

2012/2013 Financial Guideline 08

Special Class Grant

An enhanced per capita grant of €191 per student is paid to schools in respect of students who meet the following criteria:

- psychologically assessed as having a mild or moderate general learning disability (low incidence)
- participate in a special class group with a resource teacher officially sanctioned by the school

To qualify for the grant, the students concerned must have a psychological assessment which classifies them as having a mild or moderate learning disability (low incidence) and must be taught in a group setting by a resource teacher sanctioned by the school. Being taught in "a group setting" does not mean that they have to be in a dedicated special class group at all times. The group could be taken by the resource teacher for a number of class periods during the week but would be taught in the regular class group setting with all other students at other times.

In summary, the Special Class Grant is paid where the school makes the necessary annual return for any students

Assessed with a mild or moderate learning disability (low incidence) and taught in a special class group setting a number of times a week by a school sanctioned resource teacher

For the 2012/2013 school year the form should have been returned by October 23, 2012. However, schools who believe they are entitled to the grant and have not made an official application should contact the Department of Education and Skills, Schools Division Financial, Athlone.

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