

# EQUAL ACCESS

ACCESS TO  
HIGHER  
EDUCATION  
FOR ALL



Achieving full equality of access to higher education is a national priority, for people with disabilities, mature students who previously had not the opportunity to access higher education, those facing social and economic barriers, and minority groups, including the Traveller community.

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To help make progress on this equality goal, your college gathers Equal Access information each year at registration on students' socio-economic background, disability and ethnicity and returns it to the Higher Education Authority.

With the information, the HEA is able to measure equality of access to higher education and allocate the resources needed to support students of all backgrounds and abilities.

The information gathered during registration is protected by robust data protection policies in your college and in the HEA, in full compliance with data protection legislation, and subject to audit by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner.

Equal Access information is stored alongside other student data in the HEA (including nationality, age, course details) but no data includes names or addresses.

All students are encouraged to respond to the Equal Access questions, however they are not mandatory and non-response will not prevent your registration at college or affect your eligibility for financial support.

Non-response may, however, have implications for the amount of State funding that is allocated to your college, and to the supports available to students who need them.

## Need more information?

If you would like further information please contact: National Access Policy Office, HEA, Brooklawn House, Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4  
E: [access@hea.ie](mailto:access@hea.ie)

The HEA promotes equality of access to higher education for people with disabilities, mature students who previously had not the opportunity to access higher education, those facing social and economic barriers and minority groups, including the Traveller community. The HEA also administers the Fund for Students with a Disability, the Student Assistance Fund and the Springboard Initiative.

# COTHROIME ROCHTANA

ROCHTAIN  
AR AN  
ARDOIDEACHAS  
DO CHÁCH



Is tosaíocht náisiúnta í go mbeidh cothroime rochtana iomlán ar an ardoideachas, do dhaoine atá faoi mhíchumas, do mhic léinn lánfhásta nach raibh an deis acu ardoideachas a rochtain roimhe seo, dóibh siúd a bhfuil constaicí chomhdhaonnacha agus airgid rompu, agus do mhionlaigh, ina áirítear an Lucht Siúil.

Tá an bhileog seo ar fáil i bhformáidí eile, tabhair cuairt ar [www.hea.ie](http://www.hea.ie) nó glaoigh 01 2317100

Chun an cuspóir comhionannais seo a shroicheadh, bailíonn do choláiste eaolas gach blain ar Cothroime Rochtana, nuair a cháraíonn mic léinn sa choláiste, ar chúlraí socheacnamaíoch, míchumais agus eitneacht na mac léinn agus seoltar ar ais chuig Údaras um Ardoideachas é.

Leis an eolas, tá an tUAO in ann cothroime rochtana ar an ardoideachas a thomhas agus na hacmhainní atá de dhíth chun tacaíocht a thabhairt do mhic léinn ó gach cúlra agus cumas a leithroinnt.

Tá an t-eolas a bhailítear tráth an chláirúcháin faoi chosaint beartais chosanta sonraí láidre i do choláiste agus san UAO, i gcomhlíonadh iomlán le reachtaíocht chosanta sonraí, agus faoi réir iniúchadh ó Oifig an Choimisinéara Cosanta Sonraí.

Coimeádtar eolas Cothroime Rochtana i dtaisce le sonraí mac léinn eile san UAO (ina áirítear náisiúntacht, aois, agus sonraí cúrsa) ach níl ainmneacha nó seoltaí mar chuid de na sonraí.

Moltar do gach mac léinn na freagraí maidir le Cothroime Rochtana a fhreagairt. Ní gá iad a fhreagairt mura mian leat agus ní chuirfear bac ort clárú sa choláiste agus ní imreoidh sé tionchar ar do cháilíocht chun tacaíocht airgeadais a fháil mura fhreagraíonn tú iad.

Mura fhreagraítear iad áfach, d'fhéadfadh sé tionchar a imirt ar an méid airgid Stáit a leithroinnfear le do choláiste agus ar na bhfordheontais a bhéas ar fáil do mhic léinn a bhfuil siad de dhíth uathu.

## An bhfuil breis eolas uait?

**Má tá breis eolais uait déan teagmháil le:** An Oifig Náisiúnta do Chothroime Rochtana ar an Ardoideachas, UAO, Brooklawn House, Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4  
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Cuireann an tUAO cothroime rochtana ar an ardoideachas chun cinn do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, do mhic léinn lánfhásta nach raibh an deis acu ardoideachas a rochtain roimhe seo, dóibh siúd a bhfuil constaicí chomhdhaonnacha agus airgid rompu, agus do mhionlaigh, ina áirítear an Lucht Siúil. Déanann an tUAO riaradh freisin ar an gCiste do Mhic Léinn atá faoi Mhíchumas, an Ciste Cúnaimh do Mhic Léinn agus an Clár Springboard.