

CIT DARE Admissions Criteria 2019

Overview

Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) is a member of the **DARE (Disability Access Route to Education) scheme** for school-leavers who as a result of having a learning difference, health condition or disability have experienced additional educational challenges in second level education (www.cit.ie/dare), and **the HEAR (Higher Education Access Route) Scheme** for school leavers who experience socio-economically disadvantage: www.mycit.ie/access_disability/hear2.



These admissions schemes offer reduced points places to eligible applicants, and additional college support during their studies. The CIT Disability Support Service (part of the CIT Access Service) supports the DARE scheme and the CIT Access Service supports the HEAR scheme: www.mycit.ie/access_disability

DARE/HEAR 2019 Quota

There is a guideline quota of 5% of reduced points DARE places and 5% of reduced points HEAR places on all first year full-time undergraduate courses in CIT (including Cork School of Music, Crawford College of Art, and National Maritime College of Ireland).

In order to be considered for a reduced points DARE offer, applicants must meet the criteria set out below. The DARE criteria have been revised as CIT has now joined the HEAR scheme in 2019.

CIT DARE Admissions criteria

The 2019 CIT admissions criteria for Reduced DARE offers are:

- Applicants must be eligible for DARE (DARE eligibility does not guarantee an offer of a college place, it means that an applicant is eligible to compete for a reduced points place).
- Applicants must matriculate – they must meet the minimum entry requirements for each course, including minimum scores in portfolio/entrance tests, etc., maths and/or language requirements, number of subjects, medical examinations, and any other relevant programme requirements that all applicants must meet. These are listed on each individual course description: www.cit.ie/courses.caocourseslist
- Applicants are considered for Reduced DARE reduced points places if they are within a band of 50 points below the cut-off point on the date the DARE offers are made.
- Only the applicant's Leaving Certificate points will be considered, and not any points calculated for portfolio, auditions, entrance tests, etc. (as these are part of the minimum requirements for a course).
- Applicants must achieve a minimum of 200 CAO points.

- Eligible DARE applicants under the Physical disability, Hearing impairment and Visual impairment categories will be offered priority Reduced DARE places, if they meet the all the requirements and are nearest to the cut off point for a chosen course. The remaining place(s) will be offered to the remaining DARE eligible applicants with the highest number of points below the cut-off point who meet the above criteria, if they meet the all the requirements and are nearest to the cut off point for a chosen course.
- Eligible applicants for both the DARE and HEAR schemes will be offered priority HEAR reduced points places.

Re-allocation of Unused Quota Places

- In cases where the quota for DARE or HEAR Reduced points places has not been filled, these places may be offered to eligible DARE/HEAR applicants. For example where quota places for DARE applicants have not been filled, these places may be offered to HEAR applicants.

Conditions of accepting a DARE reduced offer

- Applicants who accept a DARE reduced place MUST register with the CIT Disability Support Service as a condition of their offer.
- Applicants who accept a priority HEAR/DARE reduced points place MUST register with the CIT Disability Support Service and attend the compulsory HEAR orientation and engage with their HEAR advisor in the CIT Access Service as a condition of their offer.