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THIRD LEVEL GRANTS

CANDIDATES FOR THE 2010/2011 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION/DOCUMENTATION:

- **APPLICANTS BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- **CONFIRMATION OF PLACE AT COLLEGE. i.e LETTER FROM COLLEGE, CAO OFFER**

CANDIDATES WHOSE PARENTS ARE P.A.Y.E. EMPLOYEES WILL REQUIRE:

- P21 For year ended 31/12/09 – available only from the LOCAL TAX OFFICE
- P60 For year ended 21/12/09 – available from Employer
- P45 (If employment ceased in 2009 or 2010 and subsequent Income Details

CANDIDATES WHOSE PARENTS ARE SELF EMPLOYED WILL REQUIRE

- Final Accounts, Income Tax Computation, Adjusted Profit Computation for Tax Year ended 31/12/09
- Notice of Assessment for 2009
(Contact your accountant (if applicable) regarding the above)

CANDIDATES WHOSE PARENTS RECEIVE SOCIAL WELFARE PAYMENTS WILL REQUIRE

- Social Welfare Statement for period 01/01/09 to 31/12/2009

CANDIDATES WHOSE PARENTS ARE SEPARATED

- A copy of Separation/Maintenance Agreement is required.
- Will be assessed on the basis of the terms laid in the Separation/Maintenance Agreement.
- Applicable income information may be required
- In the absence of a Legal Agreement a Solicitor or Commissioner of Oaths Affidavit is required to confirm the status of parents and to clarify the situation regarding maintenance.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GRANT SCHEMES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE VEC OFFICE FROM JULY ONWARD

MAINTENANCE GRANT SCHEMES FOR POST LEAVING CERTIFICATE COURSES

“**Approved course**” means a full-time Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) of at least one year duration approved by the Minister for Education and Science for the purposes of this scheme.

This scheme applies to:

Candidates who are entering approved PLC courses for the first time in the 2009/2010 school year.

Candidates are **ineligible** if they already hold:

- A FETAC Level 5 qualification (formerly known as a FETAC (NCVA) Level 2)
- A FETAC Level 6 qualification (formerly known as a FETAC (NCVA) Level 3)
- Or a third level qualification at Level 6 or higher

Should a candidate already hold a qualification no higher than a Level 5 and is now pursuing a PLC that offers progression, he/she may be deemed eligible for grant aid.

To be **eligible** for a grant under this scheme, a candidate must fulfill the following conditions:

Residence

The candidates parents/guardians, or in the case of an independent mature candidate, the candidate herself/himself, must have been ordinarily resident in the administrative area of the VEC on 1 October 2009. A candidate can not apply for a grant in the administration area of more than one VEC.

Age

A candidate must be 16 years of age on commencement of the course.

Means

The reckonable income shall be the income for the year ended 31st December 2009

The reckonable income must conform to the income limits set out for 2010/2011. The reckonable income shall be determined on the basis of the information supplied in the candidates application form.

In the case of a candidate other than an independent mature candidate, the reckonable income shall be that of the candidate and of the candidate’s parents or guardians.

Where a candidate’s parents are divorced or legally separated, the reckonable income will be that of the candidate and of the parent with whom the candidate resides and subject to the terms of the Separation/Divorce Agreement .

In the case of an independent mature candidate, the reckonable income shall be that of the candidate and her/his spouse, if applicable.

Nationality

Candidates must: - hold E.U. Nationality; or have Official Refugee Status; or have been granted Humanitarian Leave to remain in the State; or have permission to remain in the State by virtue of marriage to a national or another EU Members State who is residing and who is or has been employed, or self-employed in the State, or be the child of such

a person, not having EU nationality; or be nationals of a member country of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.

THIRD LEVEL MAINTENANCE GRANTS SCHEME

“**Approved Course**” means Middle Level Technician (MLT) courses of one and two years duration leading to a qualification at Level 6 (Higher Certificate) and Higher Technical and Business Skills (HTBS) course of three years duration and/or one year “Add-on” leading to a Level 7 (Ordinary Bachelor Degree) qualification.

