

**International Protection Student Scheme (for
FE/HE Students) 2023/2024**

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Part 1 General

Clause 1. Application

- (1) This Scheme will come into operation on 10th July 2023.
- (2) This Scheme applies to the provision of grants in the 2023/24 academic year, where such year begins on or after 1 September 2023.
- (3) The scheme will operate for the 2023/24 academic year.
- (4) This scheme to be known as International Protection Student Scheme (for FE/HE Students) 2023

Clause 2. Definitions

In this Scheme—

“*appeals officer*” means a person designated to this role by the awarding authority;

“*applicant*” means a person who applies for a grant under this scheme;

“*approved institution*” means—

- (a) an educational institution to which, pursuant to section 4 of the Universities Act 1997, that Act applies, listed in Part A of Appendix A,
- (b) an educational institution established under section 3 of the Regional Technical Colleges Act 1992 as a regional technical college to which the Institutes of Technology Acts 1992 to 2006 apply, listed in Part B of Appendix A,
- (c) the Technology Universities, listed in Part A of Appendix A,
- (d) an educational institution in the State that provides higher education and training and is listed in Parts C and D of Appendix A of this scheme,
- (e) an educational institution in the State that receives a grant out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas for the provision of courses of education and training known for the time being as post-leaving certificate courses, listed in Appendix B.

“*approved post leaving certificate course*” means a full-time course delivered entirely in the State known as a “post leaving certificate” (PLC) course that-

- a) takes not less than one year to complete;
- b) is provided by an approved institution listed in Appendix B;
- c) is approved for funding by SOLAS as a post leaving certificate course;
- d) on the successful completion of which, a student is awarded a major education and training award which is a recognised qualification that is not at a lower level than Level 5 of the framework of qualifications and
- e) does not include a period of study outside the State.

“*approved undergraduate course*” means a full-time undergraduate course delivered entirely in the State, on the successful completion of which a student is awarded a major higher education and training award which is a recognised qualification pursuant to the framework of qualifications-

- (a) that takes not less than two years to complete and is provided by an approved institution listed in Part A, B, C or D of Appendix A;
- (b) that takes not less than two years to complete and is listed in Part D of Appendix A, along with the approved institution providing it;
- (c) that is at Level 6 of the framework of qualifications that takes one year to complete and is provided by an approved institution listed in Part B or C of Appendix A;
- (d) that is known for the time being as an “add-on course”, that is provided by an approved institution listed in Part A, B, C or D of Appendix A and that takes—
 - (i) one year to complete and allows persons to progress to an undergraduate course leading to a qualification at Level 7 of the framework of qualifications,
 - (ii) a minimum of one year to complete and allows persons to progress to an undergraduate course leading to a qualification at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications;
- (e) that is known for the time being as an “add-on course”, that is listed in Appendix A, along with the approved institution providing it, and that takes—
 - (i) one year to complete and allows persons to progress to an undergraduate course leading to a qualification at Level 7 of the framework of qualifications,
 - (ii) a minimum of one year to complete and allows persons to progress to an undergraduate course leading to a qualification at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications; and
- (f) that does not include a period of study outside the State;

“*approved postgraduate course*” means a course leading to a major higher education and training award at Level 8 (Higher Diploma), Level 9 (Postgraduate Diploma, Master Degree), Level 10 (Doctoral Degree) on the national framework of qualifications or equivalent awards;

- a) Grant aid for postgraduate study shall be limited to a maximum of four years in total.
- b) Account is taken of all previous attendance and attainment at postgraduate level when considering grant aid entitlement for postgraduate study, regardless of whether a person previously received a grant or not.
- c) Grant aid for postgraduate study does not include a period of study outside the State;

“*awarding authority*” refers to the Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI);

“*CAO*” means the Central Application Office;

“*civil partner*” shall be construed in accordance with the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010;

“*cohabitant*” shall be construed in accordance with section 172(1) of the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010;

“*dependent child*” means

(a) a child, including a foster child, of a person referred to in clause 15(8) who, on 01 October 2022,

- (i) has not reached the age of 16 years, or
- (ii) has attained the age of 16 years or more, resides with a person referred to in paragraph (b), and
- (iii) is pursuing a full-time course of education, or
- (iv) is certified by a registered medical practitioner (within the meaning of section 2 of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007) as being permanently unfit to work by reason of a medical condition.

(b) a dependent child shall be the child of and, shall reside with one or, as the case may be, more than one of the following:

- (i) an independent student;
- (ii) the spouse of an independent student;
- (iii) a dependent student;
- (iv) one parent or both parents of the dependent student.

“*dependent student*” means a class or applicant coming within the meaning of that term in accordance with clause 11;

“*EU rate of fee*” means the fee determined and charged by an institution for a course to European Union, EEA and Swiss nationals, and related categories of student;

“*field trip*” means a trip which is compulsory and an integral part of a course, carried out in the State, which is for fact-finding or research purposes, and without which the student cannot graduate or progress to the next year of the course;

“*Free Fees Schemes*” includes the Free Fees Schemes and the Middle Level Technician Programme (M.L.T) and the Higher Technical and Business Skills Programme (H.T.B.S.) which provide for the Exchequer to meet the tuition fees of eligible students attending approved full-time undergraduate courses in approved institutions in the State who meet the criteria of those initiatives;

“*grant*” means money paid by the awarding authority to a student or to an approved institution on behalf of the student for the purpose of assisting the student to pursue an approved course at the approved institution;

“*independent student*” means a class of applicant coming within the meaning of that term in accordance with clause 11;

“*Leave to remain process (LTR)*” means the consideration by the Minister for Justice and Equality under section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 of whether or not to issue a deportation order in respect of a person who has been deemed not eligible for protection.

“*Mature student*” means a class of applicant coming within the meaning of that term in accordance with clause 11;

“*Member State*” means, where the context so admits, Member State of the European Union;

“*national framework of qualifications*” means the framework of qualifications established and maintained pursuant to section 7 of the Qualifications (Education and Training) Act 1999 (No. 26 of 1999);

“*normal residence*” shall be construed in accordance with clause 6(2);

“*parent*” includes a guardian appointed under the Guardian of Children Acts 1964 to 1997, and, in the case of a child who has been adopted under the Adoption Act 2010 or, where the child has been adopted outside of the State, means the adopter or adopters or the surviving adopter;

“*person at the leave to remain stage*” means a person who has not been successful under the protection process in the state and whose eligibility for leave to remain has yet to be considered but in respect of whom a deportation order has not been issued.

“*person at the deportation order stage*” means a person who has not been successful under the protection process or leave to remain process and in respect of whom a deportation order has issued.

“*postgraduate course*” means a course leading to a major higher education and training award at Level 8 (Higher Diploma), Level 9 (Postgraduate Diploma, Master Degree), Level 10 (Doctoral Degree) on the national framework of qualifications or equivalent awards;

“*progression*” means

- (a) the process by which learners may progress from year to year within a course following the successful completion of part of the course as required during the previous year, or
- (b) the process by which learners may transfer from one course to another course where the award that may be made on the successful completion of the second mentioned course is of a higher level than the award that may be made on the successful completion of the first mentioned course

“*protection applicant*” means a person with an application for refugee status and/or subsidiary protection in the state which has not been determined to finality.

“*protection process*” means the determination of eligibility for refugee status and/or subsidiary protection status and the appeal of negative decisions on eligibility.

“*recognised awarding body in the State*” means—

- (a) Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI);

- (b) one of the universities in the State;
- (c) The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland;
- (d) one of the Institutes of Technology with delegated authority; or
- (e) one of the Technological Universities in the State

“*relevant date*” means the date on which a year of study commences on the approved course;

“*relevant persons*” include—

- (a) dependent children,
- (b) a dependent student's parent(s), and
- (c) an independent student's spouse, civil partner or cohabitant;

“*Scheme*” – references to Scheme means the International Protection Student Scheme (for FE/HE Students) for applicants pursuing a Post Leaving Certificate course, Undergraduate course or Postgraduate course for the academic year 2023/24 who are in the Protection Process or who are at the Leave to Remain stage (excluding those at the deportation order stage);

“SOLAS” means An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna;

“*student*” shall be construed in accordance with Clause 3 of this Scheme;

“*tuition fees*” means fees and charges that a student is required to pay in order to participate in and complete a course and includes examination fees;

“*undergraduate course*” means a course leading to a major higher education and training award at Level 6 (Higher Certificate), Level 7 (Ordinary Bachelor Degree), Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degree) on the national framework of qualifications, or equivalent awards, other than a course known for the time being as a post leaving certificate course.

Part 2
Scheme of grants

Clause 3. Persons to whom the Scheme applies

(1) This Scheme applies to students who wish to apply for a grant in respect of attendance on an approved course, in an approved institution, in the academic year 2023/24, where the following conditions are satisfied, by the applicant:

- (a) meets the definition of protection applicant or person at leave to remain stage as construed in accordance with clause 2 of this Scheme;
- (b) has been continuously resident in the State for a continuous period of 3 years or more and is a protection applicant or a person at leave to remain stage for a continuous period of 3 years or more as at the day before the date of commencement of the course and who has not had a deportation order issued against them; and
- (c) is attending an approved Post Leaving Certificate, an approved undergraduate course or an approved post graduate course in the State;

(2) An applicant who meets the definition of student shall be eligible to be considered for a grant subject to and in accordance with the requirements and criteria as set out in this Scheme.

