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Progression

from **FETAC** Level 5 Certificates
and Level 6 Advanced Certificates

TO HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES **2011**



This leaflet outlines progression links from FETAC Level 5 Certificates and Level 6 Advanced Certificates to higher education courses. It provides answers to some of the more frequently asked questions around CAO application for FETAC certificate holders through the Higher Education Links Scheme (HELS) and the Pilot Scheme.

Progression

The Higher Education Links Scheme (HELs) links specific FETAC Level 5 Certificates and Level 6 Advanced Certificates to reserved places on a variety of higher education programmes. The FETAC certificate titles and codes currently enabling links are listed in this leaflet. These certificates are mainly achieved at further education centres.

Since its inception over a decade ago the scheme continues to expand and broaden its progression routes to 3rd level education courses at a range of higher education institutions, including private 3rd level colleges. Currently, approximately 18% of all CAO applicants have a FETAC award.

In addition, the Institutes of Technology, some higher education institutions and private 3rd level colleges operate the Pilot Scheme for FETAC Level 5 and Level 6 Advanced Certificate holders. Both schemes enable access routes and are intended to facilitate greater progression to 3rd level programmes.

Applicants must have obtained a FETAC **major award**. A Component Certificate (Record of Achievement) will not suffice. A major award may be accumulated over more than one year. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their FETAC centre applies to FETAC for a major award where courses are taken over more than one year. Application for a major award should be made prior to CAO application.

For 2011 there are 40 higher education institutions offering progression to a wide variety of Level 6 Higher Certificate, Level 7 Ordinary Degree and Level 8 Honours Degree programmes, all of which form part of the National Framework of Qualifications www.nfq.ie

Note: In addition to the general entry requirements specified for FETAC applicants, some higher education institutions may have further entry requirements. For example, whilst a FETAC certificate may be achieved over a period of time, it may be an institution's requirement that an applicant's major award must be achieved in a **single sitting**. It is essential you confirm this and any any other specific requirements with the CAO www.cao.ie and the Admissions Office of individual institutions.

Similarly, some institutions may require Maths in addition to an applicant's FETAC award to meet their minimum entry requirements. Again, applicants are advised to confirm details of any specific requirements with the CAO www.cao.ie and the Admissions Office of individual institutions.

National Framework of Qualifications

What is the National Framework of Qualifications?

The National Framework of Qualifications consists of 10 levels, encompassing levels of education and training in Ireland. FETAC has specific responsibility for providing a range of awards at levels 1-6 in the framework. The framework shows how education and training awards relate to one another. A key element of the framework is to enable access and progression opportunities to education and training between levels. For further details consult www.nfq.ie

What is the Higher Education Links Scheme?

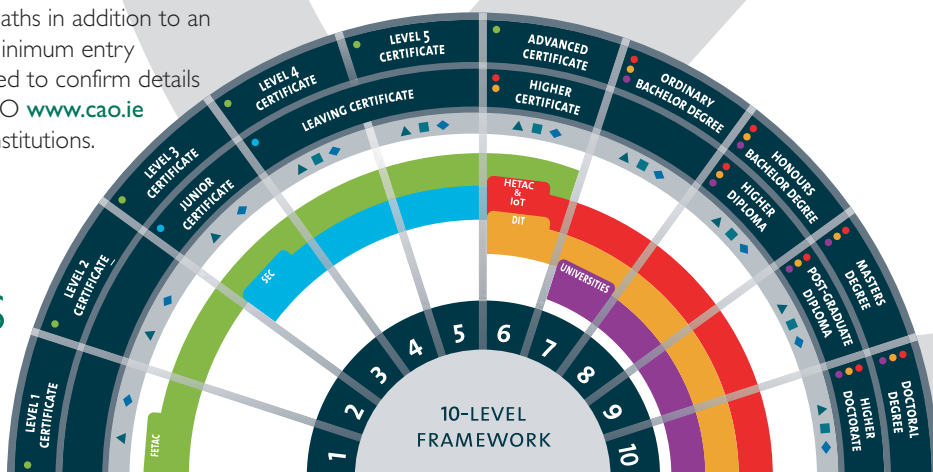
The Higher Education Links Scheme facilitates progression to a variety of higher education courses via specific FETAC Level 5 Certificates and some Level 6 Advanced Certificates (see list of FETAC certificate titles and codes listed in this leaflet). Under this scheme a number of places are reserved by higher education institutions for FETAC applicants for entry to a range of 3rd level courses.

