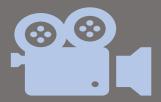


FSSU – Preparation and Submission of School Accounts 2022/2023

September 2023



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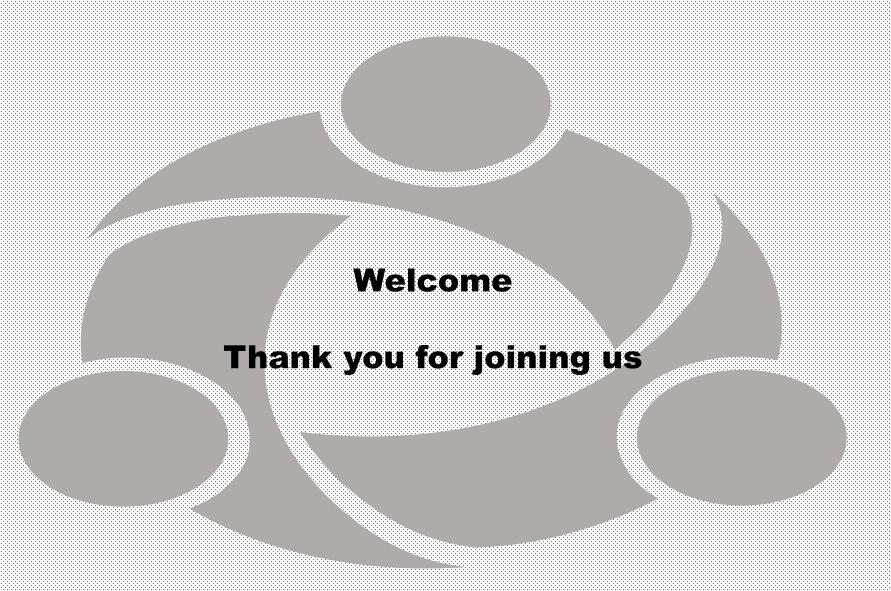


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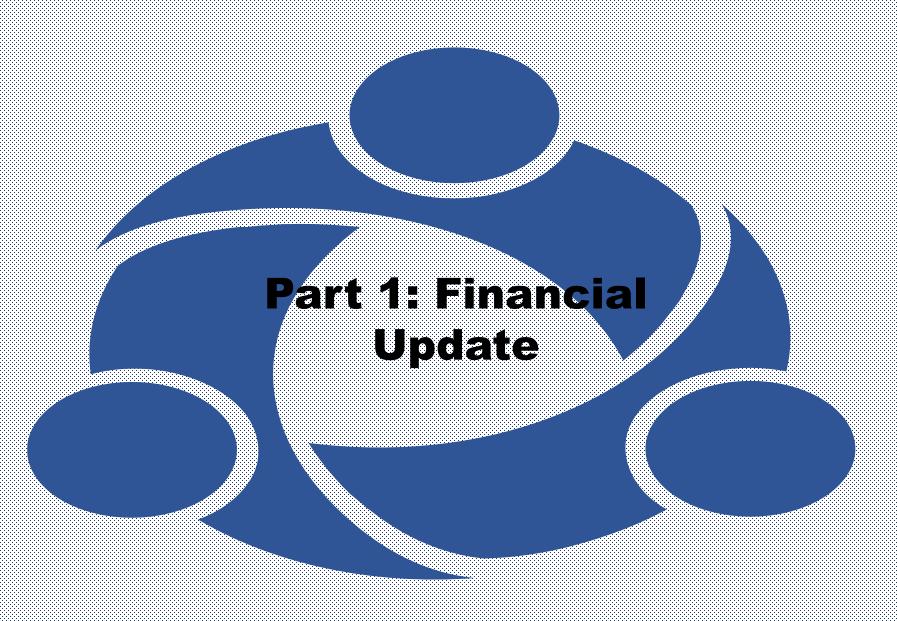
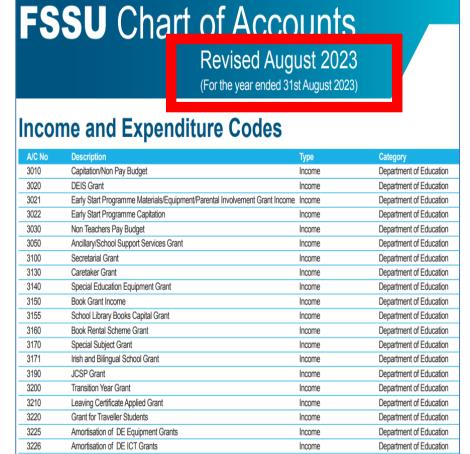


Chart of Accounts

Chart of Accounts for 2022/2023 (Revised August 2023)

Effective for the year ended 31st August 2023

- Chart of Accounts (Excel)
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- Cairt Cuntas do Chumtasóir Seachtrach na Scoil (Excel)
- List of changes



Amortisation of Other DE Grants

Update to the Chart of Accounts

Can be found

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Chart of Accounts

The FSSU have created a standardised Chart of Accounts (link to file below) that will be used as the basis for the submission of accounts.