Clause 4. Awarding authority

An applicant's entitlement to a grant shall be assessed by the awarding authority.

Clause 5. Classes of grant

For the purposes of this Scheme there shall be three classes of grant as follows—

- (a) a maintenance grant
- (b) a fee grant; and
- (c) a postgraduate fee contribution

Clause 6. Maintenance grant

(1) A maintenance grant is a contribution towards the living costs of a student and is payable at—

- (a) the standard rate, at either a full (Band 1) or part (Band 2, Band 3 or Band 4) rate, depending on the level of reckonable income;
- (b) the special rate, depending on the level of reckonable income and other requirements;

and, in either case, at either adjacent or non-adjacent rates, depending on the distance

between a student's normal residence and the institution where the approved course takes place.

(2) For the purposes of this clause, “normal residence” means a student’s usual place of residence. For a dependent student this will be the permanent or home address of the dependent student's parents. In the case of an independent student, the normal residence will be the permanent or home address of the independent student.

(3) The awarding authority shall decide the rate applicable to a maintenance grant in each particular case, in accordance with clause 25.

Clause 7. Fee grant

(1) Subject to the terms of this clause, an eligible student can be considered for a fee grant.

(2) A fee grant shall be payable in respect of attendance on an approved course of higher education at an approved institution in the State (other than a course known for the time being as a post leaving certificate course).

(3) A fee grant may consist of any of two elements: a tuition fee element and a field trip element, payable up to a maximum overall limit specified in Appendix F.

(4) Subject to the maximum overall limits, the tuition fee is payable at full (100%) or part (50%) rates.

(5) The awarding authority shall decide on the rate and value applicable in respect of the tuition fee element and the amount, if any, payable in respect of the field trip element in each particular case, in accordance with clause 27.

(6) A student in receipt of, or eligible for, full assistance towards the tuition fee element from any other source, including sponsorship or an award, shall not be eligible for a fee grant under the terms of this Scheme.

(7) A fee grant, or part thereof, shall be subject to a reduction where the student receives, or is eligible for, assistance towards the tuition fee from any other source.

(8) Where a fee grant is subject to a reduction pursuant to paragraph (7), the amount of the reduction shall be equal to the value of the assistance which the person has received or to which he or she is eligible.

Clause 8. Tuition fee element of fee grant

(1) A student who is eligible under the Free Fees Schemes for free tuition in respect of an approved undergraduate course is not eligible for the tuition fee element of a fee grant under this Scheme.

(2) Subject to clause 7(2) a student may be assessed for the tuition fee element where they are—

- (a) pursuing an approved undergraduate course to which the Free Fees Schemes applies but where the student, or tuition student, is ineligible for free tuition fees under those schemes
- (b) pursuing an approved undergraduate course which is not a course approved for the Free Fees Schemes; or
- (c) pursuing an approved post graduate course

Clause 9. Field trip element of fee grant

(1) Subject to clause 7(2), where a student qualifies for a full (100%) fee grant, and is required to participate in a compulsory field trip in the State, the awarding authority shall, as applicable, consider the student for a grant in respect of eligible field trip expenditure, in accordance with clause 27.

(2) The rate of the field trip element, if any, is dependent on whether the tuition fee cost, regardless of whether it is funded under this Scheme, exceeds the maximum limits payable in respect of a fee grant.

(3) The expenditure which is eligible for consideration in respect of a field trip grant is the reasonably incurred, receipted cost of travel and accommodation, associated directly with the field trip.

Clause 10. Postgraduate fee contribution

(1) The awarding authority may award an eligible student pursuing an approved postgraduate course in the State a postgraduate fee contribution at the rate specified in Appendix F.

(2) A student in receipt of, or eligible for, full assistance towards the tuition fee element from any other source, including sponsorship or an award, shall not be eligible for the postgraduate fee contribution under the terms of this Scheme.

(3) A postgraduate fee contribution award shall be subject to a reduction where the student receives, or is eligible for, assistance towards the tuition fee from any other source.

(4) Where the postgraduate fee contribution is subject to a reduction pursuant to paragraph (3), the amount of the reduction shall be equal to the value of the assistance which the person has received or to which he or she is eligible.

Clause 11. Classes of applicant

(1) For the purposes of this Scheme there shall be two classes of applicant as follows—

(a) independent student; and

(b) dependent student.

(2) An applicant's class is defined at his/her first point of entry to an approved post leaving certificate course or an approved higher education course or at his/her point of

re-entry to such an approved course and will continue to apply for the duration of his/her studies.

(3) In this Scheme an “independent student” means a mature student who did not ordinarily reside with his or her parents, or either of them, from October of the year before the first point of entry to an approved post leaving certificate course or an approved higher education course or re-entry to an approved course and where it is established to the satisfaction of the awarding authority that they are eligible on that basis.

(4) “Mature student” means a student who on 1 January—

- (a) in the year of entry for the first time to an approved post leaving certificate course;
- (b) in the year of entry for the first time to an approved higher education course (other than a course known for the time being as a post leaving certificate course); or
- (c) in the year of re-entry to an approved course, is at least 23 years old.

(5) “Re-entry”, for the purposes of this Scheme, means a mature student entering an approved course following a break in studies of at least three years, having previously attended an approved course.

(6) A mature student pursuing an approved course shall be known as a ‘Second Chance Student’ where the student –

- a) is returning following a full 3 year break in studies and
- b) previously attended but did not complete a course, and
- c) is returning in order to pursue an approved course at PLC, undergraduate or postgraduate level in the relevant academic year.

(7) Where a second chance student has attended a course below undergraduate level during the 3 year break in studies, he or she is regarded as satisfying the conditions of paragraph 6(a), subject to the rules of progression as provided for in the scheme.

(8) “Dependent student” means every student other than an independent student, as provided for in this Scheme, who is eligible to be considered under this Scheme.

Clause 12. Eligibility exclusions

(1) A student is not eligible for a grant under this Scheme if he or she already holds, or is eligible to hold, a grant from an awarding authority under the Student Grant Scheme 2023 or under prior schemes.

(2) A student is not eligible for a grant if he or she has been awarded or holds any grant, scholarship, prize, allowance, bursary or award of similar description made from public funds in the State, or equivalent from a Member State, a contracting state to the EEA Agreement, the Swiss Confederation or any other State, in respect of the approved course being attended.

(3) The awards from public funds referred to in paragraph (2) do not include the following—

- (a) awards such as scholarships, prizes or bursaries, made by the institution being attended;
- (b) awards to applicants under the Student Assistance Fund or the Fund for Students with Disabilities;
- (c) Department of Further and Higher Education Research, Innovation and Science Third Level Bursary Schemes;
- (d) TUSLA – NTRIS Employment Support Scheme;
- (e) TUSLA - Educational Support for Children in Care and Aftercare Bursary,
- (f) Gaeltacht Learning Period Grant;
- (g) Kickstart Scholarship Fund;
- (h) Adoption Maintenance Allowance;
- (i) Post-graduate research awards where the stipend portion of the award does not exceed a specified amount, which for the relevant academic year is specified to be €19,000, subject to paragraph 4;
- (j) Easter Week Scholarship Scheme;
- (k) Donogh O'Malley Scholarship Scheme.

(4) A student in receipt of any award mentioned in paragraph (3) which includes a provision for fees will not be eligible for a fee grant under this Scheme.

Clause 13. Period of eligibility and progression

(1) A grant awarded under this Scheme shall be awarded only in respect of attendance at an approved course in an approved institution in the State, in the academic year 2023/24. A student may not, at any one time, qualify for a grant for more than one approved course.

(2) Where a student is required to participate in an off-campus placement within the State as a compulsory part of an approved undergraduate or postgraduate course, a maintenance grant may continue to be paid where the period of off-campus placement does not extend the normal duration of the approved course.

(3) A grant shall be paid to a student, where he or she is in “progression”, within the meaning given to that term in clause 2 of this Scheme, irrespective of whether he or she was paid a grant for previous attendance on a course and subject to the terms and conditions of this Scheme.

(4) Subject to paragraph (6), a grant may not be paid in respect of a repeat period of study on the same course.

