



Provision of Education in Ireland
Pre-school, primary, second level, special needs,
3rd level, adult & 2nd chance

Third Level Education

- CAO used for applications for undergraduate courses.
- Each course has entry points varying annually
- Points depends on course demand
- The LC, 6 best subjects are used to calculate CAO points.
- Certain places on undergrad courses are reserved for mature students (23+), students who completed a PLC course & foreign students.

Universities	
Institutes of Technology	
Independent private colleges	
Colleges of education	

Adult & Second chance education

Aim: Promote a culture of lifelong learning by creating opportunities for adults of all ages & educational levels to go back to education & gain skills within flexible learning system & qualifications system

1. Spend time at a particular interest for relaxation & enjoyment

6. Gain qualifications that they may have not had a chance to get when younger.

2. Interact with people from different backgrounds & ages.

Reasons why adults return to education

5. Improve qualifications to allow a career change or gain an internal promotion.

3. Develop literacy & numeracy skills- some adults may be illiterate due to leaving education early

4. Keep up to date with technological advancements i.e. I-Pads

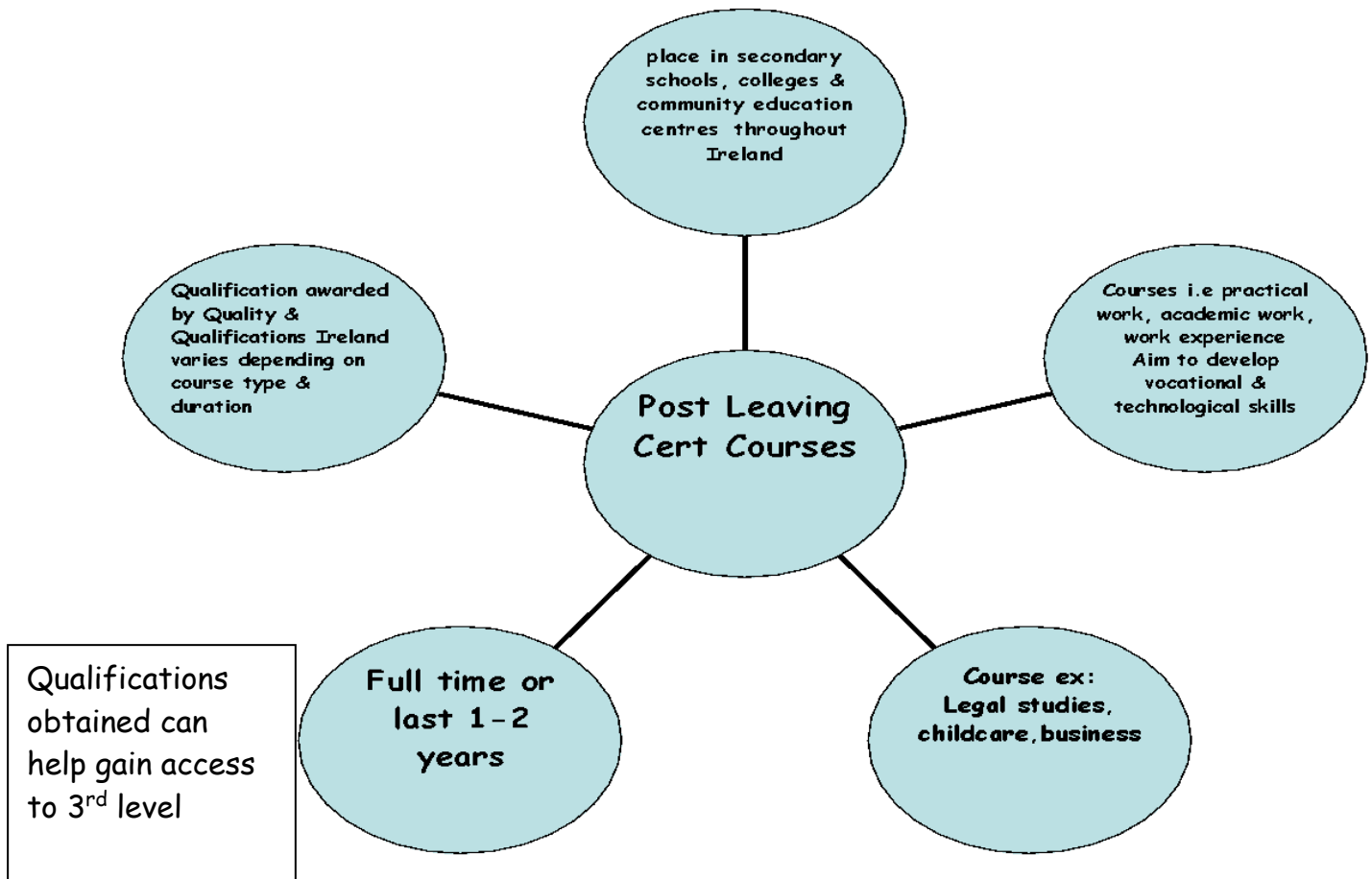
Factors that adults should consider before returning to education