Chart of Accounts for 2022/2023 (Revised August 2023)

Effective for the year ended 31st August 2023 (See list of changes)

- Chart of Accounts (Excel)
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List of changes:

- Table A: Codes added
- Table B: Codes removed
- Table C: Change of description on nominal codes



Updated Chart of Accounts

TABL	TABLE A: NEW CODES ADDED TO THE CHART OF ACCOUNTS			
Code	Description	Type	Category	
3021	Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Grant Income	Income	Department of Education	
3022	Early Start Programme Capitation	Income	Department of Education	
4311	Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Expenses	Expenditure	Education Other Expenditure	
2162	Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Grant Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals	
31 <i>7</i> 1	Irish and Bilingual School Grant	Income	Department of Education	
3380	Student Photocopying Income	Income	School Generated Income	
4315	Student Photocopying Expenses	Expenditure	Education Other Expenditure	
5553	Rent of DE Funded Sports Hall Expenses (C&C Schools only)	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment	
3288	COVID Capitation for Cleaning and PPE Grant	Income	Department of Education	
5806	COVID Capitation for Cleaning (Non-Wages) and PPE Grant Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment	
2186	COVID Capitation for Cleaning and PPE Grant Unspent	Current Lightlity	Accruals	
3289	Once-Off Cost of Living Grant	Income	Department of Education	

Updated Chart of Accounts

TABLE	TABLE B: CODES REMOVED FROM THE CHART OF ACCOUNTS			
	Do not use these codes			
Code	Description	Type	Category	Comment
3360	Sports Complex Income	Income	School Generated Income	
5020	Caretaker Sports Complex Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment	
<i>57</i> 10	Sports Complex Repairs & Maintenance Expenses	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment	
6070	Sports Complex Administrative Wages Expense	Expenditure	Administration	
6305	Photocopying Expenses	Expenditure	Administration	expenditure would be classroom based, a new code was added in Educational other 4315 Student Photocopying Expenses
3281	COVID Capitation PPE Grant	Income	Department of Education	COVID Capitation PPE Grant and COVID
3283	COVID Capitation for Additional Cleaning Grant	Income	Department of Education	Capitation Additional Cleaning Grant have been combined into one grant for the school year 22/23. The new nominal codes added in Table A for the COVID Capitation for Cleaning and PPE Grant should be used to record the income and expenditure for this grant for 22/23.
5802	COVID Capitation for PPE Grant Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment	
5805	COVID Capitation for Cleaning (Non-Wages) Expenses	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment	

Updated Chart of Accounts

TABLE	TABLE C: CHANGE OF DESCRIPTION TO THE NOMINAL ACCOUNT			
Code	Existing Description	Change Description to:		
6870	Sports Complex Administrative Expenses	Sports Complex DE Grant Transfer		
3960	Capital Building Fundraising Expense	Capital Land/Building Fundraising Expense		
3970	Parents Contribution to Capital Building Expense	Parents Contribution to Capital Land/Building Expense		
3991	Other State Capital Building Expense	Other State Capital Land/Building Expense		
3992	Capital Donations Building Expense	Capital Donations Land/Building Expense		
3995	Building Fund Account	Land/Buildina Fund Account		



Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Grant

School Sectors	Selected primary schools in designated disadvantaged areas
Received	November 2022
Purpose	This funding is specifically for the purchase of materials and equipment and also the development of parental involvement for this programme
Income Code	3021 <early programme<="" start="" td=""></early>

Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Grant Income>



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Expense Code	4311 <early equipment="" expenses="" involvement="" materials="" parental="" programme="" start=""></early>
Unspent Balance Code	2162 < Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Grant Unspent>



Early Start Programme Capitation		
School Sectors	Selected primary schools in designated disadvantaged areas	
Received	November 2022	
Purpose	To meet the day-to-day running costs of the centre	
Income Code	3022 < Early Start Programme Capitation>	
Expense Code	Appropriate expense code	
Unspent Balance Code	N/A	