(5) Subject to this clause and the specific progression conditions in clauses 14 to 16, a grant may not be paid in respect of a repeat period of study on a different course. Notwithstanding this condition an applicant who, having previously pursued any course, but not completed it, wishes to pursue an approved course, shall be considered for funding in line with the following provisions—

- (a) Having previously attended, but not completed, any post leaving certificate course or equivalent, an applicant shall—
 - (i) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved post leaving certificate course before being eligible to be considered for a grant;
 - or

- (ii) be eligible to be considered for a grant to pursue an approved higher education course.
- (b) Having previously attended, but not completed, any undergraduate course at Level 6 or 7 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent, an applicant shall—
 - (i) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved undergraduate course at Level 6 or 7 of the framework of qualifications before being eligible to be considered for a grant, or
 - (ii) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved undergraduate course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications before being eligible to be considered for a grant, or
 - (iii) be eligible to be considered for a grant to pursue an approved post leaving certificate course where no more than one year was completed on an undergraduate course at Level 6 or 7 of the framework of qualifications, or
 - (iv) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved post leaving certificate course where more than one year was completed on any undergraduate course at Level 6 or 7 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent, before being eligible to be considered for a grant.
- (v) be eligible to be considered for a grant to pursue an approved postgraduate course.
- (c) Having previously attended, but not completed, any undergraduate course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent, an applicant will—
 - (i) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved undergraduate course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications before being eligible to be considered for a grant, or
 - (ii) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved undergraduate course at Level 6 or 7 of the framework of qualifications before being eligible to be considered for a grant, or
 - (iii) be eligible to be considered for a grant to pursue an approved post leaving certificate course where no more than one year was completed on an undergraduate course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications, or
 - (iv) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved post leaving certificate course where more than one year was completed on any undergraduate course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent, before being eligible to be considered for a grant.

- (v) be eligible to be considered for a grant to pursue an approved postgraduate course.
- (d) Having previously attended, but not completed, any postgraduate course, or equivalent, an applicant will—
- (i) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved postgraduate course before being eligible to be considered for a grant, or
 - (ii) be eligible to be considered for a grant to pursue an approved undergraduate course where no more than one year was completed on any postgraduate course, or
 - (iii) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved undergraduate course at Level 6, 7 or 8 of the framework of qualifications where more than one year was completed on any postgraduate course at level 8, 9 or 10 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent, before being eligible to be considered for a grant, or
 - (iv) be eligible to be considered for a grant to pursue an approved post leaving certificate course where no more than one year was completed on any postgraduate course, or
 - (v) be required to complete an equivalent period of study on an approved post leaving certificate course where more than one year was completed on any postgraduate course before being eligible to be considered for a grant
- (6) The awarding authority shall have discretion to waive the provisions at paragraphs 4 and 5 in exceptional circumstances, in line with guidelines drawn up by the awarding authority.
- (7) The maximum periods in respect of which a grant may be payable are outlined below and are subject to the conditions set out in this Scheme for progression:
- (a) Post leaving certificate courses:

Grant aid shall be limited to one year, the 2023/24 academic year, for courses that are not at a lower level than Level 5 of the framework of qualifications;
 - (b) Undergraduate courses:

Grant aid shall be limited to one year, the 2023/24 academic year, for courses at Level 6, 7 or 8 of the framework of qualifications;
 - (c) Postgraduate courses:

Grant aid shall be limited to one year, the 2023/24 academic year, for courses at Level 8, 9 or 10 of the framework of qualifications;

(1) Subject to the general conditions outlined in this Scheme and the maximum periods specified in clause 13(6)(a), the specific progression conditions that apply to participation on a post leaving certificate course are set out in this clause.

(2) A student pursuing an approved post leaving certificate course is ineligible for a grant if he or she already holds a further education qualification at Level 5 or 6 of the framework of qualifications, or a third level qualification at or above Level 6 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent qualifications.

(3) A grant shall not be paid to a student who already holds an undergraduate qualification or a postgraduate qualification and is pursuing a post leaving certificate course, irrespective of whether or not a grant was paid previously.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), an applicant who already holds a further education qualification not higher than Level 5 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent, and is now pursuing a course that offers progression, shall be eligible for a grant.

Clause 15. Undergraduate courses — progression

(1) Subject to the general conditions outlined in this Scheme, and the maximum periods specified in clause 13(6)(b), the specific progression conditions that apply to participation at undergraduate level are set out in this clause.

(2) A grant shall not be paid to an applicant who already holds a postgraduate qualification and is pursuing an undergraduate qualification, irrespective of whether or not a grant was paid previously.

(3) The progression conditions in respect of study at Level 6 of the framework of qualifications are as follows—

(a) a student who is entering for the first time a course which leads to a higher education and training award, and who wishes to pursue an approved course at Level 6 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant.

(b) a student is ineligible if he or she already holds a higher education and training award at or above Level 6 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent;

(4) The progression conditions in respect of study at Level 7 of the framework of qualifications are as follows—

(a) a student who is entering for the first time a course leading to a higher education and training award, and who wishes to pursue an approved course at Level 7 of the framework of qualifications, shall be eligible for a grant;

(b) a student is ineligible if he or she already holds a third level qualification at or above Level 7 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent;

(c) a student who already holds a higher education and training award at Level 6 of the framework of qualifications or equivalent and is progressing to an approved course at Level 7 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant in respect of a maximum of two years of an approved course at Level 7 of the framework of qualifications;

(d) a student who completed part of a course at Level 6 of the framework of qualifications or equivalent and gains admission through exemption to the second or subsequent year of an approved course at Level 7 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant;

(5) The progression conditions in respect of study at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications are as follows—

(a) a student who is entering for the first time a course which leads to a higher education and training award and wishes to pursue an approved course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant;

(b) a student is ineligible if he or she already holds an undergraduate higher education and training award at or above Level 8 of the framework of qualifications, or equivalent;

(c) a student who already holds a higher education and training award at Level 6 of the framework of qualifications or equivalent and is progressing to an approved course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant;

(d) a student who already holds a higher education and training award at Level 7 of the framework of qualifications or equivalent and is progressing to an approved course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant;

(e) a student who completed part of a course at Level 6 or 7 of the framework of qualifications or equivalent and gains admission through exemption to the second or subsequent year of an approved course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant.

Clause 16 Postgraduate courses — progression

(1) Subject to the general conditions outlined in this Scheme, and the maximum periods specified in clause 13(6)(c), the specific progression conditions that apply to participation at postgraduate level are set out in this clause.

(2) A grant may not be paid to an applicant who already holds a postgraduate qualification and is pursuing a postgraduate qualification, irrespective of whether or not a grant was paid previously.

(3) The progression conditions in respect of postgraduate study at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications are as follows—

a. a student who is entering for the first time a course at postgraduate level leading to a higher education and training award and wishes to pursue an approved postgraduate course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant;

b. a student is ineligible for a grant if he or she already holds a postgraduate higher education and training award

at or above, or equivalent to, Level 8 of the framework of qualifications;

- c. for the purposes of this Scheme, postgraduate qualifications at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications or equivalent are deemed to be progression from undergraduate qualifications at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications or equivalent.

(4) The progression conditions in respect of postgraduate study at Level 9/10 of the framework of qualifications are as follows—

- (a) a student who is entering for the first time a course which leads to a higher education and training award and who wishes to pursue an approved postgraduate course at Level 8 of the framework of qualifications shall be eligible for a grant.
- (b) a student may be ineligible for a grant if he or she already holds a postgraduate higher education and training award at or above, or equivalent to, Level 9/10 of the framework of qualifications;
- (c) a student may be eligible for a grant where he or she is progressing to a doctoral degree at Level 10 of the framework of qualifications from a postgraduate qualification at a level lower than Level 10 of the framework of qualifications or equivalent.
- (d) subject to progression, a student who completed a one- year postgraduate course which has not led to the conferral of a qualification and gains admittance to the second year or subsequent year of an approved postgraduate course shall be eligible for a grant.

Part 3

Reckonable Income

Clause 17. Reckonable income limits and eligible payments

(1) To be eligible for an award of a grant or any part thereof in respect of any year of an approved course in the academic year 2023/24, an applicant's reckonable income in the specified reference period shall not exceed the income limits specified in Appendix C of this Scheme for the 2023/24 academic year.

(2) There shall be income limits in respect of—

Maintenance grants:

- (a) the special rate of maintenance grant;
- (b) full (Band 1) and part (Band 2, Band 3, Band 4) standard rates of maintenance grant.

Fee grants:

- (c) full (100%) and part (50%) grant in respect of the tuition fee element of a

fee grant.

(3) The income limit for the field trip element of a fee grant shall be the limit for a full grant in respect of the tuition fee element of a fee grant.

(4) Different income limits in respect of paragraph (2)(a), (b) and (c) will apply in cases where the number of dependent children is—

(a) less than 4,

(b) 4-7, or

(c) 8 or more.

(5) The reckonable income limits in respect of paragraph 2(a), (b) and (c) may be increased by an additional increment where the applicant, plus one or more relevant persons, are attending an approved course in the State, for the purposes of this Scheme, leading to a major award at Levels 5 to 10 of the framework of qualifications or to an equivalent qualification made by a recognised awarding body in the State or another Member State.

(6) The income limits for the specified reference period for the academic year are set out in Appendix C.

(7) It is a condition of receiving a special rate of maintenance grant that

(a) an applicant's reckonable income must include, on the specified date, one of the eligible payments as provided for in Appendix D.

