjects
- 4. Compare/Contrast options
- 5. Guide to Subject Choice (FAQ's)

Course Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements Research



- www.cao.ie
- Search courses
- Institution or course
- Select course
- Entry Requirements

A screenshot of the Central Applications Office (CAO) website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, My Application, Apply, Courses, Handbook, and Contact. The main content area features a search bar, a navigation menu on the left, and several informational boxes. The 'Need Help?' box is red, 'Advanced Entry' is blue, and 'Important Dates' is green. A 'news' icon is also visible.

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Central Applications Office

The Central Applications Office processes applications for undergraduate courses in Irish Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Decisions on admissions to undergraduate courses are made by the HEIs who instruct CAO to make offers to successful candidates.

Visit the CAO Applicant News page for regular updates.

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Need Help?
Click here for the demo application, video guides and answers to frequently asked questions.

Advanced Entry
Click here for applications to year 2, 3 and 4.

Important Dates:
Normal closing date for applications (17.15)
Deadline for completion of HEAR and DARE forms (17.15)

HEI contact details
Downloads
Points Calculator
Important Dates
Student Resources
About Change of Mind
Access Routes
DARE / HEAR
Restrictions
Mature Applicants
Information for Parents
Information for Schools
Media and Statistics
About CAO
Useful Links
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Useful Websites

- www.qualifax.ie
- www.cao.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.careerdirections.ie

Guidance Department Supports

The Guidance Department at CDL offers a unique **“Drop In”** support service where students can freely drop by the Guidance Office (OPPOSITE **Room 13/14**) to seek support in counselling, career advice or make an appointment with the Guidance Counsellor.

Drop In Hours - Wednesday 1:25 - 1:45pm

Guidance Class - (1 period a week)