Irish and Bilingual School Grant			
School Sectors	Voluntary Secondary Schools in the free education scheme		
Received	May 2022		
Purpose	Where all subjects are taught through Irish or those where a maximum of 4 subjects are taught through Irish		
Income Code	3171 < Irish & Bilingual School Grant>		
Expense Code	Appropriate expense code		
Unspent Balance Code	N/A		



Free Primary Schoolbook Grant			
School Sectors	Primary schools and special school		
Received	April 2023		
Purpose	To cover the cost of schoolbooks, including the cost of any workbooks and copybooks. Where the funding allows, some related classroom resources		
Further Information	FSSU Guideline P17-2022/2023 (Primary)		
Grant received in advance	2151 <book advance="" grant="" in="" received=""></book>		
Prepayments	1720 <prepayment></prepayment>		
Income Code	3151 < Primary Free Schoolbook Grant>		
Expense Code	4731 < Primary Free Schoolbook Grant Expense>		
Unspent Balance Code	2160 <book grant="" unspent=""></book>		





School Sectors	Primary schools and special school
Received	June 2023
Purpose	Grant to employ an individual to work for a specified number of days to carry out administrative work on the free schoolbooks scheme
Further Information	FSSU Guideline P17-2022/2023 (Primary)
Grant received in advance	2151 <book advance="" grant="" in="" received=""></book>
Prepayment	1720 <prepayment></prepayment>
Income Code	3152 < Primary Free Schoolbook Admin Grant>
Expense Code	4113 < Primary Free Schoolbook Admin Salaries Expense>
Unspent Balance Code	2160 <book grant="" unspent=""></book>





Once-Off Cost of Living Grant			
School Sectors	All schools in the free education scheme		
Received	December 2022		
Purpose	To meet additional energy costs and other increased day-to- day running costs of the school		
Further Information	Financial Guideline 17-2022/2023 (post-primary schools) Financial Guideline P10-2022/2023 (primary schools)		
Income Code	3289 <once-off cost="" grant="" living="" of=""></once-off>		
Expense Code	Appropriate expense code		
Unspent Balance Code	N/A		



Sports Complex and Hall Rental

C&C Schools Only		
3270	Sports Complex Grant	
6870	Sports Complex DE Grant Transfer	
5553	Rent of DE Funded Sports Hall Expenses (C&C schools only)	



Other Notes on Grants

Do not provide for the following grant's due at the yearend:

- > ICT Grant all schools
- Ancillary grant primary schools only



Accounting for School Grants Received in Advance

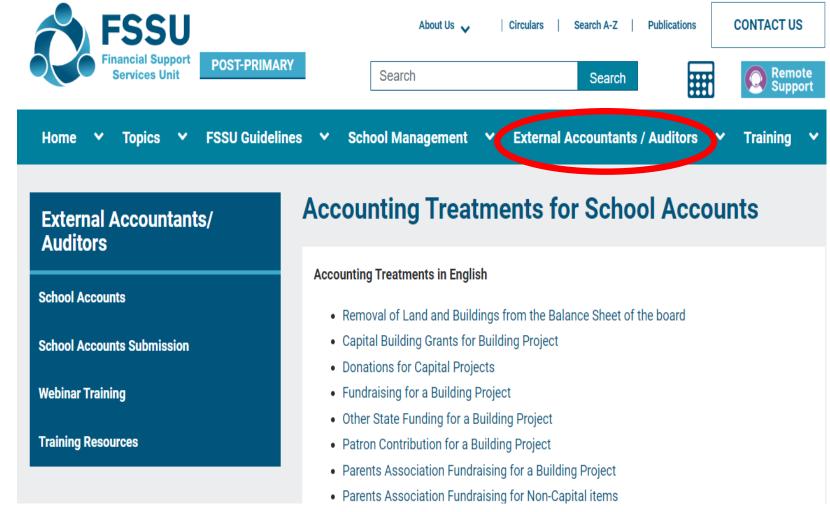
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Accounting for School Grants Received in Advance

What is school grants received in advance?