Which higher education institutions operate the Higher Education Links Scheme?

The following higher education institutions operate the Higher Education Links Scheme:

- All Hallows College
- American College, Dublin
- Carlow College – St. Patricks
- Dublin City University
- Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT)
- Mary Immaculate College (University of Limerick)
- Mater Dei College (DCU)
- National College of Art and Design (NUI)*
- National University of Ireland Galway (NUI)
- NUI Maynooth
- Shannon College of Hotel Management
- St. Angela's College, Sligo
- St. Patrick's College Maynooth (Pontifical University)
- St. Patrick's College Drumconra
- University College Cork (NUI)
- University College Dublin (NUI)
- University of Limerick (UL)

* No quota of reserved places.



- FETAC - Further Education and Training Awards Council (Department of Education & Skills)
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education & Skills)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Awards Council IOT - Institutes of Technology (make their own awards at specified levels under Delegated Authority from HETAC)
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

There are four types of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:

- Major Awards: are the principal class of awards made at a level
- ▲ Minor Awards: are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
- Supplemental Awards: are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
- ◆ Special Purpose Awards: are for relatively narrow or purpose specific achievement

Which specific FETAC Level 5 Certificates and Level 6 Advanced Certificates are linked to courses at these higher education institutions?

Progression links are possible from the FETAC Level 5 Certificates and Level 6 Advanced Certificates listed below. However for details of specific linked certificates and/or additional or specific component requirements, please contact the Admissions Office of the individual higher education institutions or visit www.cao.ie

Code FETAC Level 5 Certificate

BBSAX	Administration
CAGXX	Agriculture
CASAC	Animal Care
EASXX	Applied Social Studies
CAXXX	Aquaculture
AAXXX	Art
AACDX	Art, Craft and Design
BBSBS	Bilingual Secretarial Studies
BBSSX	Business and Secretarial Studies
BBSXX	Business Studies
CBSXX	Butchering Skills
BCCOX	Call Centre Operations
CCPXX	Chemical Processing
DCHSC	Childcare
CFDXX	Commercial Fishing
DCHSX	Community and Health Services
ECAXX	Community Arts
DCHCC	Community Care
ECDXX	Community Development
ACADX	Computer Aided Design
CCNMX	Computer and Network Maintenance
CCONT	Construction Technology
CCTXX	Control Technology
ACXXX	Creative Craft
ECMXX	Creative Media
ECHSX	Cultural and Heritage Studies
EPADX	Dance
ADESX	Design
BEBXX	eBusiness
EETXX	Education and Training
CELTX	Electronic Technology
CENGT	Engineering Technology
AFDXX	Fashion Design
CFLOR	Floristry
CASFX	Food Science
CFXXX	Forestry
AFURX	Furniture Design
AGDXX	Graphic Design
DHXXX	Hairdressing
DHSXX	Healthcare Support
CHTXX	Horsebreeding and Training
CHMSX	Horsemanship
CASHX	Horticulture
CHXXX	Horticulture
DHCXX	Hotel and Catering
BIPXX	Information Processing
CITXX	Information Technology
AIDXX	Interior Design
BBSIT	International Trade
CASLT	Laboratory Techniques
ELESX	Language and European Studies
BLSXX	Legal Studies
ELAXX	Liberal Arts
EMAXX	Make-up Artistry
BMXXX	Marketing
EMEXX	Media Engineering
EMPXX	Media Production
CMTXX	Motor Technology