<u>Cost</u>	
<u>Supports Available</u>	
<u>Course Delivery</u>	
<u>Course Specifications</u>	

Provision/availability of adult & 2nd chance education

3 rd Level Colleges & universities	
Private Colleges	
Distanced Learning	
ETB	
Teagasc	
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunities in training centres to unemployed people over 21 who have been on SW for 6 months or more ● Aims to provide students with qualifications & skills to progress to further education or the world of work. ● Training happens over 2 years ● Students can obtain a range of qualifications including JC, LC, QQI Further Education & Training Awards. ● Weekly training allowance equivalent to the maximum rate of Jobseeker's Benefit is paid. ● Funded by DES ● Operated by ETB & SOLAS

Post Leaving Certificate Courses



Factors that influence education opportunity

Gender

Inequality from the past no longer prevalent. Equal representation of both genders in 3rd level

Girls tend to out perform boys in state exams

Text books are more gender neutral

Inequality lies in some subjects in single sex schools i.e. male dominated subjects not offered in girls school



Socio-economic status

Children from higher SES can afford more opportunities in education i.e. laptops. Children from lower SEG don't have the same access to these types of resources.

Ed opportunity can be hindered by uniform costs, books & extra-curricular activities. Financial assistance aims to reduce inequality i.e. back to school clothing & footwear allowance.

Access to 3rd level due to cost. Reduce academic motivation in school. Student Grant Scheme aims to reduce this inequality



Place of Residence

Students may find it hard to reach potential in education due to their area being disadvantaged

Areas considered disadvantaged due to

School Env: non attendance, discipline issues make it difficult to learn.

DEIS action plan used to help stop education

Groups the experience Education Inequality

<u>Early School Leavers</u>	<u>Students with SEN</u>	<u>Students of immigrant families</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non participation in school before reaching 16 years or age or completing 3 years of post primary education. ● Env factors (home, school, community) can cause students to leave early. ● Early school leavers are more likely to experience social exclusion & be unemployed. ● Certain programmes available to get back to education i.e. YouthReach, VTOS, PLC, Traineeship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special schools for specific needs may not be within an accessible distance. ● Ed supports/resources are provided to overcome this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cultural difference or language barriers can make it hard to receive an equal education. ● Causes them to become marginalised. <p>Educational supports & resources are provided in mainstream to overcome this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Irish language exemption ● Differentiated instruction strategies ● Learning support to assist language development.

Side Notes:

Initiatives for improving access to education (H.L)

Back to school clothing and footwear	Home school Community Liaison	TULSA	DEIS
		<p>Aims to encourage & support regular school attendance of students particularly those at risk of leaving early Employs education welfare officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support & provide advice to parents & kids experiencing difficulty with school attendance. - Follow up absences & addressed. - Monitor kids being home schooled to ensure they are receiving a certain minimum education. 	<p>See notes</p> <p>Offers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -school completion programme supporting kids by providing h/w club, after school supports & mentoring programmes. -School meals programme -access to home school community liaison services. =Access to school books grant scheme

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3RD LEVEL INITIATIVES

<u>Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)</u>	<u>Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)</u>	<u>Student Grant Scheme</u>	<u>Back to Education Allowance</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve access for school leavers from lower SEG - No. college places reserved for those who qualify - Students eligible with reduced points if certain financial & social criterias are met - Applications made through the CAO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve access for school leavers with disability or a specific learning difficulty - No. college places reserved for those who qualify - Students eligible with reduced points if they experience a disability that has affected education performance - Applications made through the CAO 	<p><u>2 types</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintenance-contribution to living costs - Fee- cover all or part of the student contribution fee <p>(Means tested)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available to individuals who wish to pursue a full time 2nd level or 3rd level course. - Eligible if unemployed, single parent or have a disability & getting certain social welfare. - Must be over 21 or 24 for post graduate course - Allowance received is equal to previous Social Welfare Payments

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