

Friday 20th November 2009

RE: UPDATE ON STUDENT APPLICATIONS FOR INTAKE 2010/2011

Fáilte Ireland and the Institutes of Technology (IOT'S)¹ have put in place an agreed new policy and strategy in relation to the provision of Hospitality and Tourism Programmes in the IOT system.

The following new Higher Education (Level 6) programmes have been recently validated as:

Higher Certificate in Arts–Culinary Arts	(2 year)
Higher Certificate in Arts - Hospitality Studies	(2 year)
Higher Certificate in Business -Tourism	(2 year)
Higher Certificate in Arts - Bar Supervision	(2 year)

Admissions to these programmes, for September 2010, will be through the CAO system.

The programmes above will replace the following Further Education (Level 6) Programmes:

Advanced Certificate in Professional Cookery	(2 year)
Advanced Certificate in Tourism Hospitality Studies	(2 year)
Advanced Certificate in Tourism with Business	(2 year)
Certificate in Bar Operations	(1 year)

Note: Fáilte Ireland will continue to pay tuition and capitation fees for the Higher Certificate programmes.

These new programmes are intended to:

- Facilitate more coherent Access, Transfer and Progression opportunities in line with National Framework of Qualifications
- Provide a single entry mechanism, through the CAO, in line with other programmes in the IOTs
- Enable eligible students to access higher education grant schemes
- Meet the needs of industry by maintaining and enhancing strong skill based features within the programmes.

¹ **This agreement applies to the following Institutes of Technology:**

Athlone, Cork, Dundalk, Galway Mayo, Letterkenny, Limerick, Tallaght, Tralee, Waterford. Details of arrangements with DIT will follow as soon as they become available.

Minimum Entry Requirements:

- 5 Leaving Certificate Ordinary D3's or an equivalent qualification (English must be included in the subjects passed)
- FETAC Level 5 in any discipline
- RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) will be considered where applicants can demonstrate sufficient learning gained in a relevant work-based context
- The Leaving Certificate Applied programme **does not** meet minimum entry requirements. However, learners with a post qualification level 5 award or with appropriate work based learning are eligible to apply
- Mature applicants must be 23 yrs by 1st of January on year of application
- Applications for the current Earn and Learn programmes will continue to be administered by the relevant the IOT's.

This academic year will be a period of transition for Fáilte Ireland and the Institutes of Technology. We thank you for your continued support and co-operation as we endeavour to accommodate both you and your students, and to provide a comprehensive national careers promotion service.

As in previous years, please do not hesitate to contact Kay, Joyce or Zulimah at the People in Tourism Centre on 1850 256 256, with any queries you may have and see our website www.picktourism.ie for further information and updates.

We look forward to continuing to work with you.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean O'Malley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sean O'Malley
Manager of Education Operations