Ireland

Leaving Cert grades and CAO points

Leaving Certificate grades from 2017 on, with CAO points for the 2027 entry cycle

Percent	Higher Level	CAO points	Ordinary Level	CAO points
90 to 100	H1	100	O1	56
80 to 89	H2	88	O2	46
70 to 79	H3	77	O3	37
60 to 69	H4	66	O4	28
50 to 59	H5	56	O5	20
40 to 49	H6	46	O6	12
30 to 39	H7	37	O7	0
0 to 29	H8	0	O8	0

CAO counts your six best results from one sitting, with 25 bonus points on Higher Level maths at H6 or better.

Checked against the sources on 4 November 2026. Rules can change, so your board or university has the final word.

Source: Nuffic: Grades and study results (Ireland) (opened 4 November 2026); CAO: Irish Leaving Certificate Examination Points Calculation Grid (opened 4 November 2026); CAO: Irish Leaving Certificate Examination Points (opened 4 November 2026)

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