(i) where a person whose income is considered for the purposes of determining an applicant's reckonable income under this Scheme joins in a claim for Family Income Supplement / Family Income Supplement (FIS), any payment made pursuant to that claim is included in the applicant's reckonable income.

or

(b) Where the applicant is a dependent student, on the specified date a payment specified in appendix D:-

(i) is made to the spouse, civil partner, or cohabitant (not being a parent of the applicant) of a parent of the applicant, and

(ii) includes an adult dependent allowance in respect of that parent or a child dependent allowance in respect of the applicant.

(8) The following date is the relevant date for this Scheme as regards the definition of "dependent child", 1 October of the year prior to the year in which a student, in relation to whose application for a grant a dependent child is relevant, commences a year of study in any year on an approved course.

Clause 18. Reference period

(1) The reference period within which reckonable income is determined for the 2023/24 academic year shall be 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

(2) If the business year differs from the reference period, the income shown in the business accounts for a year which ends between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.

Clause 19. Persons whose income is considered

(1) Where the applicant is a dependent student, the income of the applicant and his or her parents, as appropriate, shall be taken into account in calculating whether the limit(s) specified is exceeded.

(2) Where the dependent student's parents are divorced or legally separated, or it is established to the satisfaction of the awarding authority that they are separated, the reckonable income shall be that of the applicant and of the parent or parents with whom the applicant resides.

(3) Where it is established to the satisfaction of the awarding authority that the dependent student—

(a) has no living parent, or

(b) is irreconcilably estranged from both of his or her parents and neither of his or her parents furnishes financial support to him or her (to include foster children and unaccompanied minors)

a dependent student may be exempted from having parents' income taken into account.

(4) Where the awarding authority is not satisfied that an applicant meets any of the conditions for being exempt from having his/her parents' income taken into account it will assess that applicant's application for a grant taking into account parental income.

(5) Where the applicant is an independent student, the income of the applicant and his or her spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, as appropriate, shall be taken into account in calculating whether the limit specified is exceeded.

Clause 20. Determination of reckonable income — general

(1) Reckonable income shall be determined by the awarding authority on the basis of information supplied in the application form and other relevant information and documentary evidence supplied, in accordance with clause 33. Where there is income in a currency other than euro, the euro equivalent of the gross amounts must be provided.

(2) If the applicant is unsure whether an income, gain or benefit should be included in the calculation of reckonable income, the details including the amounts should be provided when completing the application form.

(3) In calculating reckonable income, the awarding authority shall consider income from all sources whether it arises in the State or not, including income under the following headings—

- (a) Income from employment (including benefit-in-kind and directorships),
- (b) Social welfare payments,
- (c) Payments from other government departments or State agencies,
- (d) Self-employment or farming,
- (e) Rental and other income from land and property,
- (f) Income from pensions other than the social welfare state pension,
- (g) Income from savings, deposit accounts and investments,
- (h) Income from maintenance arrangements,
- (i) Lump sum payments from retirement and redundancy,
- (j) Income from the disposal of assets or rights,
- (k) Gifts and inheritances,
- (l) Income from other sources not mentioned above.

(4) The following payments, known for the purposes of this Scheme as “income disregards”, are not included in calculating reckonable income—

- Accommodation Recognition Payment,
- Aftercare Allowance,
- Adelaide Health Foundation Bursary – Mature,
- Adoption Maintenance Allowance,
- All Ireland Scholarship Scheme,
- Back to Work Family Dividend,
- Caranua services support,
- Carer's Allowance,
- Carer’s Support Grant (where paid to recipients of the Carer’s Allowance and Domiciliary Care Allowance),
- Child Benefit,
- Community Benefit Education Bursary for the New Children’s Hospital,
- Compensation for a personal injury,

- Cost of Education Allowance,
- COVID-19 Once-off Emergency Grant,
- Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Third Level Bursary Schemes,
- Department of Social Protection Temporary Provisions Payment (commonly referred to as the Christmas Bonus payment),
- Department of Social Protection Cost of Living payments,
- Domestic Water Services Refund,
- Domiciliary Care Allowance,
- Dormant Account Funding for Traveller Participation in Higher Education,
- Exceptional Needs Payments,
- Foster Care Allowance,
- Fuel Allowance,
- Gaeltacht Learning Period Grant,
- Guardian's Payment,
- Household Benefits Package,
- Housing Assistance Payment,
- Independent Living Allowance for Young People in Residential Care,
- Kickstart Scholarship Fund,
- Living Alone Allowance,
- Mortgage Interest Supplement
- Working Family Payment / Family Income Supplement (FIS)
- Pandemic Placement Grant for Student Nurses/Midwives,
- Pandemic Special Recognition Payment,
- Rental Accommodation Scheme,
- Rent Supplement,
- Student Assistance Fund,
- Student Grant,
- TUSLA - NTRIS Employment Support Scheme,
- TUSLA - Educational Support for Children in Care and Aftercare Bursary,
- UCD Cothrom na Féinne Scholarship,

- Uiversity - Higher Education Bursary for Adult Learners,
- Widowed or Surviving Civil Partner Grant,

- (5) For the purposes of determining the reckonable income of an applicant, the aggregate of any of the following shall be deducted—
- (a) in respect of income from employment, employment-related expenses as approved by the Revenue Commissioners, or equivalent;
 - (b) Income from employment which represents holiday earnings outside of term time, subject to a maximum limit set out in Appendix C;
 - (c) maintenance payments made under a legally enforceable arrangement to a separated spouse;
 - (d) contributions to pension schemes and pension or retirement products, paid in the reference period only, within the limits allowed by the Revenue Commissioners based on age and net relevant earnings;
 - (e) overtime payments earned in the reference period that are not recurring payments;
 - (f) vouched expenses (including the cost of uniform laundry) claimed under the Travel and Accommodation Scheme for student nurses and midwives on mandatory, supernumerary clinical practice placements throughout their course, as well as the meal allowance of €500 payable to supernumerary nursing and midwifery students in years 1 to 3 of their course; and
 - (g) income up to a maximum of €14,000 in respect of Rent a Room Relief, earned in the reference period only and declared to the Revenue Commissioners.
- (6) “Income from maintenance arrangements”, for the purposes of paragraph (3)(h), includes money or money’s worth actually received as maintenance.
- (7) In determining whether an applicant meets the reckonable income limit for the special rate of maintenance grant, a deduction may be made in respect of child dependent increase (C.D.I.) paid by the Department of Social Protection.

Clause 21. Determination of reckonable income — self-employment and farming, including rental and other income from land and property

(1) The following adjustments shall be made to the profit or loss shown by the accounts in the reference period in order to calculate reckonable income from self-employment and farming—

- (a) add-back depreciation;
- (b) add-back interest on borrowings which fund the fixed assets of the business or the

personal expenditure of the proprietor;

(c) add-back finance lease payments;

(d) add-back remuneration in respect of—

(i) wages or payments made without applying the PAYE and PRSI regulations, or equivalent regulations;

(ii) wages or payments to dependent children; and

(iii) wages or payments to non-dependent children where the payment is above the norm for the work undertaken.

(e) add-back for personal expenditure charged against the business income.

(2) The income tax adjustment for farm stock relief is disregarded in calculating reckonable income from farming.

(3) In calculating reckonable income from self-employment and farming—

(a) no allowance is made in respect of tax capital allowance or tax write downs; and

(b) no allowance is made for any deduction for capital expenditure, regardless of how it is treated for income tax purposes.

(4) In calculating reckonable income in respect of rental and other income from land and property, the adjustments set out in paragraph (1) are made to the profit or loss from land and properties as shown by the statement of rental income and no allowance is made in respect of the matters mentioned in paragraph (3) (a) and (b).

Clause 22. Determination of reckonable income — secondary income

(1) Regarding investments, include savings certificates, life assurance bonds and other financial instruments where the interest or profit builds up and is paid out as a lump sum at the end of the investment period, the interest or profit is time apportioned. The proportion to be included is calculated by dividing the total interest or profit at the end of the investment period by the number of years over which it was accumulated.

(2) If any of the persons whose income is under consideration retired or was made redundant from employment or self-employment in the reference period and received a lump sum, a proportion of the lump sum is taken into account for calculating reckonable income.

In the case of a retirement, the proportion taken into account is the retirement lump sum divided by the number of years pensionable service. In the case of self-employment, the pensionable service is the number of years for which contributions were made to a retirement product.

In the case of redundancy, the proportion to be taken into account is calculated by dividing the lump sum by the number of years of service with the employer.

(3) If any of the persons whose income is under consideration received income from the disposal of assets or rights in the reference period, other than in the case of the exceptions listed in paragraph (4), only a proportion of the gain or loss is taken into account in calculating reckonable income. The amount to be included in reckonable income for each disposal is the actual gain or loss divided by the number of years for which the asset or right was held.