EMMPX	Multimedia Production
EPAMX	Music
DCHSN	Nursing Studies
COAXX	Organic Agriculture
COHOR	Organic Horticulture
DOREC	Outdoor Recreation
EPAXX	Performing Arts
EPAAX	Performing Arts Administration
EPXXX	Photography
CPIMX	Plastics Injection Moulding
EPJXX	Print Journalism
ERPXX	Radio Production
BROXX	Retail Operations
BRSXX	Retail Studies
CREXX	Rural Enterprise
DSACX	School Age Childcare
CSPXX	Seafood Processing
CSSXX	Security Studies
CSSTX	Security Systems Technology
DSRXX	Sport and Recreation
EPATP	Theatre Performance
EPATD	Theatre Production
DTXXX	Tourism
CTTXX	Transport Technology
ATLOX	Trompe l'Oeil
ETFPX	TV and Film Production
EYXXX	Youthwork

Code FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificate

BAXXX	Administration
CAGRI	Agriculture
BALBX	Applied Languages and Business
AAAXX	Arts Administration
AABXX	Art and Business
AATDX	Architectural Technology and Design
ECACT	Classical Acting
ECAPX	Community Arts Practice
ECDEV	Community Development
CCNTX	Computer Network Technology
ACCXX	Creative Ceramics
CETXX	Electronic Technology
AFDES	Fashion Design
AFIPX	Fashion Industry Practice
CGKXX	Greenkeeping
CHORT	Horticulture
AINTD	Interior Design
BITSX	International Teleservices
BMANX	Management
EMPRO	Media Production
EMXXX	Multimedia
EMMWD	Multimedia and Web Development
CNSSX	Networks and Software Systems
APAPX	Professional Arts Practice
CISOX	Security Operations and Administration
BSCRIM	Strategic Customer Relationship Management
DCXXX	Supervision in Childcare
EPHOT	Photography

Note: There are a number of FETAC Level 5 and Level 6 Advanced Certificates which are offered on a pilot basis, mainly by a small number of further education centres, which do not appear in the list of certificates in this leaflet. Progression to higher education courses may be available through these pilot awards and you are advised to make contact with the Admissions Office of individual higher education institutions for further information.



All your achievements
count with FETAC

What is the application process and scoring system under the Higher Education Links Scheme?

Applicants submit their 3rd level applications to the CAO by 1 February 2011 (1 May for late applications - consult CAO Handbook 2011). In July FETAC results are issued to the CAO and the participating institutions.

Each level 5 component with a credit value of 1 is credited with:

- 3 points for a Distinction
- 2 points for a Merit
- 1 point for a Pass

The best 8 components are scored and applicants are ranked accordingly.

Scores are adjusted to take account of component credit values other than 1. For full details of component values and scoring consult www.cao.ie

Note: Applicants presenting FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificates should contact the appropriate higher education institution and CAO directly for information on the admissions process.

What is the Pilot Scheme?

The Pilot Scheme facilitates progression routes to Higher Certificate (Level 6), Ordinary Degree (Level 7) and Honours Degree (Level 8) courses via any of the aforementioned/linked FETAC Level 5 Certificates and Level 6 Advanced Certificates (with the exception of Nursing Degree courses). Under this initiative most course places are open to FETAC applicants, along with Leaving Certificate applicants. Full details of the scoring system for FETAC applicants under this scheme can be found on the CAO website www.cao.ie. Courses may have pre-requisite FETAC certificate or component requirements and such requirements are listed in individual institutions' prospectuses and on the CAO website www.cao.ie

Some higher education institutions participating in the Pilot Scheme may also offer a number of linked courses via the Higher Education Links Scheme. In such cases, the application process and scoring system of the Pilot Scheme applies. However, applicants are advised to confirm details with the Admissions Office of the appropriate institution and with the CAO.

