

MAINTENANCE GRANTS



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Maintenance Grants for Further and Higher Education

There are a range of grants available to eligible students who are attending full-time courses approved by the Department of Education and Science

- *Maintenance Grant Scheme* for Students attending Post Leaving Cert (PLC) Courses offered in Colleges of Further Education.
- *Third Level Maintenance Grant Scheme* for most courses in Institutes of Technology
- *Vocational Educational Committees' (VEC's) Scholarship Scheme* for those progressing from a Higher Certificate or Ordinary Degree in an Institute of Technology Apply through your local VEC
- *Higher Education Grants Scheme* for those taking a University Degree Course Apply through your local County Council
- BTEA and VTOS recipients are not eligible

Eligibility

Age: For PLC courses you must be at least 16 on 1 January of the year you intend beginning the course
For all other courses, you must be at least 17 years of age on 1 January of the year you intend to begin

Residence:

You must be resident in the VEC or County Council that you are applying to from 1 October (1 year) before the start of your course

Means:

Income limits begin at €41,110 for the full Maintenance Grant. In order to be eligible for the Top-Up Grant, the income limit is €22,308

Nationality:

Students must hold:

1. EU Nationality or
2. Official Refugee Status or
3. have been granted Humanitarian Leave to Remain or
4. have permission to remain in the State by virtue of marriage, or be a child of such a person
5. be nationals of a member country of the European Economic Area or Switzerland

Independent Mature Candidate

To be considered an Independent Mature Candidate you **MUST** be **23 or over** on 1 January of the year you start your course.

Also you **must not be living with your parents**. If you are, you will be assessed on your parents income

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Maintenance Grant Rates

Rates of Grant 09/10	Non-Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Full Maintenance	€3,250	€1,300
Top - Up Grant	€3,105	€1,245
Total Grant	€6,355	€2,545

- The adjacent rate is paid where the grant-holders normal residence is 15 miles or less from the college plan to attend
- The non-adjacent rate is paid where the grant-holder's normal residence is 15 miles or more from the college. In addition it applies to all mature students who qualify as having been assessed either as a dependent or independent mature candidate

To Apply

- Download application form on www.studentfinance.ie or from your local VEC or County Council
- It is important to give yourself plenty of time to fill in the forms and contact the VEC or County Council with any queries you may have about your application
- The deadline for applications is August 31st

Note

- You cannot qualify for a Maintenance Grant for a repeat year of study or for attendance on a second course of the same level
- You will not qualify for a PLC Maintenance Grant if you already hold a FETAC Level 5 qualification or hold a National Certificate, Diploma or Degree
- You will not be eligible for the maintenance grant if you receive BTEA or VTOS

Contact

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