This is school grants received in the current accounting period that belongs to future accounting years



Accounting for School Grants Received in Advance – all relevant schools

Grant	Received in	For the period	Element in advance	Balance Sheet code	Primary	C&C	VSS
DEIS Grant (DEIS schools only)	June 2023	School Year September 2023-August 2024	100%	2152	√	√	√
Book Grant	June 2023	School Year September 2022-August 2023	100%	2151		√	√
Free Primary Schoolbooks Grant	April 2023	School Year September 2023-August 2024	100%	2151	✓		
Administration Support Grant	June 2023	School Year September 2023-August 2024	100%	2151	√		

Accounting for School Grants Received in Advance – C&C Schools ONLY

Grant	Received in	For the period	Element in advance	Income code	Balance Sheet code	Primary	C&C	VSS
Non-Pay Grant	July 2023	July/August/September 2023	1/3	3010	2150		✓	
Non-Teaching Pay Grant	July 2023	July/August/September 2023	1/3	3030	2150		✓	
SSSF Grant	June 2023	July/August/September /October 2023	50%	3050	2150		✓	

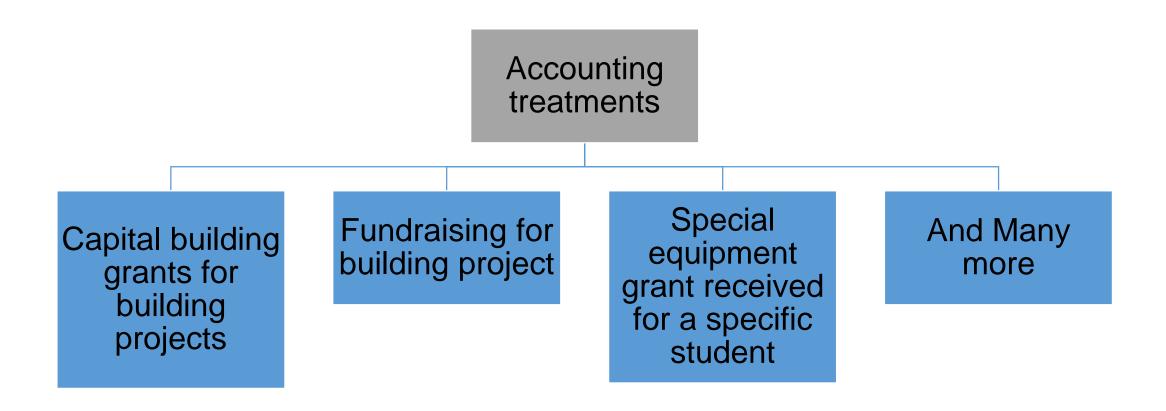
Accounting for Unspent Ring-Fenced Grants

Grant	Primary	C&C	VSS	Income Code	Balance Sheet Code
Book Grant	✓	✓	✓	3150	2160
ICT Digital Strategy Grant	✓	√	✓	3921 (Capital) 3230 (Non-Capital)	2165
Grant to address the digital divide	✓	√	✓	3921 (Capital) 3230 (Non-Capital)	2179
Supervision & Substitution Grant		✓	✓	3240	2170
Non-Teacher Pay Grant		✓		3030	2168
JCSP Grant		✓	✓	3190	2167
School Meals Grant	✓	✓	✓	3296	2171
School Excellence Fund	✓	✓	✓	3260	2180
Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Grants	✓			3021	2162 FSSU Financial Support

Accounting for Unspent Ring-Fenced Grants

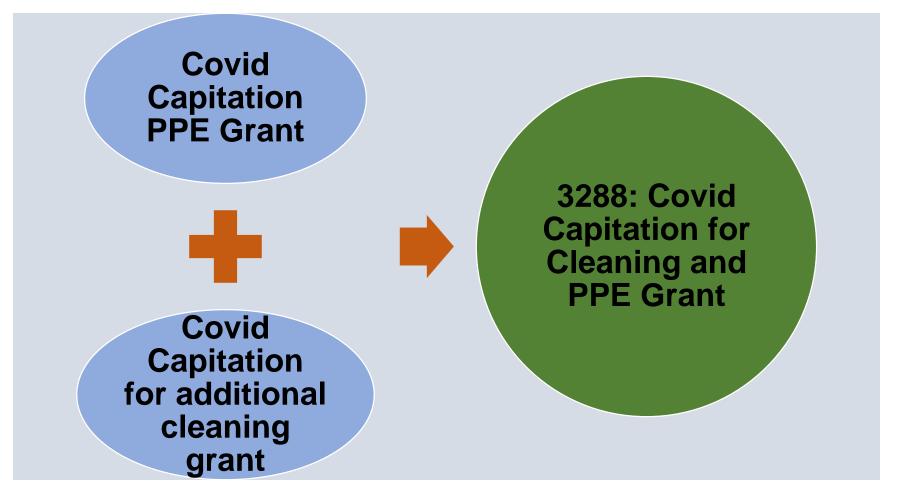
Grant	Primary	C&C	VSS	Income Code	Balance Sheet Code
School Library Books Capital Grant	✓	✓	✓	3155	2161
COVID capitation for cleaning and PPE Grant Unspent	✓	✓	✓	3288	2186
Covid Minor Works Grant	✓	✓	✓	3905	2169
Minor Works Grant	√			3900 (Capital Building 3920/3921 (Capital equip/ICT) 3275 (Non-capital)	2166
All Capital Grants	✓	✓	✓	3900/3920	2171

