

## Examples of how CAO College places are allocated.

The following are Mary and John's **CAO Applications...**

What course will they be **offered based on the points that they obtained in their Leaving Certificate?**

**Mary**

### Level 8

Course Code	Course Title	Example of 1 <sup>st</sup> round points (these may not be the actual points in round 1, 2009!!!)
GY101	Arts	355
GY110	Arts with Children's Studies	435*
DT552	Media Arts	425

**\*asterisk means that not all students with these points were offered the course**

Course offered: \_\_\_\_\_

### Level 7/6

Course Code	Course Title	Example of 1 <sup>st</sup> round points (these may not be the actual points in round 1, 2009!!!)
AL054	Social Care Practice	325
BN107	Applied Social Studies	330

Course offered: \_\_\_\_\_

*John*

**Level 8**

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Example of 1<sup>st</sup> round points (these may not be the actual points in round 1, 2009!!!)</b>
DC126	Actuarial Maths	485
CK202	Accounting	475*
CK204	Finance	445
DN015	Commerce	450

Course offered: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: John decided not to apply for any Level 7/6 courses.

**Note:** in this example, all ten level 8, 7&6 course choices are not shown...however it would be advisable for students **to enter ten level 8 and ten level 7/6 choices** to ensure that one receives a course offer. Remember points can change from year to year. Also, some courses are offered on the basis of **random selection**. In which case, there is no guarantee that you will be offered a course even if you have the entry requirements and the points for that particular course.

## **CAO Offers**

### **Mary**

Mary obtained 440 points in her Leaving Certificate Examination. Her first choice, level 8 was 355 points and since she had the required points, she would have been offered this course. She will not be offered any further level 8 courses in the subsequent rounds of the CAO allocation of college places.

Since she also had the points required for her first choice level 7/6 course she would also have been offered this.

She would then have to decide whether she would accept the level 8 or the level 7/6 offer.

### **John**

John obtained 465 points in his Leaving Certificate. He would have been offered his third level 8 choice as he did not have the required points for his first or second choice.

However, if the points for either his first or second choice were to drop in the second or third rounds of the CAO allocation of college places, he could be offered either of these places.

In both the case of Mary and John, they will not receive an offer lower down their list of course choices i.e. GY110 or DT552 in the case of Mary and DN015 in the case of John even though they had the points for these particular courses. This is where the genuine ORDER of PREFERENCE is important!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!