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STUDENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

The application form for the academic year 2010/2011 will be available from the County Waterford VEC Administrative offices in the summer of 2010. Students who make an application for a maintenance grant through Co Waterford VEC are welcome to call in to us at the VEC Administrative Offices, Shopping Centre Dungarvan where we will go through the form with them. We encourage them to do this well before the closing date as it gets particularly busy at this time.

There are three schemes operated by the VEC. The PLC scheme operates for PLC Colleges (Levels 5 and 6). The Third Level Trainee Scheme, IT Colleges, (Levels 6 and 7), and The Scholarship Scheme, Universities, (Level 8).

NB

At present where a student is applying to a university, (Level 8), directly after completing the leaving certificate, the application will be made to Waterford County Council for assessment there.

Any student attending PLC colleges or IT colleges for level 6 or 7 will be assessed by the VEC.

The Student maintenance grant is a **means tested** payment. Details of household income must be included in the application form and verified by documentation as follows:

PAYE Workers

P60 **and**

P21 (You have to contact revenue for this, LO CALL 1890 44 44 25)

P45 -if relevant for the year in being assessed.

Self Employed

Set of accounts, tax adjusted profit computation and Notice of Assessment..

Social Welfare Recipients

Statement of income from Social Welfare for the relevant year.

The relevant year for applications made for 2010/2011 academic year will be 2009

OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

- Birth Certificate
- Separation/Divorce Agreement - where relevant
- Where no separation agreement exists, a letter regarding maintenance position from a solicitor or commissioner for oaths is acceptable.
- Course confirmation letter from the college or CAO acceptance slip
- Final choice acceptance form FA1, FA2 or SA1 (Available from VEC or Co Council, and usually supplied with application form.)

MAINTENANCE GRANT RATES

2010/2011

	Non Adjacent*	Adjacent**
Full Maintenance	€3,250	€1,300
Part Maintenance (75%)	€2,435	€980
Part Maintenance (50%)	€1,625	€650
Part Maintenance (25%)	€810	€330

It is important to note that this is represents the annual figure.

***Non Adjacent** refers to candidates who live more than 24 KM from their college.

- Mature Students automatically qualify for the non adjacent rate.
- *Mature students* are 23 years of age on the first of January of the year they are attending the course.

****Adjacent** refers to all candidates who live within a 24 KM distance of the college.

INCOME THRESHOLDS

Reckonable Income Limits for the ordinary rates of grant for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December, 2009 (the tax year 2009)

PLC Scheme

No of Dependent Children	Full Maintenance	Part Maintenance 75%	Part Maintenance 50%	Part Maintenance 25%
Less than 4	€41,110	€42,235	€44,720	€47,205
4 - 7	€45,165	€46,415	€49,145	€51,880
8 or more	€49,045	€50,400	€53,360	€56,320

Third Level Trainee Scheme

No of Dependent Children	Full Maintenance	Part Maintenance 75%	Part Maintenance 50%	Part Maintenance 25%	Full Fees (Student Services and Registration)**
Less than 4	€41,110	€42,235	€44,720	€47,205	€51,380
4 - 7	€45,165	€46,415	€49,145	€51,880	€56,460
8 or more	€49,045	€50,400	€53,360	€56,320	€61,295

VEC Scholarship Scheme

No of Dependent Children	Full Maintenance	Part Maintenance 75%	Part Maintenance 50%	Part Maintenance 25%	Part Tuition Fees (50%) Only***
Less than 4	€41,110	€42,235	€44,720	€47,205	€51,380
4 - 7	€45,165	€46,415	€49,145	€51,880	€56,460
8 or more	€49,045	€50,400	€53,360	€56,320	€61,295

***Full Student Service charge is paid where income is at or below this level.

Income thresholds are on GROSS income.

Special Rate Maintenance Grant

This is a special rate of maintenance grant which is payable to candidates where the reckonable income is less than **€22,308** in the relevant year **and** the reckonable income **must** include one of the eligible social welfare payments listed below.

Blind Persons Pension
Carers Allowance
Farm Assist
Jobseekers Allowance –held for more than 390 days
State Pension – Non Contributory
Guardians Payment –Non Contributory
Pre Retirement Allowance
Widows/Widowers non contributory Pension
Disability Allowance
One Parent Family Payment

More details of the above are included in the relevant schemes.
All figures are correct as at 29/01/10