

Guidelines for Mature Applicants to Ensure You Make a Strong CAO Application

You are a mature student if in the year you apply you are 23 or older on 1st January

1. How to Apply

Mature applicants applying to TU Dublin must apply through the CAO before 17:00 on 1st February www.cao.ie The following three courses require an application to be submitted directly to TU Dublin:

- TU963 - Music
- TU655 - Computing Learn and Work
- TU977 - Visual Arts (Sherkin Island)

***Information on applying for these courses can be found on the course webpage.**

2. Important Dates for Applying

- Complete your online application before 17:00 on 1st February.
- Mature applicants applying by 1st February will be assessed in April/May.
- Complete the Mature Applicant Section of the CAO form by 1st March at 17:00.
- Late applications (i.e. applications made after 1st February and before 1st May at 17:00) and courses added during change of mind will be considered where places remain.

***For high demand courses such as Social Care and Computing we would strongly recommend you apply before 1st February.**

3. Select Relevant Qualifications and Assessments Categories

- On the CAO application form, select all categories of qualifications that apply to you (e.g., Mature Applicant, Leaving Certificate, Higher Education etc.) You can select multiple categories.

4. Enter Course Choices

- Ensure to list your courses in genuine order of preference.
- We would advise applicants to look at course web pages for each of the courses they wish to apply for. The course webpage will give you information on what the course involves, the modules you will study, the campus location and specific course requirements such as auditions or portfolio.
- If you need to amend or add courses you may need to use the 'Change of Course Choices' facility on the CAO website before 1st March at 17:00 or the 'Change of Mind' facility before the 1st of July at 17:00.

5. Complete Mature Applicant Section

- When you have your CAO application number, log in to your CAO account via 'My Application' to complete the Mature Applicant section before 1st March at 17:00 deadline. If you need support, email: Admissions@TUDublin.ie
- The personal statement and supportive documentation are crucial to enable us to fully assess your application. (AI generated personal statements are not appropriate and will not be considered as part of your application)
- Mature applicants may be assessed solely on their CAO application, not every course will call applicants for interview. Therefore, the mature application section of the CAO application is extremely important.

6. Provide Qualification Evidence and Supporting Documentation

- Provide evidence of any qualifications you list on your application within 10 days of applying.
- If you are currently studying, please tick the relevant box under Qualifications and Assessments and provide information under education.
- Go to cao.ie/upload for instructions on uploading your supporting documents, or cao.ie/post if supplying documents by post. Please do not do both.

BEST OF LUCK!