



FRS1

FREE TUITION FEE SCHEME CRITERIA

Tuition fees may be paid in respect of all full time students who meet both the nationality and residency criteria of the Free Fees Initiative as outlined below:-

Students must be a national of (i) an EU Member State (ii) a State which is a contracting state to the EEA Agreement (iii) the Swiss Confederation.

Persons who have official refugee status in the State

Family members of a refugee who are granted permission by the Minister for Justice and Law Reform to enter and reside in the State under Section 18 of the Refugee Act 1996.

Persons who have permission to remain in the State as a family member of a Union citizen under provisions of the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2006 and 2008 and Directives 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Persons who have been granted Humanitarian Leave to remain in the State) prior to the Immigration Act 1999)

Be a person in respect of whom the Minister for Justice and Law Reform has granted permission to remain following a determination not to make a deportation order under Section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999.

Who have been ordinarily resident in an EU/EEA/Swiss State for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to their third-level course and who meet the criteria of the scheme. Eligibility under the scheme is determined at date of entry to the course. The scheme is subject to the following conditions -

- (a) Tuition fees will be paid in respect only of students attending full-time undergraduate courses.
- (b) The courses must, other than exceptionally, be of a minimum of two years duration.
- (c) The courses must be followed in one of the approved Colleges.
- (d) Tuition fees will not be paid in respect of students pursuing a second undergraduate course or who already hold a postgraduate qualification.
- (e) However, notwithstanding this condition and subject to compliance with the other conditions of the Free Fees initiative, students who already hold a Level 6 qualification (Higher Certificate or National Certificate) or a Level 7 qualification (Ordinary Bachelor Degree or National Diploma) and are progressing to a Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degree) course without necessarily having received an exemption from the normal duration of the course may be deemed eligible for free fees.
- (f) Subject to compliance with the other conditions of the free fees initiative, students who have previously pursued but not completed a course of third level study and subsequently resume third level studies:- (i) may be deemed eligible for free fees where the third level course concerned did not attract any exchequer funding (e.g. fees, maintenance, tax relief, subsidy towards course cost) (ii) are not eligible for free fees for the equivalent period of time spent on the first course of study where the third level course concerned did attract exchequer funding (as above). Part-time and evening students are included in this category.
- (g) Tuition fees will also not be paid in respect of students undertaking a repeat year of study at the same year level. In this regard, this condition may be waived where evidence of exceptional circumstances, such as cases of certified serious illness, is provided.
- (h) Except in the case of second chance students, (See (i) below) tuition fees will not be paid in respect of students doing repeat years or in respect of students repeating a year-level having changed (but not completed) their undergraduate course. This condition may be waived in exceptional circumstances such as cases of certified serious illness.
- (i) Tuition fees will be paid in respect of eligible students who, having attended but not completed approved courses, are returning following a break of at least five years in order to pursue approved courses at the same level in the 2012/2013 academic year.
- (j) The tuition fees payable do not include the payment to be made by students towards the cost of registration, examination and student services.

Additional Notes:

(i) The definition of an E.U. student is different from the College's definition of an E.U. student for fee purposes. This could result in a student being classified as E.U. by the College but not being eligible for "Free Fees". (ii) In relation to note (g) and (i) above, medical evidence must be supplied.

Please enter your full name, student number and address below (block Capitals)

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

CAO/Student No: _____ **Declaration**
by Student

Please tick the appropriate box and complete the declaration. Failure to complete and return this form or making a false declaration will render you ineligible for the fee Remission Scheme.

I hereby declare that:

I do I do **not**

meet the criteria listed above for the Fee Remission Scheme to enable The University of Dublin, Trinity College claim my tuition fees from the Minister of Education and Skills.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Return completed FRS1 forms to: Student Fees Section, Academic Registry, Biotechnology Building, Trinity College, College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.

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