



QA257 Deferral Policy

1.0 Purpose

Outline of the conditions under which a first-year Undergraduate Applicant, or Postgraduate Applicant may apply for a deferral of entry for one year.

2.0 Description

Deferral of Entry for One Year - Undergraduates

Applicants who have been offered a first-year Undergraduate place in the University may apply for a deferral of entry for one year. **N.B.: Deferrals are not granted in the School of Medicine Course GY501.**

The application for deferral should be made as soon as possible after receiving an offer and **no later than 2 days before the Reply date** on the CAO Offer Notice. **DO NOT ACCEPT THE OFFER.**

NUI Galway will communicate their decision on your deferral application by email within 2 weeks of the application. *Please note that you will still have the option to accept your offered place if your deferral request is not approved.*

In order to take up the deferred place you must **re-apply through the CAO by 1st February of the following year, placing the deferred course as the first and only preference.**

Application for deferral must be made online via the Online Application System.

Deferral of Entry for One Year - Postgraduates

There is no provision to defer a place on a postgraduate programme. You must re-apply again (e.g. the following year) in competition with applicants in that round (i.e. there is no guarantee you will be offered a place in that particular cycle). However, if you choose to re-apply, then please mention in your 're-application' that you were accepted for a place previously. The PAC application system holds records for three years. If you apply online at a later date PAC may still have your electronic record on file. Therefore please let PAC know your previous PAC number as they could append documents (e.g. transcripts, references) from your old application to your new application if you so wish.