

Science Implementation Grant for Post Primary Schools in the Free Education Scheme

1. Introduction

This new funding is primarily aimed at supporting post-primary schools in the rollout of revised Leaving Certificate science subjects in the 2025/26 school year as part of Senior Cycle Redevelopment. Three science subjects – Biology, Chemistry and Physics – have been revised as part of stage one of the redevelopment of Senior Cycle subjects.

2. Rate

All schools in the free scheme have received additional funding with a minimum base payment of €13,000 up to a maximum of €22,000. Funding is based on school enrolment bands and provides for a 10% uplift for DEIS schools.

Enrolment Band	Base Payment	DEIS Payment (10% Uplift)
1-300	€13,000	€14,300
301-599	€16,000	€17,600
600-899	€19,000	€20,900
900+	€22,000	€24,200

The funding is in addition to existing support provided to schools who offer Physics, Chemistry and the combined subject Physics & Chemistry.

3. Main features of the Grant

Schools will have the autonomy to utilise funding provided under the Science Implementation Support Grant in a way that best suits their school context and apply it to their locally identified Science needs. It is expected that schools will prioritise the purchase of consumables and related equipment needs. The funding may be utilised to support the implementation of the new senior cycle sciences or more generally to support the broader science programme which may include, for example: Agricultural Science, Transition Year science, Leaving Certificate Applied science, Junior Cycle science.

4. Financial Oversight

As the funding has been received for the revised Leaving Certificate science subjects in the 2025/26 school year, the grant income and expenditure should be recorded appropriately in the school's accounts.

- **Grant Income:** The grant receipt can be recorded to nominal account:

Nominal Code	Description	Type	Category
2150	Grants Received in Advance	Current Liability	Accruals

- **Grant Expense:** The expenditure can be recorded to nominal account:

Nominal Code	Description	Type	Category
1720	Prepayments	Current Asset	Debtors & Prepayments

Schools must ensure compliance with [DPER Circular 13/2014, Management of and Accountability for Grants from Exchequer Funds](#).

5. Reference

This guideline is based on Department of Education guidance '[Science Implementation Support Grant Guidelines for post-primary schools](#)'.

6. Further Information

Any queries in relation to the guidance should be emailed to Senior Cycle Redevelopment Programme Management Office at scr_info@education.gov.ie.

Tel: 01-269 0677

info@fssu.ie

20th December 2024

An Deontas um Fheidhmiú na hEolaíochta d'Iar-bhunscoileanna sa Scém Saoroideachais

1. Réamhrá

Is éard is príomhaidhm leis an maoiniú nua seo ná tacú le hiar-bhunscoileanna na hábhair athbhreithnithe eolaíochta san Ardteistiméireacht a fheidhmiú sa scoilbhliain 2025/26 mar chuid d'Athfhorbairt na Sraithe Sinsearaí. Tá athbhreithniú déanta ar thrí ábhar eolaíochta – Bitheolaíocht, Ceimic agus Fisic – mar chuid den chéad chéim d'athfhorbairt na n-ábhar Sraithe Sinsearaí.

2. Ráta

Tá maoiniú breise faighte ag gach scoil sa scém saoroideachais, i.e. íocaíocht idir €13,000 ar a laghad agus €22,000 ar a mhéad. Tá an maoiniú bunaithe ar na bandaí rollacháin scoile agus tá foráil déanta d'ardú 10% do scoileanna DEIS.

Banda Rollacháin	Buníocaíocht	Íocaíocht DEIS (Ardú 10%)
1-300	€13,000	€14,300
301-599	€16,000	€17,600
600-899	€19,000	€20,900
900+	€22,000	€24,200

Tá an maoiniú sa bhreis ar an tacaíocht a chuirtear ar fáil faoi láthair do scoileanna a chuireann ar fáil Fisic agus Ceimic mar ábhair ar leith, agus Fisic agus Ceimic mar aon ábhar amháin.

3. Príomhghnéithe an Deontais

Beidh cead a gcinn ag scoileanna an maoiniú a chuirtear ar fáil faoin Deontas Tacaíochta um Fheidhmiú na hEolaíochta a úsáid ar an mbealach is fearr a oireann do chomhthéacs na scoile agus faoi chomhair riachtanais Eolaíochta na scoile. Táthar ag súil go dtabharfaidh scoileanna tosaíocht d'earraí inchaite agus trealamh gaolmhar a cheannach. Féadfar an maoiniú a úsáid le tacú le feidhmiú na n-ábhar nua eolaíochtaí sa tsraith shinsearach nó ar bhealach níos ginearálta le tacú le clár na heolaíochta, lena n-áirítear, mar shampla: Eolaíocht Talmhaíochta, Eolaíocht na hIdirbhliana, Eolaíocht Fheidhmeach na hArdteistiméireachta, Eolaíocht na Sraithe Sóisearaí.

4. Maoirseacht Airgeadais

Toisc go bhfuil an maoiniú faighte faoi chomhair ábhair eolaíochta leasaithe na hArdteistiméireachta sa scoilbhliain 2025/26, ba cheart an t-ioncam agus an caiteachas deontais a thaifeadadh go cúí i gcuntais na scoile.

➤ **Ioncam Deontais:** Is féidir admháil an deontais a thaifeadadh faoin gcuntas ainmniúil:

Cód Ainmniúil	Cur síos	Cineál	Catagóir
2150	Deontais Faighte Roimh Ré	Dliteanas Reatha	Fabhruithe

➤ **Caiteachas Deontais:** Is féidir an caiteachas a thaifeadadh faoin gcuntas ainmniúil:

Cód Ainmniúil	Cur síos	Cineál	Catagóir
1720	Réamhíocaíochtaí	Sócmhainn Reatha	Fiachóirí agus Réamhíocaíochtaí

Ní mór do scoileanna a chinntiú go gcomhlíontar [Ciorclán 13/2014 ón Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe – Bainistíocht agus Cuntasacht i leith Deontais ón Stáchtiste](#).

5. Ábhar Tagartha

Tá an treoir seo bunaithe ar an treoir ón Roinn Oideachais dar teideal '[Deontas Tacaíochta um Fheidmiú na hEolaíochta: Treoirínite d'iar-bhunscoileanna](#)'.

6. Tuilleadh Eolais

Ba cheart aon cheist maidir leis an treoir a chur tríd an ríomhphost chuig Oifig Bainistíochta Chlár Athfhorbartha na Sraithe Sinsearaí ag scr_info@education.gov.ie.

Guthán: 01-269 0677

info@fssu.ie

20 Nollaig 2024