



## 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](http://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 (BTEA) 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 available only for courses that are SUSI approved. Payments are made 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. A full-list of eligible courses along with details on how to apply is available on SUSI.ie.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, the standard learner/training allowance is equivalent to the DSP BTEA rate of €208 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
<u>Job Seekers Allowance</u>	N/A	Where F103 indicates a personal entitlement.  PARTICIPANT RECEIVES  A training allowance of €208* per week adjusted as follows:  PLUS, Qualified Adult and Qualified Child amounts <i>per Form F103</i> and  MINUS Means amount per Form F103  (Current Adult and Qualified rate is €138.00 and current Qualified Child rates are €40.00 under 12 and €48.00 over 12.) effective from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of January 2022.
<u>Job Seekers Benefit</u>	18+	
<u>Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA)</u>	N/A	
<u>Occupational Injuries Benefit</u>	N/A	
<u>Disability Allowance or Blind Pension</u>	18+	
<u>One Parent Family Payment</u>	N/A	
<u>Deserted Wife Benefit</u>	N/A	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Widows/Widowers Pension</u>	18+	Travel & Meal Allowance only
<u>Illness Benefit &amp; 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 *

*	<b>If a participants' personal Social Welfare 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).</b>
*	On <u>all</u> FET programmes, where a person qualifies for a training allowance, they also automatically qualify for the travel and accommodation 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 accommodation and travel allowances in accordance with regulations depending on where there are domiciled.
i.	Effective 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022, it is agreed that a training allowance of €208 will be paid to <b>participants who turn 18 while in training</b> for the remaining duration of their participation on the programme.
i.	Where a participant progresses <b>direct</b> for one course to another then the original F103 applies unless an updated F103 is received.
i.	<b>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 published new rates for these allowances by DSP.</b>
<b>NB:</b>	A training allowance is <b>not to be paid</b> to participants commencing training who are pending status with DSP until their status is resolved.
<b>NB</b>	Full-time rates are based on 31.25hr/pw; Part-time rates are calculated on a pro rata basis.
<b>NB</b>	<b>Verification of a participant's entitlement to an allowance on all FET programmes (except Youthreach) continues to be determined by their F103/DA103.</b>

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