

Higher Education Temporary Tuition Fee Support Scheme for Displaced Persons (Ukraine) in academic year 2024/2025 – Criteria

Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

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The Higher Education Temporary Tuition Fee Support Scheme for Displaced Persons (Ukraine) in academic year 2024/25 is an administrative scheme of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.

For the purposes of this scheme, Displaced Ukrainian Students are persons that qualify for protection under **Section 60** of the International Protection Act 2015.

The Temporary Tuition Fee Support Scheme applies in relation to the provision of EU tuition fee supports for eligible students attending approved higher education full-time undergraduate and full-time postgraduate courses. To be eligible under this scheme, students must meet the criteria set out hereunder and to any further criteria or amendments which may be advised to the eligible institutions.

1 Nationality and Residency Criteria:

1.1 In order to be considered for eligibility under this scheme and subject to compliance with the other conditions of the temporary scheme, a student must be:

- a) a person in respect of whom a permission to reside in the State has been granted by the Minister for Justice pursuant to section 60 of the International Protection Act 2015;
- b) present and residing at an address in the State; and
- c) attending or intending to pursue, an approved course in an approved institution in the 2024/25 academic year.

2 Determination of Eligibility:

2.1 The approved higher education institution attended [see Appendix 1] will determine eligibility.

2.2 An eligible student may not, at any one time, qualify for EU Tuition fee supports under this scheme for more than one approved course of study.

- 2.3 EU tuition fees supports will only be paid in respect of students attending an approved full-time undergraduate or postgraduate course at an approved institution.
- 2.4 Tuition fees (undergraduate or postgraduate) will not be paid in respect of students who already hold a postgraduate qualification (Major Award) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ).
- 2.5 Undergraduate tuition fees will not be paid in respect of students who already hold a Level 8 (Major Award) on the National Framework of Qualifications.
- 2.6 Notwithstanding conditions 2.4 and 2.5, subject to compliance with the other conditions of the temporary scheme, students who already hold a Level 6 qualification or a Level 7 qualification on the NFQ and are progressing to a related Level 8 course without necessarily having received an exemption from the normal duration of the course, may be deemed eligible for fee support.
- 2.7 For the 2024/25 academic year, students who were eligible for funding support through the *'Higher Education Temporary Tuition Fee Support Scheme for Displaced Persons (Ukraine) in academic year 2023/2024'*, may continue to be deemed eligible for fee supports where the student is progressing to the next academic year of their 2023/24 approved course of study and meet the nationality and residency criteria set out in paragraph 1.1 above.
- 2.8 For the 2024/25 academic year, students undertaking a repeat year of study on the same course or students who transfer to a new course requiring the student to undertake a repeat period of study will not be eligible for tuition fee funding for the repeat period of study.

3 Tuition Fee Supports Payable:

- 3.1 EU tuition fee supports will be paid directly to institutions where eligible students are registered.
- 3.2 Full Time Undergraduate fees: The full EU tuition fees (including the student contribution where applicable) for approved courses at an approved institution (see Appendix 1).
- 3.3 Full Time Postgraduate fees: EU tuition fees up to a maximum €6,270 for full time postgraduate courses at an approved institution (see Appendix 1).
- 3.4 The scheme only provides for tuition fee supports at 3.2 and 3.3 and does not provide for other fees charged by an institution, for example a student levy or examination fees.

4 Scheme Duration

4.1 This scheme is for the academic year 2024/25 only.

5. Evidence to be Provided to Support Eligibility:

5.1 When assessing eligibility for this scheme, higher education institutions must be satisfied that the applicant meets the criteria of the scheme. The onus is on the applicant to provide the evidence required by the higher education institution to ascertain eligibility.

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Institutions and courses to which this Scheme applies:

Full-time undergraduate and full-time postgraduate courses leading to a major award on the National Framework for Qualifications at the following institutions:

Atlantic Technological University
Dublin City University
Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology
Dundalk Institute of Technology
Mary Immaculate College
Maynooth University
Munster Technological University
National College of Art and Design
South East Technological University
Technological University Dublin
Technological University Shannon: Midlands Mid-West
Trinity College Dublin
University College Cork
University College Dublin
University of Galway
University of Limerick

Limited approved courses only:

Full-time undergraduate courses approved under the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Free Fees Initiative at the following institutions:

RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences
National College of Ireland
Pontifical University of Maynooth
St. Patrick's College, Carlow
Marino Institute of Education (As approved and funded by Department of Education)