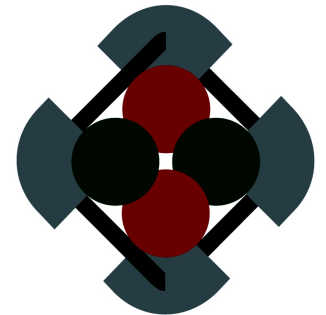


3RD LEVEL GRANTS



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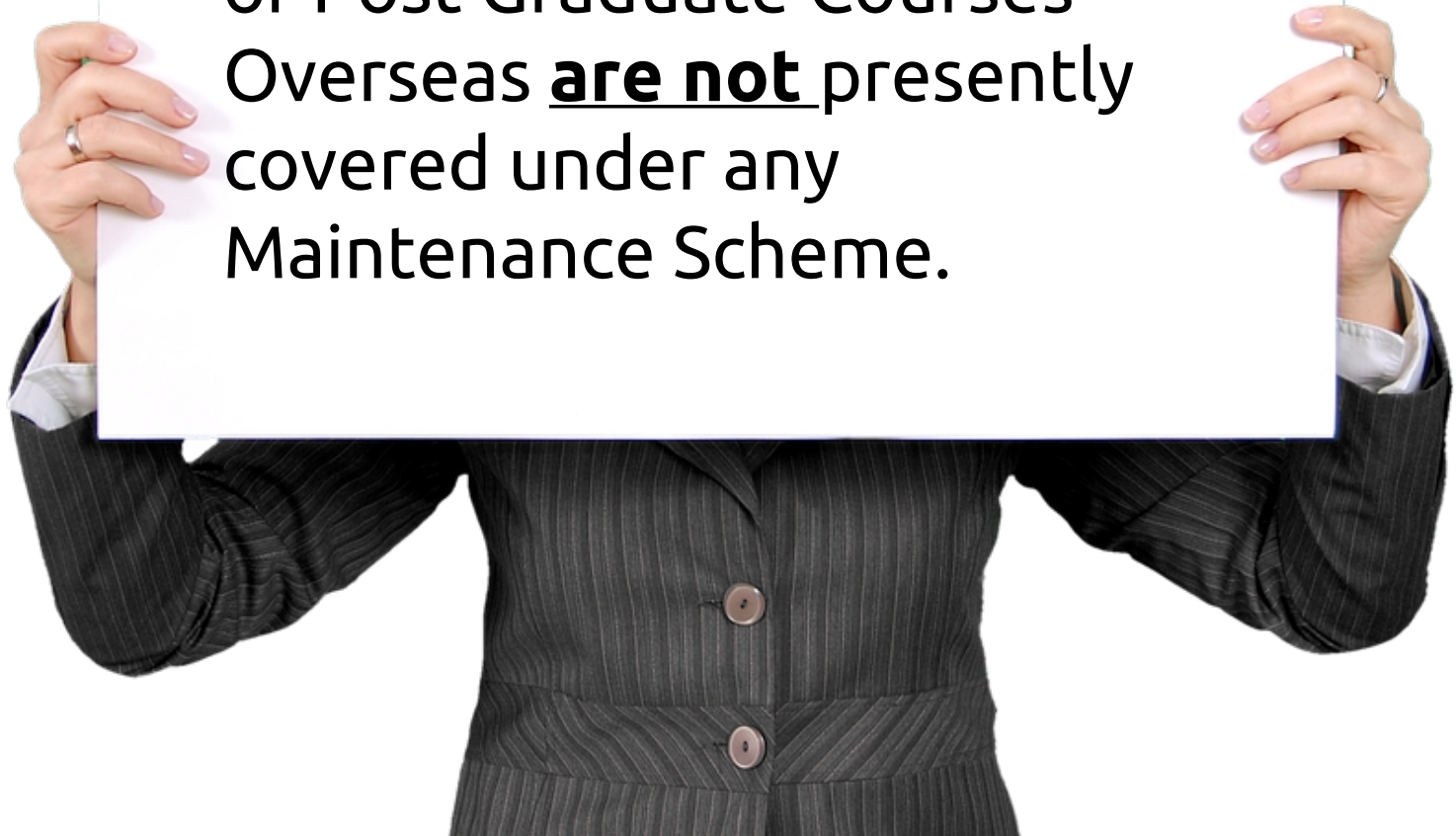
SUSI administers the Grant Schemes on behalf of the Department of Education & Science.

