



Funding & Supports

Learners at Kerry College have a number of funding options.

1. DEASP (Department of Employment and Social Protection). Contact your local INTREO office.
2. SUSI (Student Universal Support Ireland). Apply at: www.susi.ie

An applicant may be eligible for a Learner Allowance (DEASP/INTREO), Back to Education Allowance (DEASP/INTREO) or the SUSI Maintenance Grant. If eligible, it is the decision of the learner as to which payment/grant system they wish to avail of.

Learners may only receive one of these payments while participating on a Kerry College course.

DEASP Learner Allowance

Also known as a Training Allowance. To avail of a Learner Allowance an applicant must be in receipt of a qualifying DEASP payment at course start. Allowances/payments are paid directly to learners by Kerry ETB for the duration of the course. You may also receive accommodation or travel allowance if you meet the criteria. See *the Travel & Accommodation Payments document in Learner Information*. See next page for rates.

DEASP Back to Education Allowance

To avail of a Back to Education Allowance (DEASP) the applicant must apply directly to the DEASP and will receive their allowance directly from DEASP for the duration of the course. There is no option to receive any other payment or receive an accommodation or travel allowance.

SUSI Grant

SUSI is a Maintenance Grant. It and must be applied for by the learner directly to SUSI. Learner payments are paid directly to the learner in the form of grants to cover the academic year. There is no option to receive any other payment or receive an accommodation or travel allowance.

No Payment

A learner who is not eligible for any of the above may still apply and participate on any Kerry College Course. You may also receive accommodation or travel allowance if you meet the criteria. See *the Travel & Accommodation Payments document in Learner Information*.

Learner/Training Allowance Rates

From 25th March 2019, the standard learner/training allowance is equivalent to the DEASP BTEA rate of €203 and will be paid to NEW ENTRANTS and COURSE PARTICIPANTS who have current personal entitlement (per F103/DA103) in one of the following categories:

CATEGORY	AGE	ALLOWANCE (New entrants – from 25th March 2019)
<u>Job Seekers Allowance</u>	N/A	Where F103 indicates a personal entitlement. PARTICIPANT RECEIVES
<u>Job Seekers Benefit</u>	18+	
<u>Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA)</u>	N/A	A training allowance of €203* per week adjusted as follows:
<u>Occupational Injuries Benefit</u>	N/A	PLUS Qualified Adult and Qualified Child amounts per Form F103 and
<u>Disability Allowance or Blind Pension</u>	18+	MINUS Means amount per Form F103 (Current Adult and Qualified rate is €134:70 and current Qualified Child rates are €34:00 under 12 and €37:00 over 12.)
<u>One Parent Family Payment</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Deserted Wife Benefit</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Widows/Widowers Pension</u>	18+	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Illness Benefit & Invalidity Pension</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Farm Assist</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Fish Assist</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Dependant on Partner's Claim</u>	18+	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Credits Only</u>	18+	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Disability Allowance</u>	16	€81.65 pw - Full-time *
	16	€47.00 pw - Part-time *
	17	€100.75 pw - Full-time *
	17	€58.00 pw - Part-time *
<u>Young person with no SW Entitlement</u>	16-17	€45.00 pw - Full-time *
	16-17	€25.90 pw - Part-time *

*	If a participants' personal DEASP entitlement exceeds this amount, a training allowance equivalent to their personal entitlement will be paid on receipt of certified evidence to this effect. Evidence of Social Welfare entitlement must be in the form of a duly completed 'Participants Allowance Entitlement' form (F103/DA103).
NB:	A training allowance is not to be paid to participants commencing training who are pending status with DSP until their status is resolved.
i	Effective 25th of March 2019, it is agreed that a training allowance of €203 will be paid to participants who turn 18 while in training for the remaining duration of their participation on the programme.
*	On all FET programmes, where a person qualifies for a training allowance, they also automatically qualify for the travel and accomodation allowances, in accordance with regulations concerning where there are domiciled. Also where a person on an FET programme where training allowances are paid, does not qualify for a training allowance, they still qualify for the accomadation and travel allowances in accordance with regulations depending on where there are domiciled.
i	Where a participant progresses direct for one course to another then the original F103 applies unless an updated F103 is received.
i	Effective 1st September 2017, the Under 26 Training Allowance no longer exists. Participants who commenced training prior to that date and are receiving the Under 26 Training Allowance should have their training allowance increased to €203 (adjusted for Qualified Adult/Qualified Child (€34) and means amounts per F103) with effect from 25th March 2019.
	When there is an approved increase in the standard Training Allowance, the rate for Qualified Adult and Qualified Child should also be increased to the the published new rates for these alloeances by DEASP.
NB	Full-time rates are based on 31.25hr/pw; Part-time rates are calculated on a pro rata basis.
NB	Verification of a participant's entitlement to an allowance on all FET programmes (except Youthreach) continues to be determined by their F103/DA103.