

# **Studying at a Relevant Institution of Higher Education in the Republic of Ireland**

**Starting a HE undergraduate course on or  
after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

(with notes)

# Introduction

- Applies only to students assessed through Student Finance NI
- Contribution Fee
- Maintenance Loans
- Maintenance Grants
- Additional support

# Contribution Fees

Policy for students starting from September 2013

- No tuition fees
- Contribution fees
- €3,000 in 2018/19
- Apply through SFNI
- Not means tested
- Contribution Fee Loan available
- Repayable

# Maintenance Loan

- Up to £4,840 if living away from home
- Up to £3,750 if living at home
- 25% of the loan is means tested
- Remainder is not means tested
- Apply through Student Finance NI
- Loans are repayable

# Maintenance Grant

- Up to £3,475
- The Maintenance Loan will be reduced when a Maintenance Grant is payable
- Paid in three instalments
- Means tested
- Not repayable unless a reassessment is required

# Special Support Grant



- Paid instead of Maintenance Grant for some students
- Same amount as the Maintenance Grant
- Does NOT reduce the Maintenance Loan amount
- Means tested
- Evidence will be required to determine eligibility

# Other Support Available

- Help for students with children
- Help for students who have a disability
- Assessed through Student Finance NI
- Specific queries should be directed to the student's local Student Finance Office
- [www.studentfinancenl.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk)