

Documentation for Independent Residence

To be assessed as living independently you must supply supporting documentation for the October prior to your first point of entry.

Examples Include:

- Utility bills;
- Rent/lease agreement; and
- Registration with the PRTB.

Household Income

We look for details of the household income and where applicable, parent(s)/guardian(s)/ spouse's/civil partner(s)/cohabitant's income.

Examples of income taken into account include:

- Income from employment/self employment;
- Social Welfare income;
- HSE/FAS/local authority income;
- Rental income;
- Private pensions;
- Lump sum/redundancy payments;
- Income from gifts or inheritances; and
- Income from interest on savings.

Documentation for Household Income

Whilst SUSI has direct access to data held by Government departments and other agencies, including the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of Social Protection, further supporting documentation may be requested for evidence of your Household Income.

Examples include:

- P45/P60/P21;
- Notice of assessment;
- Full set of trading accounts;
- Bank statements;
- Interest on savings statements; or
- Private pension statements.

Maximum Periods of Grant Aid

If you have previously held a grant, this may affect the duration of your funding. The maximum years available for grant aid are:

- PLC: 3 years;
- Undergraduate:
 1. Level 6¹ : 2 years;
 2. Level 7¹: 3 years;
 3. Level 8² : 4 years;
- Postgraduate³ : 4 years

¹If attending a level 6 course and then progressing to a level 7 course, there is a combined maximum of 4 years funding available.

² Except where the normal duration of the course exceeds 4 years.

³All previous attendance and attainment at Postgraduate level are considered regardless of whether a grant was received previously or not.

The other information brochures available are:

*Student Grant Eligibility Criteria (Brochure 1)
Student Grant Application Process (Brochure 3)*

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For further information, please visit www.susi.ie

Eligibility Criteria

All Student Grant applications are subject to specific eligibility criteria, as set out in the Student Support legislation. These are:

- Choice of Approved Course;
- Progression through Education;
- Residency;
- Nationality; and
- Household income.

Choice of Approved Course

Approved courses are:

- Full time;
- Provided within the EU;
- In the case of overseas courses:
 - Publicly funded; and
 - Of at least 2 years duration; and
- Lead to a major award at any level between 5 – 10 on the National Framework of Qualifications or equivalent.

Progression through Education

In general, you must be progressing in your education to a higher level of qualification than what you currently hold. As a result, your previous further or higher education may factor in determining your eligibility regardless of whether you received a grant previously or not.

Documentation for Previous Education

Supporting Documentation may be requested for evidence of your previous education. Examples include exam results and/or parchments.

Residency

You must be resident in Ireland, the EU, EEA or Switzerland for 3 of the last 5 years.

Documentation for Residency

Supporting Documentation may be requested for evidence of residency. Examples include:

- Letters from school/college;
- Bank statements;
- P60/P21s; or
- Social Welfare statements

Nationality

You must be an Irish, EU, EEA or Swiss National or have specific leave to remain in the State, as set out in the Student Support legislation.

Documentation for Nationality

Supporting Documentation may be requested for evidence of nationality. Examples include:

- Passport;
- Birth certificate;
- GNIB card; or
- Immigration status letter.

Class of Applicant

You will be required to apply under a specific class, depending on both your age and your first point of entry or re-entry to further or higher education. These are:

- Dependent;
- Mature Dependent; or
- Mature Independent.

Dependent and mature dependent applicants are assessed on their own income and that of their parent(s)/guardian(s).

Dependent

- If you were under 23 on the 1st January 2014, **or**
- If you were over 23 on the 1st January 2014 but were under 23 when you first entered further or higher education you will be assessed as dependent.

Mature Dependent

- If you were over 23 on the 1st January 2014 and living with your parent(s)/guardian(s) in October 2013, **or**
- If you were over 23 on the 1st January when you first entered further or higher education and were living with your parents/guardians in the October prior to starting this course you will be assessed as a mature dependent.

Mature independent applicants are assessed on their own income and that of their spouse/cohabitant/civil partner.

Mature Independent

- If you were over 23 on the 1st January 2014 and living independently from your parent(s)/guardian(s) in October 2013, **or**
- If you were over 23 on the 1st January when you first entered further or higher education and were living independently from your parent(s)/guardian(s) in the October prior to starting this course you will be assessed as independent.