(4) The exceptions referred to in paragraph (3) are—

(a) the disposal of a principal private residence except where the sale price reflects development value;

(b) in the case of an independent student—

(i) disposals between an applicant and his or her spouse, civil partner or cohabitant; and

(ii) disposals from an applicant or his or her spouse to their dependent children; and

(c) In the case of a dependent student—

(i) disposals between parent(s),

(ii) disposals from parent(s) to an applicant, and

(iii) disposals from parent(s) to their dependent children.

(5) If any of the persons whose income is under consideration made a gain on the realisation of a life assurance policy or units in an investment fund in the reference period, only a proportion of the gain is taken into account in calculating reckonable income.

(6) If any of the persons whose income is under consideration received gifts or inheritances in the reference period, these are included in reckonable income, unless—

(a) in the case of an independent student, the gifts or inheritances were between the applicant and his or her spouse, civil partner or cohabitant; or

(b) in the case of a dependent student, the gifts or inheritances were between parents or to the applicant from his or her parent(s).

Clause 23. Treatment of losses

(1) Losses arising from a trade, other than a trade operated on a non-commercial basis, and losses arising from the disposal of an asset can be offset against all other sources of income in the reference period. However, losses carried forward from a previous year cannot be offset.

(2) Rental losses cannot be offset against other income in the reference period.

Part 4

Award of Grants

Clause 24. Offer and award of grant and transfer of status

(1) Where the awarding authority makes an offer of a grant to an applicant under this Scheme, the applicant, where requested to do so, shall confirm to the awarding authority the title of the course he or she proposes to follow, and such other details as requested, within such period after notification of the offer of a grant as the awarding authority may stipulate.

(2) the awarding authority shall determine whether an applicant is eligible to receive a grant under this Scheme having regard to—

- (a) information furnished by the applicant,
- (b) any other information in relation to the application, as appropriate, and
- (c) the criteria specified in this Scheme.

(3) Where a student is offered a grant or where a student is awarded a grant under this Scheme, but does not pursue an approved course in the 2023/24 academic year, the offer or award shall be deemed to have lapsed.

(4) A grant is awarded for the normal duration of the 2023/24 academic year of the approved course.

(5) A student who, during the course of the academic year 2023/24, wishes to change course or faculty must obtain the prior approval of the awarding authority in order to ensure compliance with this Scheme for the 2023/24 academic year.

(6) Where an eligible student transfers to another course, the awarding authority shall transfer the student's status as an eligible student to that course where—

- (a) it receives a request from the eligible student to do so, and
- (b) it is satisfied that the terms of this Scheme continue to be met.

(7) Where a student is granted refugee status, subsidiary protection or leave to remain on foot of his or her application for a declaration pursuant to the Refugee Act, 1996 or for subsidiary protection under the European Union (Subsidiary Protection) Regulations S.I. 426 of 2013 or leave to remain granted by the Minister for Justice and Equality, all entitlement to a grant under this Scheme will cease.

(8) Where a student is issued with a deportation order all entitlement to a grant under this Scheme will cease.

(9) The award of a grant under this scheme is conditional on the student's continued compliance with the terms of his/her permission to reside status in the State. Failure to comply with this condition will automatically result in the immediate termination of his/her grant.

Clause 25. Rates and value — maintenance grants

(1) The award of a maintenance grant shall be in accordance with the terms of this Scheme and the value of such grant shall be determined by the awarding authority having regard to the applicant's reckonable income, whether the reckonable income includes an eligible payment for the special rate as specified in Appendix D and the income limits for each of the respective rates in Appendix C.

(2) The value of the special and standard rates of maintenance grant in respect of an approved course shall be in accordance with the rates specified in Appendix E.

(3) In accordance with clause 6, full and part standard maintenance grants, and the special rates of maintenance grant, shall be payable at either adjacent or non-adjacent rates. The awarding authority shall determine the rate applicable in respect of an eligible student as follows—

(a) the adjacent rates of maintenance grant shall be payable in the case of students whose normal residence is 30 km or less from the approved institution which he or she is attending, where the distance is measured in line with guidelines agreed by the awarding authority;

(b) the non-adjacent rate of maintenance grant shall be payable in all other cases.

(4) Where a student in receipt of a maintenance grant as part of his or her approved course is required to participate in a compulsory off-campus placement within the State, where the period concerned is not less than one academic term or semester, he/she may have his or her grant entitlement paid in the normal manner in accordance with article 13(2). The rate of grant payable will be determined by the awarding authority having regard to paragraph (3).

(5) If an approved course is run over an academic year that is different from the standard academic year, a portion of the rate of grant will be awarded in line with guidelines issued by the awarding authority in respect of such courses, having regard to the number of weeks over which the approved course is run.

Clause 26. Rates and value — fee grant

(1) The award of a fee grant shall be in accordance with the terms of this Scheme and the rate and value of such grant shall be determined by the awarding authority having regard to the applicant's reckonable income and income limits, the EU rate of fee applicable to an approved course and the maximum limits applicable for each respective rate in Appendix F.

(2) The value of the fee grant shall be determined in accordance with clause 7 and shall conform to the income limits set out in Appendix C.

(3) A full fee grant is payable for the EU rate of fee in respect of an approved undergraduate course provided in the State to which the Free Fees Schemes applies.

(4) A full fee grant in respect of the EU rate of fee up to but not exceeding the maximum fee limit prescribed in Appendix F, is payable in respect of an approved undergraduate course provided in the State, but to which the Free Fees Schemes do not apply.

(5) A part fee grant, not exceeding 50% of the EU rate of fee, is payable in respect of an approved undergraduate course provided in the State and covered under the Free Fees Schemes.

(6) A part tuition fee element in respect of 50% of the EU rate of fee, but not exceeding 50% of the maximum fee limit prescribed in Appendix F, is payable in respect of an approved undergraduate course provided in the State but to which the Free Fees Schemes does not apply.

Clause 27. Rates and value — fee grant, field trip element

The field trip element of a fee grant is payable, in accordance with clause 9, subject to the maximum fee limits provided for in Appendix F.

Clause 28. Rates and value - postgraduate fee contribution.

The postgraduate fee contribution is payable, in accordance with clause 10, at the rate set out in Appendix F.

Clause 29. Review of eligibility during academic year

(1) The eligibility of a person to whom this Scheme applies for the award of a grant, or the level of the grant awarded, may be assessed or re-assessed by the awarding authority in the event of changes of circumstances between 1 January following the reference period and during the academic year relating to the following—

- (a) the applicant's reckonable income, within the meaning of Part 3, which is likely to obtain for the foreseeable future, including eligible payments for the special rate of maintenance grant, other than where that payment is jobseeker's allowance or jobseeker's benefit;
- (b) the number of dependent children;

- (c) where a relevant person commences an approved course for the purpose of this Scheme or a full-time course of at least one year's duration in further or higher education and training in the State leading to a major award at Levels 5 to 10 of the framework of qualifications or to an equivalent qualification made by a recognised awarding body in the State or in another Member State;
- (d) normal residence;
- (e) nationality or immigration status,
- (f) change of course or institution.

(2) If there is a fall in the income of any of the persons whose income is under consideration, between 1 January following the reference period and the end of the academic year, and the awarding authority is satisfied that the fall in income is likely to obtain for the duration of the approved course or for the foreseeable future, a review of the application may be applied for or, where a student grant application form was not completed for the academic year, an application can be made for a student grant under such change in circumstances.

(3) Where an awarding authority is satisfied that a change in circumstances has occurred within the meaning of paragraph (2) the application will be assessed based on current income.

(4) Where an adverse change in the reckonable income occurs, awards or adjustments in cases assessed under this clause shall be made with effect from the month in which the change in circumstances occurs.

(5) The amount of the tuition fee element, maintenance elements and post graduate fee contribution of the grant payable in respect of a month shall be one-ninth of the annual rate.

Part 5

Application, provision of information and payment

Clause 30 Application to the awarding authority

An applicant shall make an application to the awarding authority if they wish to attend, or will be attending, an approved course in an approved institution as set out in Appendix A or B of this Scheme.

Clause 31. Application time limits

(1) Applications duly completed must be received by the awarding authority not later than **TBC**.

(2) The awarding authority may at its discretion accept an application which is not received on time.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), an application may not be accepted by the awarding authority later than one month before the end of the 2023/24 academic year.

Clause 32 Applications generally

(1) An applicant may not apply for or receive more than one grant at any one time.

(2) An applicant must apply for a grant in connection with the 2023/24 academic year of an approved course by completing and submitting to the awarding authority, an application in the format approved by the awarding authority, which must be supported by such documentary evidence as required by the awarding authority.

(3) The awarding authority may take such steps and make such inquiries as it considers necessary, including the exchange of data between bodies to determine whether the applicant is an eligible student, whether he or she qualifies for a grant and the amount of a grant payable.

(4) An applicant shall furnish the awarding authority with the personal, family, financial and other information that the awarding authority may seek in relation to the applicant, the applicant's spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, each parent of the applicant, and any dependent child, as appropriate, and shall produce evidence, in such form as may be required by the awarding authority, to verify the information, in order that the awarding authority may determine whether or not the applicant is eligible to receive a grant.

