

## **Policy on Procedure for Allocation of On-Campus Student Accommodation to New First Year DARE-Eligible Undergraduate Students in Marino Institute of Education**

1. A limited number of on-campus student accommodation bedrooms are reserved for first year undergraduate students who are eligible for the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) scheme and who have accepted an offer of a place on a programme in Marino Institute of Education.
2. Eligibility for DARE does not guarantee an offer of a DARE room. Students are advised to also investigate other possible accommodation options.
3. For information about on-campus accommodation see: <https://eber.life/>
4. The Disability Service will take into account the following criteria when prioritising applications for accommodation:
  - a. **The nature and impact of disability**. Priority will be given to applicants with significant needs based on mobility, balance, stamina and strength.
  - b. **The nature and impact of the disability on travelling to and from College**, including transport options and distance to college from home. Priority will be given to applicants with difficulties in accessing public transport and those living furthest from campus.
  - c. **A mental health diagnosis** for which the provision of rooms on campus is essential to ensure optimal participation during the programme.
  - d. **The existence of a significant health condition** which affects their living arrangements and creates a need to live in campus accommodation.
5. The Disability Service team will review each application and make a decision based on the criteria above. In some cases, the MIE Disability Service team may contact an applicant or consult with the Disability Service in TCD to seek additional information. DARE room offers will be made, by email, from the Disability Service in Marino, on the **first Wednesday in September**. The closing date for acceptance of a DARE room offer is **5pm on the Friday immediately following the offer**. The offer is accepted by contacting the Accommodation Office directly and following their terms and conditions:

6. After the acceptance closing date, any rooms available through the DARE priority policy will be allocated to the next DARE-eligible undergraduate student on the DARE eligible accommodation waiting list according to the criteria stated above. Where no additional DARE eligible students are on the waiting list, the rooms will be released to the accommodation service for general student allocation.
7. A student offered a DARE room is eligible to hold that room for the duration of their undergraduate studies. It is the responsibility of the student to rebook their room each year directly with the accommodations office before the date specified by the accommodations office.

### **Accommodation Procedure for Allocation of Rooms for DARE Eligible Undergraduate Students in Marino Institute of Education**

1. Disability Scheme button on preregistration form.
  - a. Are you eligible for the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) Scheme? (Change to Yes)
  - b. Do you wish to be considered for an on-campus room prioritised for DARE-eligible students (Change to Yes)
2. If the student ticks **YES**, they are brought through the Policy on Procedure for Allocation.