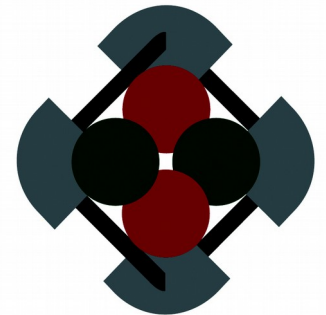


3RD LEVEL GRANTS



For definitive information go to
www.studentfinance.ie




SUSI administers the Grant Schemes on behalf of the Department of Education & Science.

Higher Certificate (Level 6) or Ordinary Degree (Level 7) in Institute of Technologies or Technical University.

Honours Degree (Level 8), Postgraduate Courses (Level 9) and for BTEC approved HND and Honours Degree courses in Northern Ireland and E.U. Colleges.

Post Leaving Certificate Scheme (PLC) – for approved FETAC (Level 5/6) approved Courses.

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Part Time courses, Courses in
Private Colleges, Honours
Degree Courses in PLC
Colleges or Post Graduate
Courses Overseas **are not**
presently covered under any
Maintenance Scheme.

For Your Information



FREE FEES

- European Union nationals attending full-time undergraduate courses are not normally required to pay any fees other than the student contribution described below.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTION

- For 2019/20 a charge of **€3,000** is payable by each student to cover student services such as examination entry fees, support for student services and support for student clubs and societies. When registering for the first time, those who can show documentary evidence confirming that they qualify for a maintenance grant, will not be required to pay this charge.

Criteria to apply



Criteria is determined nationally by the Department of Education & Science

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- **Residence**
- **Must secure a place on an approved full-time course**
- **Nationality**
- **Previous Academic Attainment**
- **Means**

RESIDENCE



You must have been legally resident in the State for 3 of the previous 5 years to qualify for a maintenance grant.

If you fulfil all the criteria for a maintenance grant except for the residence condition in the State, you may still qualify for a fee grant or a postgraduate fee contribution as a ‘tuition student’.

NATIONALITY REQUIREMENT



Candidates must:

Family member of one of the below, with permission to remain in the State as a family member of such person under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015 and EU Treaty rights provisions

Refugee status

Humanitarian leave to remain in the State before the Immigration Act 1999 came into effect. Foreign nationals granted leave to remain under the Irish Born Child scheme - IBC/05 are not eligible.

Permission to reside in the State under the European Union (Subsidiary Protection) Regulations 2013.

Permission to remain in the State by virtue of marriage to, or civil partnership with, an Irish national living here or be the dependent child of a person with such permission

Means Test



Applicants are means tested on gross income earned in the previous tax year
(i.e. the 2018 tax year)

If you were ordinarily resident with your parents from October 1 of the year before the year of entry to the course, you are considered dependent on your parents and your income (if any) is assessed together with your parents' income(s). **An allowance is made for your earnings outside of term-time - up to €4,500 currently.**

Reckonable income limits for 2019/2020

Income limits for maintenance grant and full fee grant

The family income limits for eligibility for a **maintenance grant** in 2018-2019 are set out below. These income limits are applied after your means are assessed - see 'Means test' above. The income limits also apply to the **fee grant** (that is, if you don't qualify for the free fees scheme and are eligible for a fee grant).

Number of dependent children	Full maintenance	Part maintenance (75%)	Part maintenance (50%)	Part maintenance (25%)
Fewer than 4	€39,875	€40,970	€43,380	€45,790
4 to 7	€43,810	€45,025	€47,670	€50,325
8 or more	€47,575	€48,890	€51,760	€54,630

Income limits for partial fee grant

The family income limits for eligibility for a **partial fee grant** in 2018-2019 are set out below.

Number of dependent children	50% tuition fees and 100% student contribution	50% student contribution only
Fewer than 4	€49,840	€54,240
4 to 7	€54,765	€59,595
8 or more	€59,455	€64,700

The 50% tuition fee is not payable if your fees are covered under the [Free Fees Scheme](#).

2 OR MORE AT COLLEGE

- **The reckonable income limits may be increased by up to €4,830 where there are 2 such children, €9,660 where there are 3 such children and so on by increments of €4,830. (Slightly less in part maintenance category- €4,670).**
- Attending a full-time third level education
- Attending a recognised PLC course, student nurse training or student Garda training.
- Participating in a Fáilte Ireland course of at least one years duration.
- Attending a full-time Teagasc course in an agricultural college. (Ballyhaise etc.)
- Attending a recognised full-time further education course, of at least one year's duration in Northern Ireland.

RATE OF GRANT



- **Adjacent Rate**
of grant applies where a student's normal residence is **less than 45 Kilometres** from the college.

- **Non Adjacent Rate**
of grant applies where a student's normal residence is **more than 45 Kilometres** from the college.

Rates

Changes in grant rates take effect in January each year.