Clause 33. Submission of information

(1) An applicant shall furnish to the awarding authority such information as it requests and shall produce evidence in a form acceptable to the awarding authority, in order that the awarding authority may determine whether or not the applicant is eligible to receive a grant.

(2) The awarding authority may stipulate the period of time within which the information, further information or evidence shall be submitted or produced to it.

(3) Without prejudice to clause 32(4), the following information shall be furnished to the awarding authority in relation to the applicant and, as appropriate, the applicant's spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, each parent of the applicant, and any other dependent child, as appropriate, namely—

- (a) personal public service number,
- (b) date of birth,
- (c) reckonable income,
- (d) nationality, immigration status and residency,
- (e) information in relation to any matters in this Scheme,

- (f) normal residence,
- (g) unique person identification number provided by the Department of Justice and Equality.

(4) In addition, the applicant shall furnish the following information to the awarding authority—

- (a) whether he or she is a mature student, dependent student or independent student;
- (b) marital status;
- (c) whether he or she has dependents;
- (d) academic history;
- (e) whether he or she is commencing his or her first year of study, is a student in progression or has previous attendance at further or higher education;
- (f) the approved course that the applicant attends or intends to attend and in respect of which he or she is applying for a grant;
- (g) the approved institution which is providing the course;
- (h) any funding, awards and financial assistance in relation to his or her course of study;

(5) Declarations forming part of the application shall be signed by the applicant and the applicant's parents or, in the case of an independent student, by the applicant and the applicant's spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, if applicable.

(6) It will be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the income details and other details sought are full and complete in every respect. If such details contain a deliberate material omission or inaccuracy, the applicant shall be liable to loss of grant and repayment, with interest, of any portion of a grant already received.

Clause 34. Payment of maintenance grants

(1) Payment of a maintenance grant shall be made by the awarding authority.

(2) The awarding authority shall pay maintenance grants in nine instalments, in line with the annual rates specified in Appendix E.

(3) Payments of maintenance grants shall be made in euro by electronic funds transfer. It will be a condition of entitlement that the eligible student must provide particulars of a bank, building society or credit union account in the State or in the SEPA Euro Payment Area (SEPA)

that can accept Electronic Funds Transfer.

(4) An approved institution is required to verify to the awarding authority at agreed intervals that a person awarded a maintenance grant is enrolled or registered with the institution, in accordance with its rules, and is continuing to attend the course for which they have been approved for in that institution. The awarding authority must not pay the first or subsequent maintenance grant instalments, or, where it has been determined not to pay a maintenance grant, make any payment of maintenance, to the student before it has received such verification.

Clause 35. Payment of fee grants

(1) The tuition fee grant or the postgraduate fee contribution payable under this Scheme shall be paid by the awarding authority, to the approved institution, in line with the rate of fee awarded, upon receipt of—

- (a) an appropriate invoice from the approved institution in respect of the applicable tuition fee, or some other confirmation as determined by the awarding authority.
- (b) confirmation of registration, as supplied by the approved institution, and
- (c) confirmation of whether the student is in receipt of, or eligible for, assistance towards the fee from any other source.

(2) The field trip element of a fee grant payable under this Scheme shall be paid by the awarding authority to the student, in line with provisions in Appendix F, upon receipt of the following documents—

- (a) a field trip form—
 - (i) with the relevant sections completed, verified and stamped by the approved institution, and
 - (ii) with relevant sections completed and signed by the student; and
- (b) receipts for expenses being claimed.

Clause 36. Overpayments

(1) Where a person receives a payment from the awarding authority that is in respect of a grant that the person is not entitled to receive, the person is liable to repay to the awarding authority on demand a sum not exceeding the amount of money received.

(2) Where the awarding authority makes a payment in respect of a grant to an approved institution, the student on whose behalf they have been paid is deemed to have received the moneys.

(3) Any overpayment made in respect of a grant awarded under this Scheme may be recovered by the awarding authority.

Part 6

Appeals

Clause 37. Determination of Disputes – Appeals Officer

- (1) Where an applicant is aggrieved by a determination of the awarding authority under this Scheme he or she may appeal against that determination to an appeals officer in the awarding authority not later than 30 days after receipt of the notice of the decision from the awarding authority. This period may be extended by the appeals officer (at the request in writing of the applicant) for a further period not exceeding 30 days.
- (2) The appeals officer shall then determine an appeal under this Scheme within 30 days of receiving the appeal and such decision may be to affirm, vary or set aside the determination or request, as the case may be, of the awarding authority and, as appropriate, give a direction to the awarding authority to comply with his or her determination.
- (3) The appeals officer shall notify the applicant in writing of the determination and the reasons therefor.
- (4) The decision of the appeals officer shall be final.

Appendix A

Approved institutions

PART A

Atlantic Technological University
Dublin City University
Maynooth University Ireland
Munster Technological University
National University of Ireland, Dublin
National University of Ireland, Cork
National University of Ireland, Galway
South East Technological University
Technological University Dublin
Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands and Midwest
Trinity College Dublin
University of Limerick

PART B

Dundalk Institute of Technology
Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology

PART C

National College of Art & Design, Dublin
National College of Ireland, Dublin
Marino Institute of Education, Dublin
Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo

PART D

Pontifical University of Maynooth

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology [3 years]
- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology and Arts [3 years]
- Hons. Bachelor Degree in Theology & Arts International [4 years]

In respect of the following postgraduate courses:

- MA Degree in Theology [1 year]
- MA Degree in Theology [2 years]
- Doctoral Degree of PhD in Theology [3 years]

Carlow College (St. Patrick's)

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- BA (Ordinary) in Applied Social Studies (Professional Social Care) [3 years]

- BA (Hons) in Applied Social Studies (Professional Social Care) [1 year add-on]
- BA (Ordinary) in Arts and Humanities [3 years]
- BA (Hons) in Arts and Humanities [4 years]
- BA (Hons) in Social, Political and Community Studies [4 years]
- BA (Hons) in English and History [4 years]

In respect of the following postgraduate courses:

- MA English by Research [2 years]
- MA Philosophy by Research [2 years]
- MA History by Research [2 years]
- MA Religion/Theology by Research [2 years]

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- MB, BCh, BAO (LRCP, SI) [5 years]
- MB BCh, BAO, (LRCP, SI) [6 years]
- BSc (Hons) in Pharmacy [4 years]
- BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy [4 years]
- BSc (Hons) in Advanced Therapeutic Technologies [4 years]

In respect of the following postgraduate courses:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) [4 years]
- Medical Doctorate (MD) [2 years]
- MSc by Research [2 years]
- Master of Pharmacy (M Pharm) (1 year)

St. Nicholas Montessori College

In respect of the following undergraduate courses:

- B.Ed. in Montessori Education (Level 7)
- B.Ed. in Montessori Education (Level 8)
- B.A. (Hons) in Montessori Education (Level 8)

The Honorable Society of Kings Inns

In respect of the following postgraduate course:

- Barrister-at-Law Degree [1 year]

The Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place

In respect of the following postgraduate course:

- Professional Practice Course (PPC)
 - Part I
 - Part II
- Professional Practice Course (PPC) [1 year full-time campus attendance]

Appendix B

PLC Institution Name

CARLOW

76514K Carlow Institute of Further Education and Training, Mortarstown Upper, Carlow, R93 X0FX

91356F Tullow Community School, The Mullawn, Tullow, Co. Carlow, R93 DT20

CAVAN

76087R Cavan Institute, Cathedral Road, Co. Cavan, H12 E426

CLARE

62000W Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare, V95 R2AW

70840Q Ennistymon Vocational School, Glencree, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, V95 P991

n/a College of Further Education and Training – Ennis Campus, Clonroad Business Park, Clonroad, Ennis, Co. Clare V95 KT95

n/a College of Further Education and Training – Ennistymon Campus, Church Street, Ennistymon, Co. Clare V95 CX65

91448K Kilrush Community School, Kilrush, Co. Clare, V15 KT04

CORK

70910L Kinsale College, (St. Brogan's College), Bandon Road, Kinsale, Co. Cork, P17 NN67

71030J McEgan College, Macroom, Co. Cork, P12 E291

71050P St. Colman's Community College, Middleton, Co. Cork, P25 W658

71120K Morrison Island Campus, Cork College of FET, Morrison Island, Cork, T12 H685

n/a Cork College of Commerce, Morrison Island, Cork, T12 H685

n/a St John's Central College, Sawmill Street, Cork, T12 DW32

71121M Douglas St Campus, Cork College of FET, Sawmill St., Cork, T12 DW32

n/a Coláiste Stiofain Naofa, Tramore Road, Cork, T12 AC91

71122O Tramore Road Campus, Cork College of FET, Tramore Road, Cork, T12 AC91

76090G Coláiste Pobail Bheanntaí, Bantry, Co. Cork, P75 TE27

n/a Mallow College of Further Education, West End, Annabella, Mallow, Co. Cork, P51 P732

76434M Mallow Campus, Cork College of FET, West End, Annabella, Mallow, Co. Cork P51 P732