Which higher education institutions operate the Pilot Scheme?

The following higher education institutions operate the Pilot Scheme:

Athlone Institute of Technology
Cork Institute of Technology
Dublin Business School
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology
Dundalk Institute of Technology
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
Grafton College of Management Sciences
Griffith College, Dublin
Griffith College, Cork
Independent Colleges, Dublin
Institute of Business and Technology Swords
Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
Institute of Technology Carlow
Institute of Technology Sligo
Institute of Technology Tralee
ITT Dublin (Institute of Technology Tallaght)
Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Limerick Institute of Technology
National College of Ireland
National Counselling and Psychotherapy Institute of Ireland, Limerick
St Patrick's College, Thurles
Tipperary Institute
Waterford Institute of Technology

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Applicants are assessed as follows:

An overall point score is calculated based on the best 8 components presented in an applicant's FETAC Level 5 Certificate.

Each Level 5 component with a credit value of 1 is credited with:

- 50 points for a Distinction
- 35 points for a Merit
- 20 points for a Pass

Scores are adjusted to take account of component credit values other than 1. For full details of component values and scoring consult www.cao.ie

Note: Applicants presenting FETAC Level 6 Advanced Certificates should contact the appropriate higher education institution and CAO directly for information on the admissions process.



Under which scheme are there links to Nursing Degree programmes?

Links to Nursing Degree programmes are via the Higher Education Links Scheme. Applicants are eligible for entry to Nursing Degree courses via the following FETAC Level 5 Certificates:

- **Nursing Studies (DCHSN)**
- **Community and Health Services (DCHSX)**
- **Healthcare Support (DHSXX)**

In all cases, applicants must have achieved distinctions in five components, including:

- **Anatomy and Physiology (D20001)**
- **Introduction to Nursing (D20012)**
- **Human Growth and Development (D20032) or Biology (C20006)**

For details please contact the Admissions Office of the individual higher education institutions or visit www.cao.ie or www.nursingcareers.ie

Note: Whilst FETAC applicants may meet the requirements outlined above and be eligible to apply for a Nursing Degree programme, due to the very small number of places available a random selection system is operated by the CAO similar to that for Leaving Certificate applicants. For details consult the CAO handbook 2011 at www.cao.ie

Which institutions offer links to Nursing Degree programmes via FETAC awards?

The following higher education institutions offer links to Nursing Degrees:

Athlone Institute of Technology
Dublin City University
Dundalk Institute of Technology
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
Institute of Technology Tralee
Letterkenny Institute of Technology

National University of Ireland Galway (NUI)
St. Angela's College, Sligo
University College Cork (NUI)
University College Dublin (NUI)
University of Limerick (UL)
Waterford Institute of Technology

I have a FETAC certificate which is not listed in this leaflet - can I use it to access either of these schemes?

The Higher Education Links Scheme and the Pilot Scheme, through CAO application, apply to the certificates listed in this leaflet. However new progression routes continue to emerge for FETAC Level 5 Certificate and Level 6 Advanced Certificate holders. Awards formerly made by FÁS, Teagasc and Fáilte Ireland, which are now placed as FETAC awards on the National Framework of Qualifications, can enable progression to 3rd level courses.

For example, holders of the FETAC Advanced Certificate - Craft may progress to a number of levels 6, 7 and 8 courses at some higher education institutions via specifically named FETAC Advanced Certificate – Craft awards. Some higher education institutions offer access to levels 6, 7 and 8 courses via any FETAC Advanced Certificate - Craft and do not specify a named craft. In addition to a FETAC Advanced Certificate - Craft individual institutions may have further entry requirements such as an interview and/or preparatory programmes. Further details are available in the FETAC publication *Progression from FETAC Advanced Certificate - Craft to Higher Education Courses*, which is available in the publications section at www.fetac.ie

Note: Applicants are advised to confirm all progression opportunities and details of course entry requirements, including any additional requirements, with the Admissions Office of individual institutions and with the CAO.