Maintenance grant rates for 2018-2019

Type	Non-adjacent rate	Adjacent rate
Special rate	€5,915	€2,375
Full Maintenance	€3,025	€1,215
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,270	€910
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,515	€605
Part maintenance (25%)	€755	€305

Adjacent and non-adjacent rates

For students who live 45 kilometres or less from the college being attended, the adjacent rate of maintenance grant is payable. This rate applies to all students living within this distance, including all mature students, both dependent and independent.

The non-adjacent rate applies to everyone else.

Special Rate of Maintenance Grant (or, “Top-Up Grant”)

- Grant-holders may be eligible for what is known as a “top-up-grant”; an amount additional to the ordinary grant.
- The reckonable income limit for the “top-up-grant” for the 2019/2020 academic year is **€23,500** (net of standard exclusions) all or part of which must be a specified **Social Welfare** or similar payment.

Documents & Info required from the Applicant

Supporting documentation
required is listed on the
application form in each
section.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF **DOCUMENTS** MOST FREQUENTLY
REQUIRED FOR EACH CATEGORY OF APPLICANT

Original Long Form Birth Certificate

Proof of Independent Residence from 1st October 2018
in case of Mature Candidates

Evidence of Exam Results

Evidence of divorce or separation / Evidence of maintenance agreement

Proof of Parents/Guardians residence

Official Refugee Status sanction from Department of Justice

Marriage Certificate

Evidence of Nationality (certified copy of a passport)

Foster Care arrangement

Legal Guardianship



DOCUMENTATION IN RESPECT OF INCOME

P21 i.e. PAYE Balancing Statement (www.revenue.ie)

P60 for each employment

P45 if employment ceased

Accounts, Notice of Assessment, Adjusted Profit Computation
(self employment)

Social Welfare Statement/Health Service Executive Statement

Interest Certificates (interest on Deposit Accounts etc)



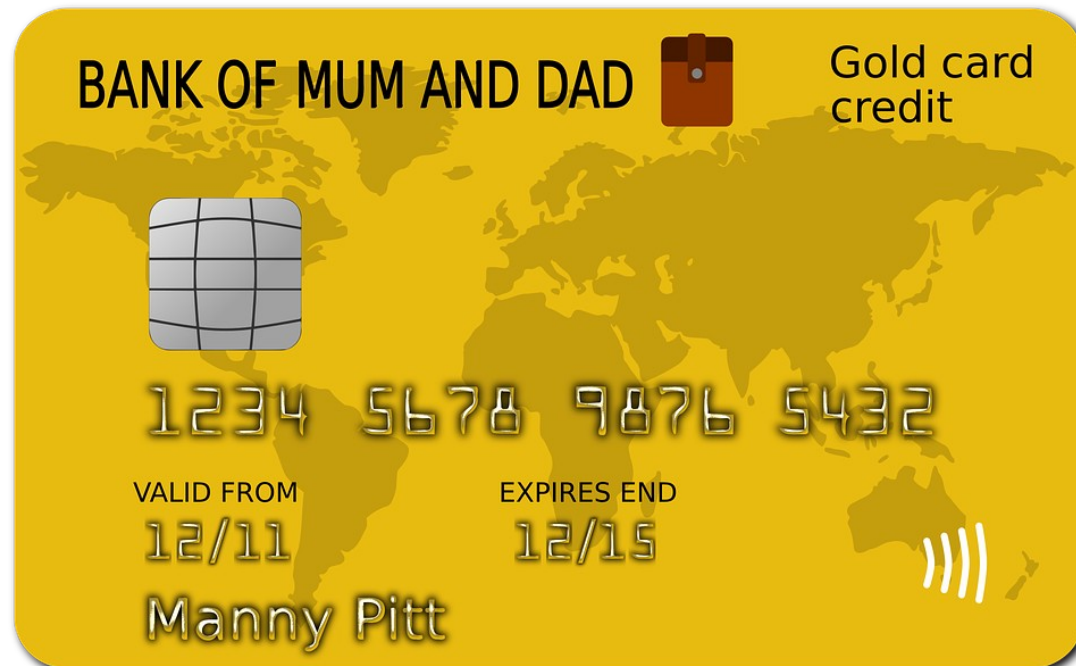
Change of Circumstances

- If parents/students income is over the reckonable income limit and should a change in circumstance occur that is likely to be **permanent**, students may apply to have their grant application reassessed – P.45 and 2018 income details should be submitted.



Payment of Grant

- Normally paid three times a Year at University and once a month at a PLC. It does vary from H.E.I. to H.E.I.



SUSI KEY DATES

New & Renewal Applications Opens: **April**

Renewal Applications Closing: **June**

New Applications Closing: **1 August**

Check SUSI for specific dates!



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Websites



- www.education.ie and follow the links to (Home>Students&Trainees>Financial Support Schemes)
- www.susi.ie - guide to Third Level Grants
- www.revenue.ie - a quick way to deal with your tax affairs for PAYE Self Service