A silhouette of a person standing on a hill with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or freedom. The background is a vibrant sunset sky with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a clear blue at the top, with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is one of hope and achievement.

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School Presentation

for entry autumn 2014

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# What is HEAR?

- Higher Education Access Route is an admissions route for school leavers who for social, financial or cultural reasons are under-represented at third level education.
- It was established by **16** colleges and universities to ensure that all Leaving Certificate students have a fair and equal opportunity to progress to third level education.

# What colleges participate in HEAR?

- Dublin City University
  - NUI Galway
  - NUI Maynooth
  - Trinity College, Dublin
  - University College, Cork
  - University College, Dublin
  - University of Limerick
- Dublin Institute of Technology
- Church of Ireland, College of Education
  - Marino Institute of Education
  - Mary Immaculate College of Education
  - Mater Dei Institute of Education
  - National College of Ireland
  - Pontifical University, Maynooth
  - St. Angela's College, Sligo
  - St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra

# What HEAR is not

HEAR is **NOT** the SUSI grant

If you apply to HEAR, you should also apply to SUSI if you think you may be eligible.

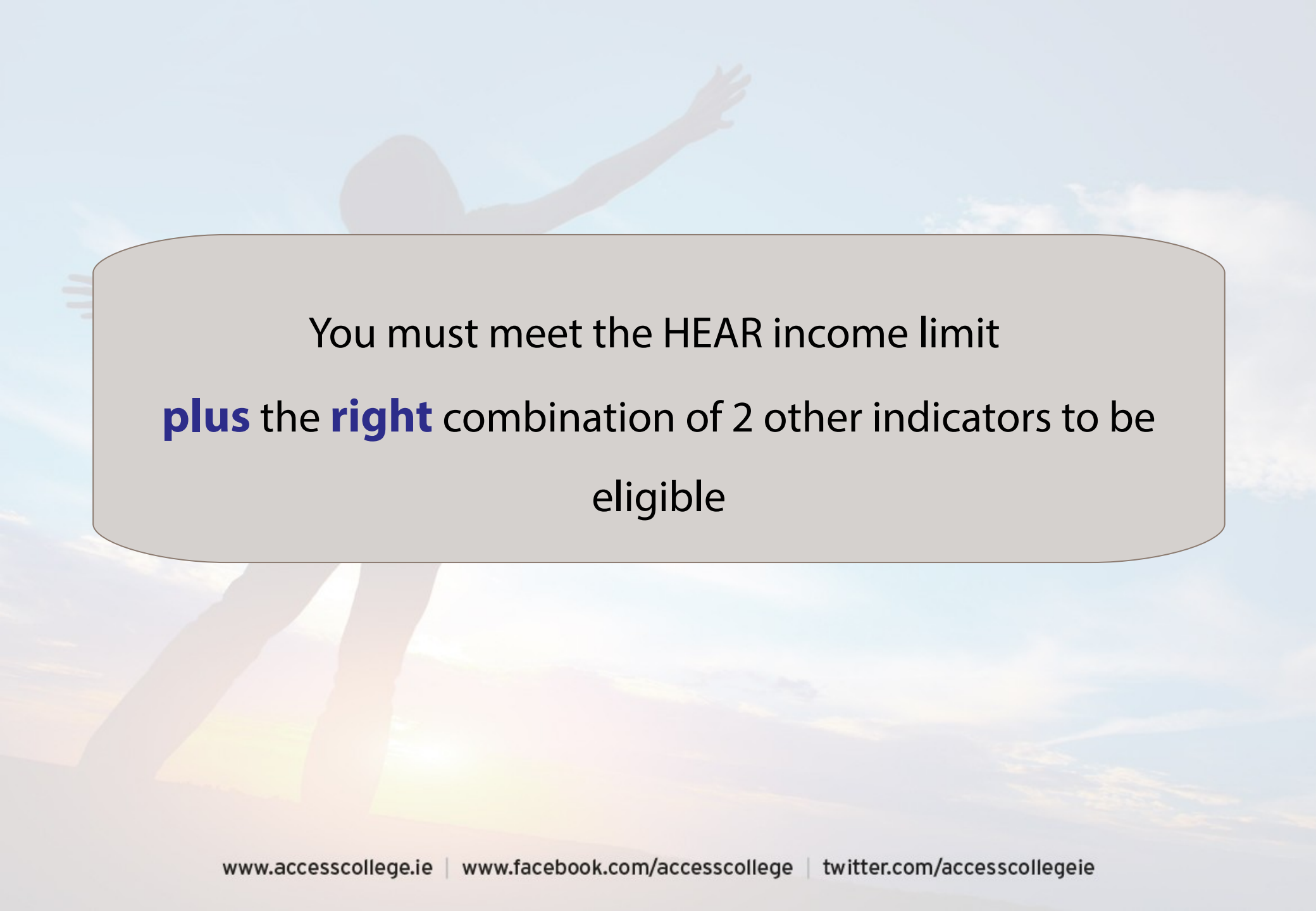
# Why apply to HEAR?

- **Reduced points CAO offers** in the participating colleges provided you meet the minimum entry requirements.

- **Post-entry supports** such as financial, academic, social and personal.

# Should I apply?

1. Was your household income on or below €48,811 in 2012?
2. Do you or your family have a Medical Card/GP Visit Card?
3. Did your parents/guardians receive a means-tested social welfare payment for at least 26 weeks in 2012?
4. Is your parents' or guardians' employment status under-represented in Higher Education?
5. Have you attended a DEIS second level school for five years?
6. Do you live in an area of concentrated disadvantage?

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or joy, set against a bright, hazy sunset sky with soft clouds. The person is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame, with their arms extending towards the upper-right.

You must meet the HEAR income limit  
**plus** the **right** combination of 2 other indicators to be  
eligible

# How do I apply?

1. Apply to CAO at [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) by **1 February 2014**
2. Fill in your HEAR Application Guide & Workbook with parents or guardians
3. Complete all elements of the online HEAR application form by **1 March 2014**
4. Submit clear copies of supporting documents requested on your checklist to CAO by **1 April 2014**





# Your HEAR checklist

- When you fill in your online HEAR application you will receive a checklist at the end. The checklist is based on the information you provided.
- The checklist tells you the supporting documents you need to fully complete your HEAR application.
- Your HEAR application will not be complete unless you send in **all** the requested documents.

# Sample supporting documents

P21 or Notice of Assessment (long version) for **2012**

Social Welfare Form for **2012** Signed and Stamped by Social Welfare official

RP50 Notification of Redundancy or Retirement Lump Sum Letter for **2012**

Letter from Health Service Executive for Children in Care of the HSE

# helpful Tips

- Study and fill in the guide carefully with your parents / guardians.
- Complete the online application accurately.
- Accurate description of Parental Occupation.

- Request the required supporting documentation early.
- Send good quality copies of all pages of the correct documents.
- Submit all supporting documents requested.

- Keep proof of postage.
- Deadlines!

# HEAR/DARE Timeline

Application advice clinics	11th January 2014
HEAR closing date DARE closing date	1 March 2014 1 March 2014
Supporting documents closing date	1 April 2014
Notification of eligibility	Late June 2014
Application recheck	July 2014
HEAR/DARE offers	August 2014
College Orientation	Late Aug /Early Sept 2014

# Remember...



Submit it!

Check it!

Send it!



# Application Advice Clinics

## **HEAR & DARE Application Advice Clinics**

**Saturday 11 January 2014**

See [accesscollege.ie](http://accesscollege.ie) for locations and times of these and other HEAR & DARE Clinics

# Further Information

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