Participating Institutions

All Hallows College
Grace Park Road, Drumcondra
Dublin 9
www.allhallows.ie

American College Dublin
2 Merrion Square, Dublin 2
www.amcd.ie

Athlone Institute of Technology
Dublin Road, Athlone
www.ait.ie

Carlow College - St. Patricks
College Street, Carlow
www.carlowcollege.ie

Cork Institute of Technology
Bishopstown, Cork
www.cit.ie

Dublin Business School
13/14 Aungier Street, Dublin 2
www.dbs.ie

Dublin City University
Glasnevin, Dublin 9
www.dcu.ie

Dublin Institute of Technology
143/149 Rathmines Road
Dublin 6
www.dit.ie

**Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art
Design and Technology**
Kill Avenue, Dún Laoghaire
Co. Dublin
www.iadt.ie

Dundalk Institute of Technology
Dublin Road, Dundalk
Co. Louth
www.dkit.ie

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
Dublin Road, Galway
www.gmit.ie

Grafton College of Management Sciences
7 Gardiner Row, Dublin 1
www.graftoncollege.com

Griffith College Cork
Cove Street, Cork
www.gcc.ie

Griffith College Dublin
South Circular Road, Dublin 8
www.gcd.ie

Independent Colleges
60/63 Dawson Street, Dublin 2
www.independentcolleges.ie

Institute of Business and Technology
Burgundy House, Forster Way
Swords, Co. Dublin
www.ibat.ie

Institute of Technology Blanchardstown
Blanchardstown Road North, Dublin 15
www.itb.ie

Institute of Technology Carlow
Kilkenny Road, Carlow
www.itcarlow.ie

Institute of Technology Sligo
Ash Lane, Sligo
www.itsligo.ie

Institute of Technology Tralee
Clash, Tralee
www.ittralee.ie

**ITT Dublin
Institute of Technology Tallaght**
Tallaght, Dublin 24
www.it-tallaght.ie

Participating Institutions

Letterkenny Institute of Technology
Port Road, Letterkenny
www.lyit.ie

Limerick Institute of Technology
Moylish Park, Limerick
www.lit.ie

Mary Immaculate College
South Circular Road, Limerick
www.mic.ul.ie

Mater Dei Institute
Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3
www.materdei.ie

National College of Art and Design
100 Thomas Street, Dublin 8
www.ncad.ie

National College of Ireland
Mayor Street,
International Financial Services Centre,
Dublin 1
www.ncirl.ie

**National Counselling and Psychotherapy
Institute of Ireland,**
Walton House, Lonsdale Road
National Technology Park, Castletroy
Limerick
www.ncpii.ie

National University of Ireland Galway
University Road, Galway
www.nuigalway.ie

National University of Ireland Maynooth
Maynooth, Co. Kildare
www.nuim.ie

St. Angela's College, Sligo
Lough Gill, Sligo
www.stacs.edu.ie

St. Patrick's College
Cathedral Street, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
www.stpats.ie

St. Patrick's College,
Drumcondra, Dublin 9
www.spd.dcu.ie

St. Patrick's College, Pontifical University,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare
www.maynooth.ie

Shannon College of Hotel Management
Shannon Airport, Co. Clare
www.shannoncollege.com

Tipperary Institute
Nenagh Road, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
www.tippinst.ie

University College Cork (NUI)
Western Road, Cork
www.ucc.ie

University College Dublin (NUI)
Belfield, Dublin 4
www.ucd.ie

University of Limerick
National Technological Park, Limerick
www.ul.ie

Waterford Institute of Technology
Cork Road, Waterford
www.wit.ie

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**An Bord Altranais/Nursing
Careers**
www.nursingcareers.ie

CAO
www.cao.ie

**National Qualifications Authority
of Ireland**
www.nqai.ie

Qualifax
www.qualifax.ie

Student Finance
www.studentfinance.ie

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