



# Undergraduate Student



## Are you eligible?

If you have not already done so, you should use our Eligibility Reckoner on our website ([www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie)) to give you an idea if you meet the criteria to receive Student Grant funding. (The Eligibility Reckoner will give an indication only and does not guarantee your eligibility for a grant).

**To be eligible for a grant you must qualify under the following criteria.**

### Nationality and Residency:

- You must be an Irish, EU, EEA or Swiss National or have specific leave to remain in the State; and
- You must be ordinarily resident in Ireland or the EU, EEA or Switzerland for 3 of the last 5 years. If you were resident outside the Irish State for this period but were resident in the EU, EEA or Switzerland you are deemed to be a tuition student which would normally make you eligible for the course fee portion of a grant. (See [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) for more information).

### Course:

- You must be progressing in your education (increasing your NFQ level); and
- You must be attending an approved course in an approved institution. (See [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) for more information).

## Previous Education and Progression – Undergraduate

### Previous Education

SUSI may need to know your academic history to determine if you are eligible for a grant.

### Progression

Higher Education	Level	Progression
Higher Education	Undergraduate Level 6	Higher Certificate
Higher Education	Undergraduate Level 7	Ordinary Bachelor Degree
Higher Education	Undergraduate Level 8	Honours Bachelor Degree

You must be increasing your NFQ (National Framework of Qualifications, [www.nfq.ie](http://www.nfq.ie)) level to be considered eligible for a grant.

You must be attending an approved course:

- that leads to a higher level of qualification than any you may already hold;
- that is at a higher level than any course you may have previously attended; and
- in which you are progressing from one year to the next and not repeating a year (save in exceptional circumstances)

However, you may be considered eligible for funding as a “second chance” student where you:

- have previously attended but not completed a course;
- have had a 5-year break in studies since leaving that course; and
- are returning to attend an approved course at the same level.



### Repeat/Equivalent Period of Study

If you are a student who is repeating a year on the same course then you are not eligible for a grant for that repeat year. However, if you previously started a higher education course but left prior to finishing you may be eligible for a portion of a student grant once you have completed an repeat/equivalent period of study.

### Undergraduate Students - Approved institutions/Courses

Approved undergraduate - courses must be full-time, lead to a major education and training award, at Level 6 (Higher Certificate), Level 7 (Ordinary Bachelor Degree) or Level 8 (Honors Bachelor Degree), in line with the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), or equivalent. As specified in the Student Support Regulations 2015, courses must be provided in a University, Institute of Technology or other Higher Education Institution, e.g. College of Education. (see [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) for more information).

### Income:

- Who is included in the calculation of your income for grant purposes depends on what **class of applicant** you are, dependent or independent. Please note that applicants who apply under the incorrect class will have their applications cancelled and will need to apply again;
- Your reckonable income (income calculated for grant purposes) must fall under the specified thresholds. This income will be a factor in determining what type of funding you could receive; and
- Applications are assessed with regard to gross household income from the previous year. (See [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) for more information).

### Maximum periods of grant assistance available:

Funding is only available to students at undergraduate level for a certain amount of years and depends on previous education.

Category	Level	Maximum Period of Grant Assistance
Undergraduate	Level 6 and 7	Max 4 years in total at level 6 and 7 subject to; 2 years at Level 6 3 years at Level 7
	Level 8	4 years maximum except for courses where the normal duration is more than 4 years



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