

Budget 2012 with Student Eyes



Fees

- Undergraduate Student Contribution Charge increased €250 to €2,250 from September, 2012.
- Further Education Fees – no change at €200.

Grants

- All grants to be reduced by 3% from January 2012 including the remaining payments due from this year's grant.
- New postgraduate students will no longer qualify for maintenance payments from September 2012.
- New postgraduate students who would have qualified for the 'Special Rate' of the grant (i.e. income of less than €22,703 and in receipt of a specified welfare payment), will receive a full fee discount up to the maximum current level, but no maintenance payments.
- The next 4,000 students who would have qualified for some maintenance payment will receive a fee discount of €2,000, but again, no maintenance payments.

Back to Education Allowance

- Cost of Education Allowance reduced €200 to €300 per year.
- Education and Training Materials grant (Book Grant) reduced by €1,000 to €500 per year.

Youthreach

- Students in Youthreach aged 16 or 17 will have their allowance reduced to €40 per week.

Student Primary Teachers

- The grant for the 8-week Summer Gaeltacht course will be abolished.