**TAP FOUNDATION COURSE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: MATURE STUDENTS**

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

**YOU MUST:**

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<td><strong>A) BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT FEE REMISSION SCHEME</strong></td>
<td><strong>B) HAVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY</strong></td>
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Please submit the following documents:

1. Copy of your (EU) **passport** OR **national identity card** OR the original letter issued by the Department of Equality, Justice and Law Reform confirming your **EU or refugee status**.

2. Evidence of residency in an EU member state for at least **three of the five years** preceding admission. Residency is based on your principal residence for purposes of taxation. To meet this requirement you must submit a letter from the tax or social welfare office, or a social welfare receipt, or utility bill etc dated three years hence.

3. If English is not your first language, you must submit evidence of your **English language proficiency**. One of the following examinations and grades listed below is eligible for consideration:
   - **TOEFL**
     1. Paper based 570 (with a TWE score of 4.5)
     2. Computer based test 233 (with a written score of 4.5 in essay)
     3. Internet based 90 (with a written score of 21)
   - **Cambridge Proficiency** - Grade C
   - **Cambridge Advanced** - Grade C
   - **IELTS (Academic version)** – 6.5 (no individual band below 6)

If you are in any doubt at your eligibility for free fees contact the Student Support Unit in the Department of Education and Science: Tel 0506-21363 (pm only) or the Admissions Office in Trinity College 01 896 4444 and they will help to clarify.

Please contact me at the address below should you have any further queries:

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**Please note**
- Persons who have been granted **humanitarian leave to remain** in the state are not eligible for the Government Fee Remission Scheme at present.
- **Asylum seekers**, who are applying for refugee status, are not eligible for the Government Fee Remission Scheme.
- **Other categories** not covered by the Government Fee Remission Scheme:
  - non-EU spouse of an Irish citizen
  - non-EU spouse of EU migrant worker
  - non-EU parent of an Irish born citizen child