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Things to know before starting 3rd Level



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What is the DARE scheme?

DARE: Disability Access Route to Education is an admission scheme to college. This involves a reduction of leaving certificate points to access college courses. DARE is for school leavers under the age of 23 with a disability, who have been educationally impacted as a result of that disability.



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Important dates to be aware of:

1. **February 1st:** You need to make a CAO application before DARE application
2. **February/March:** contact student accommodation and research deadlines for accommodation applications
3. **March 1st:** Section A of DARE application is due online
4. **March 15th:** Section B and C of DARE application is due by post



You can still access services and reasonable accommodations in college even if you're not accepted for the DARE scheme. To do this you will need to contact the disability office and discuss your needs with them.

Useful websites:

Grants information: <https://susie.ie/>

Application to courses and important timelines: <http://www.cao.ie/>

Information about finance assistance schemes: <https://hea.ie/funding-governance-performance/funding/student-finance/>

General information on DCD/Dyspraxia: <https://www.dyspraxia.ie/>



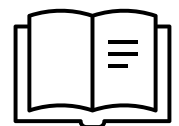
Services to talk to in college:

- Disability Services
- Counselling Services
- Library services
- Tutors
- Student Services



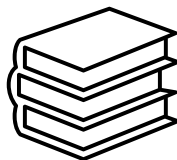
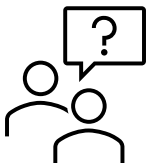
Useful Software:

- Speech-to-text software e.g., Dragon Dictate (free app version), also free version on Microsoft Word.
- Text-to-speech software e.g., ClaroRead, Text Help.
- Organisation software – e.g., use of communal calendar across phone and laptop
- Grammar correction software e.g., Spellcheckers or Grammarly



Questions to ask myself before going to 3rd level:

1. What course do I want to do and where do I want to go?
www.qualifax.ie
2. How am I going to travel to college?
Car, bus, train, walk, cycle?
3. Do I need to work on any skills before going to college?
Cooking, driving, computer skills?
4. Do I know anyone else in this college?
Can I ask them for information on the college?
5. Should I need to visit the college?
Visit the campus and use a map or a guide to help
6. Will I get a grant for college?
www.susi.ie
7. Is there anyone I need to talk to or get advice from?
Such as a guidance counsellor, friends, teacher?



Useful links to sites and resources

1. [Dare – College \(accesscollege.ie\)](https://accesscollege.ie)
2. www.cao.ie/
3. [Summary of RACE Guidelines for Students with DCD
Dyspraxia.pdf](#)
4. <https://www.ahead.ie/>
5. www.dyspraxia.ie/
6. www.qualifax.ie
7. www.susi.ie
8. www.grammarly.com
9. [claroread-](#)
10. <https://www.nuance.com/dragon>
11. [www.hea.ie/funding-
governanceperformance/funding/student-finance/](https://www.hea.ie/funding-governanceperformance/funding/student-finance/)

