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I, SIMON HARRIS, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 16 of the Student Support Act 2011 (No. 4 of 2011), and the Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 451 of 2020), and with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, hereby make the following scheme of grants:-

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Student Grant (Amendment) Scheme 2022.

2. This Scheme shall come into operation on 16th November 2022.

3. In this Scheme “Principal Scheme” means the Student Grant Scheme 2022 (S.I. No.118 of 2022).

4. Article 6 of the Principal Scheme is amended by substituting “three” for “four”, and by substituting for subparagraphs (b) and (c) the following:

“(b) a fee grant;

(c) a postgraduate fee contribution; and

(d) a cost of living once-off additional maintenance grant payment.”.

5. The Principal Scheme is amended by inserting the following article after Article 12:

“Cost of living once-off additional maintenance grant payment

12A. A student who is eligible for, and in receipt of, a maintenance grant payment by the awarding authority in accordance with Articles 7, 27 and 37 will qualify for an additional payment equivalent to one ninth of the annual maintenance grant rate payable to that student up to 31 December 2022 provided that, at the time the additional payment is made, they are eligible for, and in receipt of, a maintenance grant and subject to the same conditions as their maintenance grant. The rates are specified in Schedule 5.”.

6. The Principal Scheme is amended by the insertion of the following article after Article 31:

“Rates and value – cost of living once-off additional maintenance grant payment

31A. The cost of living once-off additional maintenance grant payment is payable in accordance with Article 12A, at the rate specified in Schedule 5.”

7. Article 37 of the Principal Scheme is amended by substituting subparagraph (2) for the following:

“(2) The awarding authority, or other relevant paying authority referred to in paragraph (1), shall pay maintenance grants in nine equal instalments, in line with the annual rates specified in Schedule 3.”

8. The Principal Scheme is amended by the insertion of the following article after Article 39:

“Payment of the cost of living once-off additional maintenance grant payment

39A. Payment of the cost of living once-off additional maintenance grant payment shall be made by the awarding authority in accordance with Article 12A at the rates set out in Schedule 5.

Subparagraphs 37(3) and 37(4) shall apply in like manner to the payment of the cost of living once-off additional maintenance grant payment.”

9. Schedule 4 of the Principal Scheme is amended by substituting the following:

“SCHEDULE 4

Maximum overall limits for a fee grant for the 2022/23 academic year

Table 1

Undergraduate Tuition Fee Element		
In respect of the following courses	Maximum fee limit Full (100%) grant in respect of tuition fees	Maximum fee limit Part (50%) grant in respect of tuition fees
Approved undergraduate courses to which the Free Fees Schemes applies.	100% of the EU rate of fee	50% of the EU rate of fee
Approved undergraduate courses provided in the State to which the Free Fees Schemes does not apply.	€6,270	€3,135

Table 2

Student Contribution Element	Rate
Full (100%) grant in respect of the student contribution charge	€2,000
Part (50%) grant in respect of the student contribution charge	€1,000

Table 3

Field Trip Element		
[Calculation of value available towards compulsory costs]		
A student or tuition student who would have qualified for 100% tuition fee element of a fee grant but for the Free Fees Schemes and was awarded a grant towards the student contribution charge.	Maximum Fee Limit:	€6,270
	<i>Less</i> the tuition fee claimed from the State by the institution under the Free Fees Schemes:	-€x,xxx
	<i>Less</i> Student Contribution	- €2,000
	<i>Equals</i> maximum amount if any available towards field trip element	€y,yyy
Student or tuition student who qualifies for 100% undergraduate tuition fees or postgraduate tuition fees under the scheme of grants.	Max Fee Limit:	€6,270
	<i>Less</i> EU rate of fee applicable to the course/invoiced to the student:	-€x,xxx
	<i>Equals</i> the maximum amount if any available towards field trip element	€y,yyy

Table 4

Postgraduate Grants		
In respect of the following courses	Maximum fee limit for grant in respect of tuition fees	Postgraduate Fee Contribution
Approved postgraduate courses provided in the State or Northern Ireland.	€6,270	€4,500

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10. The Principal Scheme is amended by the insertion of the following Schedule after Schedule 4:

“Schedule 5

Rates of cost of living once-off additional maintenance grant payment

	Non Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Special Rate of Maintenance	679.44	286.11
Standard Rate – Full Maintenance Band 1	358.33	157.22
Standard rate – Part Maintenance Band 2	274.44	123.33
Standard rate – Part Maintenance Band 3	190.56	89.44
Standard rate – Part Maintenance Band 4	106.11	56.11

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The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform consents to the making of the foregoing Scheme.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
16 November, 2022.

MICHAEL MCGRATH,
Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.



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16 November, 2022.

SIMON HARRIS,
Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research,
Innovation and Science.

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