DONEGAL

71200I Errigal College, Windyhall, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 FC82

71241W St. Catherine's Vocational School, Killybegs, Co. Donegal, F94 A004

71240U Finn Valley College, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal, F93 AE27

n/a Donegal ETB, Letterkenny Training Centre, Ballyraine Industrial Estate, Ramelton Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, F92 WR89

n/a FET Centre Buncrana, Shore Road, Buncrana, Co. Donegal F93 ND23

n/a FET Centre Donegal Town (Drumcliff), Drumcliff, Donegal Town,

F94 D28H

DUBLIN

- 70020B Grange Community College, Grange Abbey Road, Donaghmede, Dublin 13, D13 NX25
- 70030E Blackrock Further Education Institute (BFEI), Main St, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, A94 X383
- 70040H Deansrath Community College, Westbourne Rise, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, D22 RY77
- 70041J Collinstown Park Community College, Rowlagh, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, D22 X458
- 70050K Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute (DFEI), 17 Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, A96 EP44
- 70070Q Dundrum College of Further Education, Main Street, Dundrum, Dublin 14, D14 HD83
- 70090W Sallynoggin College of Further Education, Pearse St, Sallynoggin, Co. Dublin, A96 KV84
- 70110C Stillorgan College of Further Education, Old Dublin Rd, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, A94 P861
- 70130I Greenhills Community College, Limekiln Avenue, Greenhills, Dublin 12, D12 DP8W
- 91318U The Donahies Community School, Streamville Rd, Dublin 13, D13 YN77

DUBLIN CITY

- 70170U Crumlin College of Further Education, Crumlin Rd, Dublin 12, D12 K5CE
- 70190D Coláiste Ide, College of Further Education, Cardiffsbridge Road, Finglas, Dublin 11, D11 N402
- 70220J Inchicore College of Further Education, Emmet Road, Dublin 8, D08 PX93
- 70230M Killester College, Collins Ave East, Dublin 5, D05 TW21
- 70250S Marino College, 14 - 20 Marino Mart, Fairview, Dublin 3, D01 Y160
- 70280E Rathmines College of Further Education, Town Hall, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06 A215
- 70290H Ballsbridge College of Further Education, Shelbourne Rd, Dublin 4, D04 R201
- 70300H Pearse College, Clogher Rd, Crumlin, Dublin 12, D12 CR22
- 70310K Plunket College, Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9, D09 C94K
- 70320N Whitehall College of Further Education, Mobhi Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, D09 XP65
- 70340T Liberties College, Bull Alley Street, Liberties, Dublin 8, D08 A8NO
- 70342A Ballyfermot College of Further Education, Ballyfermot Rd, Dublin 10, D10 TX46
- 76094O Coláiste Dhulaigh College of Further Education, Clonsaugh Road, Coolock, Dublin 17, D17 KH66

GALWAY

- 62900M Coláiste Mhuire, Ballygar, Co. Galway, F42 D265
- 62930V St Cuan's College, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, H53 AN80
- 71270G Clarin College, Athenry, Co. Galway, H65 KC65

71290M Coláiste an Chreagáin, Mountbellew, Co. Galway, H53 XT54

71340B Galway Technical Institute, Fr. Griffin Rd, The Claddagh,
Galway, H91 KA49

71400Q Galway Community College, Moneenageisha, Galway, H91 K642

91514U Glenamaddy Community School, Church Street, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway,
F45 KF50

KERRY

n/a Kerry College of Further Education and Training - Listowel Campus, Upper
Church Street, Listowel, Co. Kerry, V31 WD34

n/a Kerry College of Further Education and Training - Clash Road Campus, Clash
Road, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 Y991

n/a Kerry College of Further Education and Training – Denny Street Campus,
5-8 Denny Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 Y751

n/a Kerry College of Further Education and Training – Monavalley Campus,
Monavalley Industrial Estate, Tralee, Co. Kerry, V92 PW50

n/a Kerry College of Further Education and Training – Killorglin Campus,
Cappanlea, Caragh Lake, Killorglin, Co. Kerry, V93 EY00

KILDARE

70680U St. Conleth's Community College, Station Rd, Newbridge, Co. Kildare,
W12 C432

KILKENNY

70590T Duiske College, Graignamanagh, Co. Kilkenny, R95 RR94

70610W Kilkenny City Vocational School, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny, R95 W2XN

LAOIS

40039E Abbeyleix Further Education Centre, Mountrath Road, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois,
R32 TX30

71510A Portlaoise Institute (Portlaoise College), Mountrath Road, Portlaoise, Co.
Laois, R32 N795

n/a Portarlinton Further Education and Training Centre, 12 Bracklone Street,
Portarlinton, Co. Laois, R32 FX49

LEITRIM

71560P Lough Allen College, Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim, N41 XT98

71570S Drumshanbo Vocational School, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim, N41 D623

LIMERICK

64250J Coláiste Nano Nagle (Central College Limerick), Sexton Street, Limerick,
V94 WP48

n/a College of Further Education and Training - LCFE Mulgrave Street Campus,
Mulgrave Street, Limerick, V94 P232.

n/a College of Further Education and Training, Croom Campus,
High Street, Croom, Co. Limerick, V35 W727

71930W Limerick College of Further Education, Mulgrave Street, Limerick, V94 P232

LONGFORD

71730O Templemichael College, Templemichael, Longford, N39 DA02

LOUTH

71760A Drogheda Institute of Further Education, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth,

A92 V586

71770D O'Fiach College, Hoey's Lane, Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91 WK75

MAYO

64660F Sancta Maria College, Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, F28 NY64

72020L Moyne College, Ballina, Co. Mayo, F26 W884

n/a Westport College of Further Education, Newport Road, Westport, Co. Mayo, F28 TP82

76060U Castlebar College of Further Education (Davitt College), Newtown, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 EW84

72160E Mayo College of Further Education and Training, Newtown, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 EW84

MEATH

76374U Dunboyne College of Further Education, Dunboyne Business Park, Dunboyne, Co. Meath, A86 FH01

MONAGHAN

76095Q Monaghan Institute, Education Campus, Armagh Road, Monaghan, H18 FY94

OFFALY

41169W Tullamore Further Education & Training Centre, Castle Buildings, Tara Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 E9K8

n/a Birr Further Education and Training Centre, Townsend Street, Birr, Co. Offaly R42 W902

ROSCOMMON

68325L Coláiste Chiaráin, Summerhill, Athlone, Co. Roscommon, N37 AH97

SLIGO

65150K Jesus and Mary Secondary School, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo, F26 WR83

65181V Mercy College, Chapel Hill, Sligo, F91 CF80

72350J North Connaught College, Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo, F91 X883

72360M Ballinode College/Sligo College of Further Education, Clarion Road, Ballinode, Sligo, F91 DY66

TIPPERARY

72420E Central Technical Institute, The Mall, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91 K2E2

72440K Nenagh College of Further Education, Dromin Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, E45 VF51

72470T Templemore College of Further Education, Richmond, Templemore, Co. Tipperary, E41 FF98

72480W St. Ailbe's Secondary School, Rosanna Road, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary, E34 H596

72490C Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed, Castlemeadows, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, E41 W678

76069P Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré, Corville Road, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, E53 V449

n/a Tipperary Community Services Centre, Michael Street, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary E34 KI56

WATERFORD

72220T Dungarvan College, Youghal Road, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, X35 PV34

72240C Waterford College of Further Education, Parnell Street, Waterford,
X91 VKT9

WESTMEATH

71450I Mullingar Community College, Millmount Road, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath,
N91 TC59

91501L Moate Business College (Community School), Lake Road, Moate, Co.
Westmeath, N37 WK44

WEXFORD

71630K Enniscorthy Community College, Milehouse Road, Enniscorthy, Co.
Wexford, Y21 YX56

71650Q Coláiste an Atha, Kilmuckridge, Gorey, Co. Wexford, Y25 C952

71660T Kennedy College, New Ross, Co. Wexford, Y34 YW08

71680C Selskar College, Westgate, Wexford, Y35 RY27

91492N Gorey Community School, Gorey, Co. Wexford, Y25 YX29

WICKLOW

70770V Bray Institute of Further Education (St Thomas' Community College), Novara
Avenue, Bray, Co. Wicklow, A98 ND89

Appendix C

Reckonable Income Limits for the 2023/24 academic year

1. Reckonable income limits:

The period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 is the reference period for the academic year 2023/24.

