

VTOS

Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme



DUN LAOGHAIRE VEC
ADULT GUIDANCE SERVICE

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You may be eligible for VTOS if you have a place on a full-time course in a College of Further Education in Dun Laoghaire

Eligibility

You can apply as a VTOS Student if you are **21 years or older** and in receipt of one of the following for **at least 6 months** before the start of a course

- Social Welfare Benefit or Credits
- One Parent Family Allowance
- Disability Allowance
- Disability Benefit, Invalidity Payment, Widow's/Widower's Pension

Advantages

- You receive payments equal to your social welfare benefits, plus a weekly training allowance if you are 312 days in receipt of benefits or allowances
- You may be eligible for meal and travel allowances
- Books, materials and equipment are free
- Fees are covered
- You can apply for a childcare place in the Willows Creche, Sallynoggin which covers all 3 DL VEC colleges

To apply

Once you are offered a place on a course in a college of further education, contact the college and apply directly to them. You can meet with the college VTOS co-ordinator who will guide you through the application process

Note

- Demand for VTOS places is high, so it is important to apply early, from January onwards
- If you are not eligible for VTOS you may be entitled to BTEA or a maintenance grant
- For more information on childcare support under VTOS contact the VTOS co-ordinator in your college

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