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.

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 2022/23 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 2021 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. (Outside term time is 2 weeks at Christmas, 2 weeks at Easter and 12 weeks during the summer months of June, July and August only.)**

Reckonable income limits for 2021/2022

Income limits for maintenance grant and full fee grant

The family income limits for eligibility for a maintenance grant in 2021-2022 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 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%)
Less 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 2021-2022 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, Kildalton 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 30 Kilometres** from the college.

- **Non Adjacent Rate**

of grant applies where a student's normal residence **is more than 30 Kilometres** from the college.

The rates for the Student Grant Scheme for the academic year 2020/2021 are:

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 they attend, 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 2021/2022 academic year is €24,500 (net of standard exclusions) all or part of which must be a specified Social Welfare or similar payment.

NEW

Eligible Irish students studying in the UK and eligible UK students studying in Irish higher education institutions can apply for a student grant.

Budget 2022: Changes will be made to the Student Grant Scheme for the academic year 2022-2023. The student maintenance grant will increase by €200. The income thresholds for eligibility for the student grant will increase by €1000. The travel distance for the 'non-adjacent' rate will decrease to 30 km from 45 km.

Documents & Info required from the Applicant

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



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 2021
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 End of Year Statement – available
from Revenue

Employment Detail Summary (Formerly
P60/ P45)

Accounts – for self-employed

Social Welfare and/or H.S.E, **Statement**

Interest Certificates



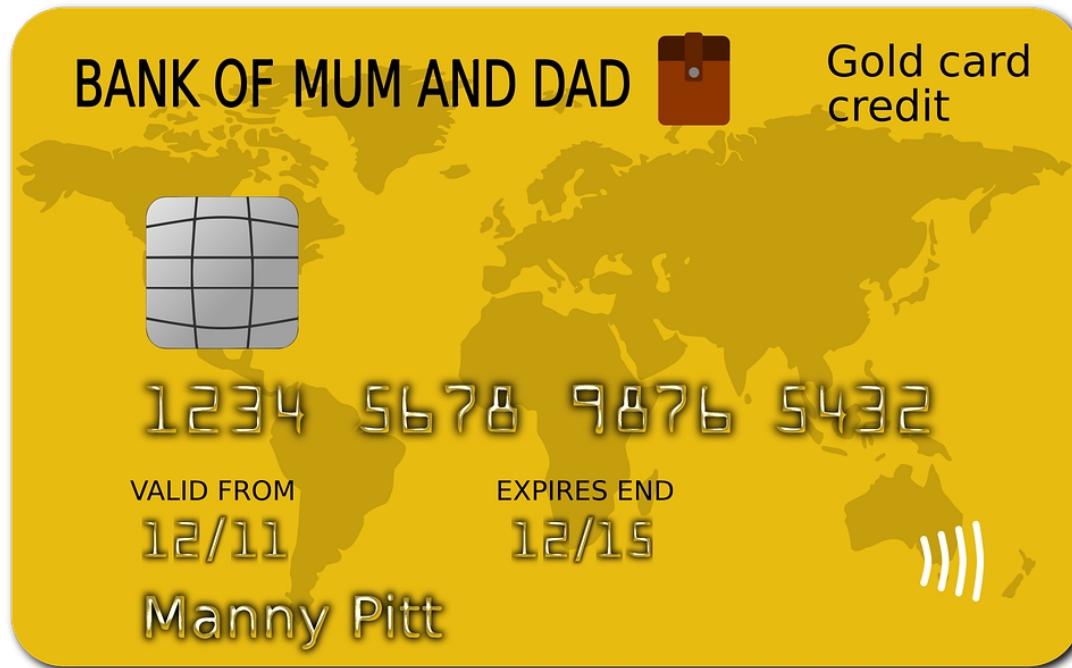
Change of Circumstances

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 – **Employment Detail Summary** and 2021 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!

A photograph of a running track with the year 2022 painted on it. The track is dark red with white lane markings. The numbers 2022 are painted in large, white, stylized digits across the center of the track. A white line runs vertically through the middle of the numbers, separating the '20' from the '22'.

2022

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