PLC students

Table A: Income limits for maintenance grants (as specified in Appendix E)

To qualify for:	Special Rate*	Standard rate Full maintenance Band 1	Standard rate Part maintenance Band 2	Standard rate Part maintenance Band 3	Standard rate Part maintenance Band 4
No. of dependent children					
Less than 4	€25,000	€40,875	€41,970	€44,380	€46,790
4 to 7	€27,400	€44,810	€46,025	€48,670	€51,325
8 or more	€29,702	€48,575	€49,890	€52,760	€55,630

Additional increments that may be applied to the income limits in Table A for Maintenance Grants**					
+ increment for each additional relevant person	€ 4,950	+ €4,950	+ €4,785	+ €4,785	+ €4,785

* To be eligible for the special rate of maintenance the reckonable income on 31 December 2022 must include an eligible payment listed in Appendix D

** Increments which may be added to the relevant income limits.

Undergraduate students

Table B: Income limits for maintenance grants (as specified in Appendix E)

To qualify for:	Special Rate*	Standard rate	Standard rate	Standard rate	Standard rate
No. of dependent children		Full maintenance Band 1	Part maintenance Band 2	Part maintenance Band 3	Part maintenance Band 4
Less than 4	€25,000	€40,875	€41,970	€44,380	€46,790
4 to 7	€27,400	€44,810	€46,025	€48,670	€51,325
8 or more	€29,702	€48,575	€49,890	€52,760	€55,630

Additional increments that may be applied to the income limits in Table B for Maintenance Grants**					
+ increment for each additional relevant person	€4,950	+ € 4,950	+ €4,785	+€4,785	+€4,785

* To be eligible for the special rate of maintenance the reckonable income on 31 December 2022 must include an eligible payment listed in Appendix D

** Increments which may be added to the relevant income limits.

Table C: Income limits for tuition fees (as specified in Appendix F)

To qualify for:	(i) 100% tuition fees	50% tuition fees
No. of dependent children	(ii) Field trip expenses	
Less than 4	€46,790	€50,840
4 to 7	€51,325	€55,765
8 or more	€55,630	€60,455

Additional increments that may be applied to the income limits in Table C for tuition fee grants**		
+ increment for each additional relevant person	+€4,785	+€4,950

** Increments which may be added to the relevant income limits.

Postgraduate students

Table D: Income limits for tuition fees (as specified in Appendix F)

To qualify for:	(i) Tuition fees *
No. of dependent children	(ii) Field trip expenses
Less than 4	€25,000
4 to 7	€27,400
8 or more	€29,702

Additional increments that may be applied to the income limits in Table D for tuition fees **	
+ increment for each additional relevant persons	+ €4,950

* To be eligible for tuition fees the conditions for the special rate of maintenance grant must be satisfied

** Increments which may be added to the relevant income limits

Table E: Income Limits for Postgraduate Special Rate of Maintenance Grants (as specified in Appendix F)

To qualify for:	Special Rate*
No. of dependent children	
Less than 4	€25,000
4 to 7	€27,400
8 or more	€29,702

Additional increments that may be applied to the income limits in Table E for Maintenance Grants**	
+ increment for each additional relevant person	+ € 4,950

*To be eligible for the special rate of maintenance grant the reckonable income on 31 December 2022 must include an eligible payment listed in Appendix D.

** Increments which may be added to the relevant income limits.

Table F: Income limits for postgraduate fee contribution (as specified in Appendix F)

To qualify for:	Postgraduate Fee Contribution
No. of dependent children	
Less than 4	€55,240
4 to 7	€60,595
8 or more	€65,700
Additional increments that may be applied to the income limits in Table F for postgraduate fee contribution**	
+ increment for each additional relevant person	+ €4,950

** Increments which may be applied to the relevant income limits.

In the 2023/24 academic year, where the applicant plus one or more relevant persons are attending an approved course for the purposes of this Scheme or a full-time course of at least one year's duration in further or higher education and training in the State (and in the case of a relevant person, any other Member State or a relevant specified jurisdiction) leading to a major award at Levels 5 to 10 of the framework of qualifications or to an equivalent qualification made by a recognised awarding body in the State (and in the case of a relevant person, any other Member State or a relevant specified jurisdiction), the reckonable income limits for each of the rates of grant in Tables 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 may be increased by an additional increment as identified.

Holiday Earnings

1. Holiday Earnings:

A deduction of up to a maximum amount of €6,552 may be applied to student earnings outside of term time but within the reference period.

Appendix D

Eligible Long-term payments for the special rate of maintenance grant for the 2023/24 academic year

As at 31 December 2022, the reckonable income must include one of the eligible payments listed in this Appendix, or its equivalent from a Member State or a relevant specified jurisdiction, net of—

(a) income disregards (as set out in clause 20 of this Scheme); and

(b) Child Dependant Increase (C.D.I.), where paid by the Department of Social Protection.

Social Assistance Payments

1. Direct Provision Allowance
2. Reduced rate supplementary welfare allowance as a resident of a self-catering centre in Watergate, Dublin or Dundalk.
3. Blind Pension
4. Carer's Allowance
5. One Parent Family Payment
6. Jobseekers Allowance Transition
7. Disability Allowance
8. Farm Assist
9. Jobseeker's Allowance (where held for 391 days or more)*
10. State Pension (Non-Contributory)
11. Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
12. Pre-retirement allowance
13. Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-Contributory) Pension
14. Supplementary Welfare Allowance (where held for 15 consecutive-calendar months)

Social Insurance Payments

15. Benefit Payment for 65 year olds
16. Carer's Benefit
17. Invalidity Pension
18. Incapacity Supplement
19. Occupational Injuries Death Benefit (Orphan's Pension)
20. Occupational Injuries Benefit — Death Benefit (Widow or Widower's Pension)
21. State Pension (Contributory)
22. Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
23. Jobseeker's Benefit*
24. Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension
25. State Pension (Transition)

Designated Programmes

26. Back to Education Allowance (Second Level and Third Level Options)
27. Back to Work Allowance (Employees)
28. Back to Work Enterprise Allowance
29. Community Employment Scheme
30. Rural Social Scheme
31. Tús Initiative
32. Gateway Scheme
33. Further Education and Training (FET) Courses, including Apprenticeships
34. Part-time job incentive scheme
35. Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)

Others

1. Foster Care and Aftercare Allowances or Adoption Maintenance Allowance where paid in respect of the applicant
2. Independent Living Allowance for Young People in Residential Care
3. Working Family Payment / Family Income Supplement (FIS)
4. In receipt of payments under the FIT (Fastrack to IT) initiative equivalent to a social welfare payment
5. Partial Capacity Benefit where the recipient has an underlying entitlement to Invalidity Pension
6. Participants on a training course approved by a Government Department, State Agency or Area Partnership and who were in receipt of an eligible payment prior to progressing to the programme
7. Grant aided employees in Community Services Programmes (formerly social economy enterprises)

*Combined periods of Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit and other eligible payments for purposes of meeting the prescribed period of 391 days as determined by the Department of Social Protection.

The Department of Social Protection Illness Benefit or COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit or COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment or Maternity Benefit can also be used to combine periods of Jobseeker's Allowance and Jobseeker's Benefit provided a period of Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit comes directly before and directly after the period of Illness Benefit or COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit or COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment or Maternity Benefit.

Periods on the Youth Employment Support Scheme (YESS), JobBridge, National Internship Scheme or the Work Placement Experience Programme can also be combined with periods on other listed eligible payments provided a period on an eligible payment comes directly before and directly after the period on the Youth Employment Support Scheme (YESS), JobBridge, National Internship Scheme or the Work Placement Experience Programme.

APPENDIX E

Annual rates of maintenance grant for the 2023/2024
academic year

	Non-Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Special rate of maintenance	6,971	2,936
Standard rate—Full Maintenance Band 1	3,677	1,613
Standard rate—Part Maintenance Band 2	2,717	1,221
Standard rate—Part Maintenance Band 3	1,887	886
Standard rate—Part Maintenance Band 4	1,051	556

Appendix F

Maximum overall limits for a fee grant for the 2023/24 academic year

Table 1

Undergraduate Tuition Fee Element		
In respect of the following courses	Maximum fee limit Full (100%) grant in respect of tuition fees	Maximum fee limit Part (50%) grant in respect of tuition fees
Approved undergraduate courses to which the Free Fees Schemes applies.	100% of the EU rate of fee	50% of the EU rate of fee
Approved undergraduate courses provided in the State to which the Free Fees Schemes does not apply.	€6,270	€3,135

Table 2

Field Trip Element		
[Calculation of value available towards compulsory costs]		
A student who would have qualified for 100% tuition fee element of a fee grant but for the Free Fees Schemes and was awarded a grant towards the student contribution charge.	Maximum Fee Limit:	€6,270
	<i>Less</i> the tuition fee claimed from the State by the institution under the Free Fees Schemes:	-€x,xxx
	<i>Less</i> Student Contribution	€3,000
	<i>Equals</i> maximum amount if any available towards field trip element	€y,yyy
Student who qualifies for 100% undergraduate tuition fees or postgraduate tuition fees under the scheme of grants.	Max Fee Limit Amount:	€6,270
	<i>Less</i> EU rate of fee applicable to the course/invoiced to the student:	-€x,xxx

	<i>Equals</i> the maximum amount if any available towards field trip element	€y,yyy
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Table 3

Postgraduate Grants		
In respect of the following courses	Maximum fee limit for grant in respect of tuition fees	Postgraduate Fee Contribution
Approved postgraduate courses provided in the State.	€6,270	€4,000