

Financial Guideline 2021/2022 – 28

Community & Comprehensive Schools and Voluntary Secondary Schools

Covid-19 Funding for Term 3 2021/2022

1. Introduction

The Department of Education issued [notice to schools](#) on the 25th April 2022 that the third and final round of Covid-19 Capitation funding for the 2021/22 school year will issue this week. Covid-19 Capitation grant in respect of enhanced supervision will also be paid to Post-Primary schools for Term 3.

2. Payments to Schools

Grant payments will be calculated using the same per capita rates as applied for Term 2 of the 2021/22 school year and will be based on recognised enrolment numbers on the 30th September 2020.

Grants Rates Term 3

Post-Primary	Rate per Pupil	
	Mainstream	Special Classes
Enhanced Cleaning	€11.00	€13.33
PPE	€24.00	€96.00
Enhanced Supervision	€35.00	€35.00

Illustrative examples of the values of these grants payable for schools of various sizes:

Value of Covid-19 Capitation Grants - Mainstream Rate - Term 3 21/22 School Year			
Pupil Enrolment	Cleaning	PPE	Supervision
Up to 200*	€2,200	€4,800	€7,000
400	€4,400	€9,600	€14,000
600	€6,600	€14,400	€21,000
800	€8,800	€19,200	€28,000
1600	€17,600	€38,400	€56,000

*Note the grant paid to schools with an enrolment of equal to or less than 200 pupils is based on a minimum enrolment of 200 pupils.

A template to calculate Covid-19 grant entitlements for Term 3 is available.

[Click here for the template.](#)

3. Fee charging schools

Post-Primary Schools in the Fee Charging Sector, whose application for Covid-19 capitation funding in 2020/21 was successful, will automatically qualify for funding in Term 3 2021/22.

4. Utilisation of grants

All Covid-19 Capitation related grants are to be used for the purpose as previously outlined in the guidelines below.

- [48 - 2019/2020 COVID-19 operational supports for the full return to school](#)
- [50 - 2019/2020 Guidance on PPE, Consumables and Equipment & Update on Coding for recording COVID-19 Grants Income and Expenditure, and 52-2019/2020 COVID-19](#) (for Voluntary Secondary Schools)
- [51 - 2019/2020 Guidance on PPE, Consumables and Equipment & Update on Coding for recording COVID-19 Grants Income and Expenditure, and 52-2019/2020 COVID-19](#) (for Community & Comprehensive Schools)
- [52 - 2019/2020 COVID-19 Additional Supervision Arrangements for the 2020/21 School Year](#)

A school must record the Covid-19 grant income and expenditure in the accounting system using a department/division named COVID to the FSSU designated codes in the chart of accounts.

Schools are reminded to ensure that stocks are managed and procured appropriately to any avoid overstocking of supplies. This is to ensure value for money is being achieved and to avoid wastage.

5. Additional Costs incurred in the operation of the Oral and Practical Examinations

Additional costs specifically incurred in relation to the implementation of infection prevention and control measures associated with the operation of the Oral and Practical Examinations taking place outside of normal school hours, should be met from the Covid-19 Capitation grants in the first instance. Reimbursement of such costs may only be claimed from the State Examinations Commission in cases where the Covid-19 Capitation grants have been fully expended.

6. Unspent Covid-19 capitation related grants 2021/2022

Any unspent Covid-19 Capitation related grants for the 21/22 School Year should be returned by schools to the Department's bank account by electronic funds transfer by **30th September 2022**. One lodgement covering all Covid capitation grants (Enhanced Cleaning,

PPE, COVID Aide and Enhanced Supervision as appropriate) should be made. Note the Covid Minor Works grant should not be included as part of this reconciliation. A guideline will issue with further information on this closer to the time.

7. Funding for 2022/2023 School Year

Covid-19 funding for 2022/23 school year will be reviewed in advance of the commencement of the school year and having regard to the public health situation.

Further information or clarification on any of the issues raised in this Guideline can be obtained from the FSSU.

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