Other Accounting Treatments



Covid-19 Capitation Grant Funding

Notice regarding Covid-19 Capitation Funding Supports





Covid-19 Capitation Grant Funding

Nominal Code	Description	Туре	Note
3288	Covid Capitation for Cleaning & PPE Income	Income	New Code
5804	Covid Capitation for Cleaning Wages	Expenditure	Existing code but can be used to record cleaning wages paid from the combined grant
5806	Covid Capitation for Cleaning (Non-Wages) and PPE Grant Expense	Expenditure	New Code
2186	Covid Capitation for Cleaning and PPE Grant Unspent	Current Liability	New Code

Returning unspent COVID grants 2022/2023

Returning Unspent Grants 2022/2023

Deadline for the return of unspent Covid-19 grants to the Department of Education is 30th September

Unspent balances at 31st August 2023 should be posted to 2186 Covid Capitation for Cleaning and PPE Grant Unspent

Does not include the Covid-19 Minor Works Grant



Part 2: Reporting and Filing Requirements

Requirements of the school accountant/auditor

Prepare annual school accounts – FSSU prescribed template

Financial Report for parents

Present the school accounts at the board meeting

Submit school accounts to the FSSU Submission Portal

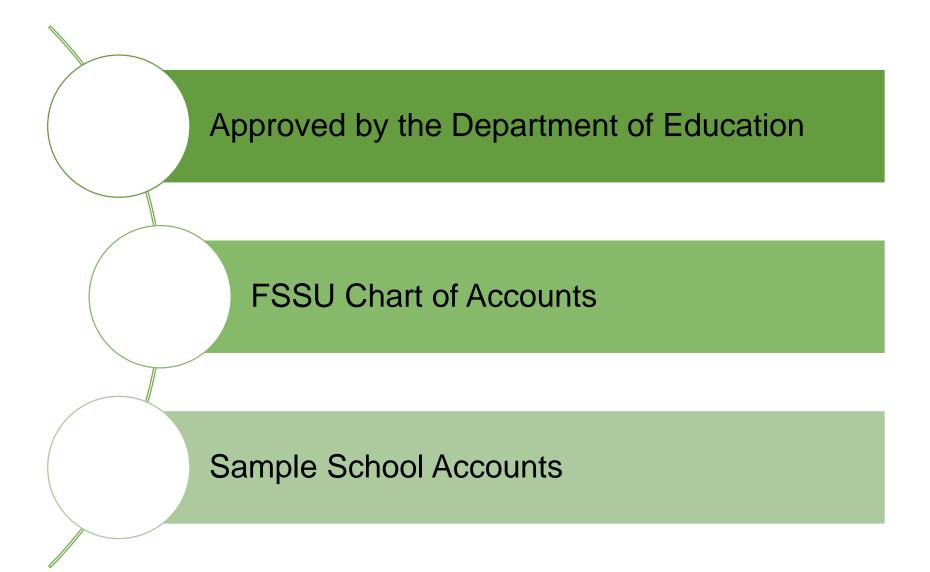
Prepare adjustments to the school's trial balance