This Scheme applies to:

Those who require higher level initial education and training to enhance their employment prospects and who are entering approved M.L.T. course or H.T.B.S. courses for the first time in the 2009/2010 academic year or mature candidates re-entering in order to complete such a course.

Candidates are **ineligible** if they:

- Already hold an Honours Bachelor Degree or equivalent Level 8 qualification.
- Have completed more than the first year of an Honours Bachelor Degree or equivalent Level 8 course.
- Are pursuing a level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree Course.

To be **eligible** for a grant under this scheme, a candidate must fulfill the following conditions:

Residence

The candidates parents/guardians, or in the case of an independent mature candidate, the candidate herself/himself, must have been ordinarily resident in the administrative area of the VEC on 1 October 2009. A candidate can not apply for a grant in the administration area of more than one VEC.

Age

A candidate must be 17 years of age on 1st January 2010.

Academic Attainments

Candidates who secure a place on an approved course will be deemed to fulfill the academic attainment condition for the purposes of this scheme.

Means

The reckonable income shall be the income for the year ended 31st December 2009

The reckonable income must conform to the income limits set out for 2010/2011. The reckonable income shall be determined on the basis of the information supplied in the candidates application form.

In the case of a candidate other than an independent mature candidate, the reckonable income shall be that of the candidate and of the candidate’s parents or guardians. Where a candidate’s parents are divorced or legally separated, the reckonable income will be that of the candidate and of the parent with whom the candidate resides, and subject to the terms of the Separation/Divorce Agreement.

In the case of an independent mature candidate, the reckonable income shall be that of the candidate and her/his spouse, if applicable.

Nationality

Candidates must: - hold E.U. Nationality; or have Official Refugees Status; or have been granted Humanitarian Leave to remain in the State; or have permission to remain in the State by virtue of marriage to a national or another EU Members State who is residing and who is or has been employed, or self-employed in the State, or be the child of such a person, not having EU nationality; or be nationals of a member country of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

“Approved Course” means a full-time Level 8 day course of not less than two year’s duration pursued in one of the approved institutions.

This Scheme applies to:

- 1) Those who are entering an approved course for the first time in the 2009/2010 academic year.
- 2) Mature candidates who are re-entering in order to complete an approved course at undergraduate or postgraduate level of the first time.
- 3) Second Chance Students – candidates attended but did not successfully complete an approved course who are returning after a period of more than five years to complete a course at the same level.

Residence

The candidates parents/guardians, or in the case of an independent mature candidate, the candidate herself/himself, must have been ordinarily resident in the administrative area of the VEC on 1 October 2008. A candidate can not apply for a grant in the administration area of more than one VEC.

EU Nationals who are not resident in the administrative area of the VEC and who have been ordinarily resident in an EU Member state from 1st October 2008 for a purpose other than wholly or mainly to receive full-time education, shall be eligible to apply to the VEC in whose administrative area the college they propose to attend is situated.

Age

A candidate must be 17 years of age on 1st January 2009.

Academic Attainments

Candidates who secure a place on an approved course will be deemed to fulfill the academic attainment condition for the purposes of this scheme.

Means

The reckonable income shall be the income for the year ended 31st December 2008

The reckonable income must conform to the income limits set out for 2009/2010. The reckonable income shall be determined on the basis of the information supplied in the candidates application form.

In the case of a candidate other than an independent mature candidate, the reckonable income shall be that of the candidate and of the candidate’s parents or guardians. Where a candidate’s parents are divorced or legally separated, the reckonable income will be that of the candidate and of the parent with whom the candidate resides and subject to the terms of the separation/divorce agreement.

In the case of an independent mature candidate, the reckonable income shall be that of the candidate and her/his spouse, if applicable.

Nationality

Candidates must: - hold E.U. Nationality; or have Official Refugees Status; or have been granted Humanitarian Leave to remain in the State; or have permission to remain in the State by virtue of marriage to a nation or another EU Members State who is residing and who is or has been employed, or self-employed in the State, or be the child of such a person, not having EU nationality; or be nationals of a member country of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.