Management letter

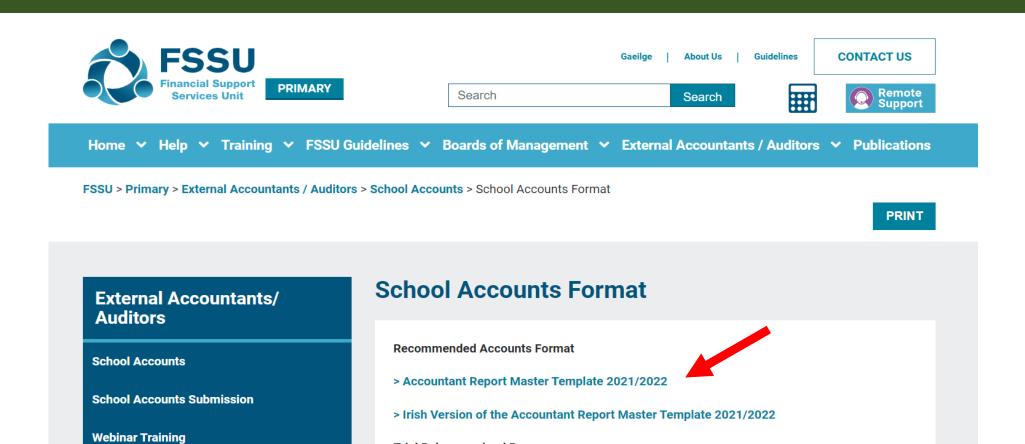
Timeline for preparation and submission



Preparing school accounts



Accountants Report Template



Trial Balance upload Process

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Accountants Report Template

Sample School				
Income and Expenditure Account for the year	ır ended	August 31,	2022	
	Actual 2021/2022		Actu: 2020/202	
Total Income	0.0	0		0.00
Total Expenditure	0.0	0		0.00
Surplus / Deficit	0.0	0		0.00
Opening Balance	0.0	0		0.00
Closing Balance	0.0	0		0.00
ehalf of the board;				
Christman	Treasurer			
Chairperson	rensurer			

Date

Sample School			
Balance Sheet as at	August 31,	2022	
		Actual	Actual
1. Fixed Assets		2021/2022	2020/2021
1. Fixed Assets	Note 2		
Fixtures and Fittings		0.00	0.00
ICT Infrastructure		0.00	0.00
Capital Other		0.00	0.00
Total Fixed Assets		0.00	0.00
2. Current Assets	Note 3		
Debtors and prepaid expenses		0.00	0.00
Cash at bank and in hand		0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets		0.00	0.00
3. Current Liabilities	Note 4		
Creditors and accrued expenses		0.00	0.00
4. Long Term Lia bilities		0.00	0.00
Long Term Loan		0.00	0.00
Assets less Lia bilities		0.00	0.00
Capital and Reserves			
5. Contribution towards the Cost of	Note 5,6	0.00	0.00
Fixed Assets	Note 5,0	0.00	0.00
6. Current Period Surplus/Deficit on			
Income and Expenditure Account		0.00	0.00
7. Prior Periods Surplus/Deficit on			
Income and Expenditure Account		0.00	0.00
Total Capital and Reserves		0.00	0.00
behalf of the board;			
Chair per so n		Treas	ırer

Samula School



Financial Report for Parents

Financial Report to Parents

Enter School Name Here Financial Report to Parents Summary Financial Statement for the School Year 20XX/20XX Income € Department of Education and Skills Funding Other State Funding School Income Parent Voluntary Contributions Rental School Property Fundraising Parents Association Other Income Total Income 0



Financial Report for Parents

Financial Report to Parents

Expenditure		
Education Expenditure	Classroom Materials and Teaching Aids	
	All Other Education Related Expenditure	
School Maintenance	Light, Heat and Power	
	Insurance	
	Cleaning and waste disposal	
	Rent, Rates and Local Charges	
	All Other Caretaking and Maintenance	
School Administration	Printing, Postage and Stationary	
	In-School Administration Systems	
	Telephone/SMS	
	All other Administration Expenses	
Financial	Bank Charges, Interest, Leasing	
Total Expenditure		0
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0



Presenting the Accounts to the board

When the Income and Expenditure Account reports a deficit in the current year.

This needs to be communicated to the board and the board need to inform their patrons/trustees

Accounts signed by the chairperson and one other member of the board



Year End Adjustments

Provide the school's accounts secretary/bursar/treasurer with the year-end adjustments as soon as possible to allow for those schools using accounts software packages to post the adjustments and roll forward the year end.

In some cases, the school's accounts secretary/bursar/treasurer may require your assistance with posting these adjustments.



Timeline for preparation & submission

Stages of School Annual Accounts Preparation	Date Deadline
The school supplies all necessary financial information to the External School Accountant/Auditor for the school year ending on the previous August 31st	September 30th
The draft annual accounts are returned by the External School Accountant/Auditor	November 30th
Once the school Board of Management is satisfied that the accounts are an accurate reflection of the school's financial situation, they are formally ratified by the Board, signed by the Chairperson and one other Board member. Two copies should be forwarded to the Trustees/Patron	December 31st or earlier as required by the Trustee/Patron
External School Accountants/Auditors are required to access the FSSU submission portal (secure online cloud-based system) and input the school trial balance and upload PDF of signed accounts.	February 28th

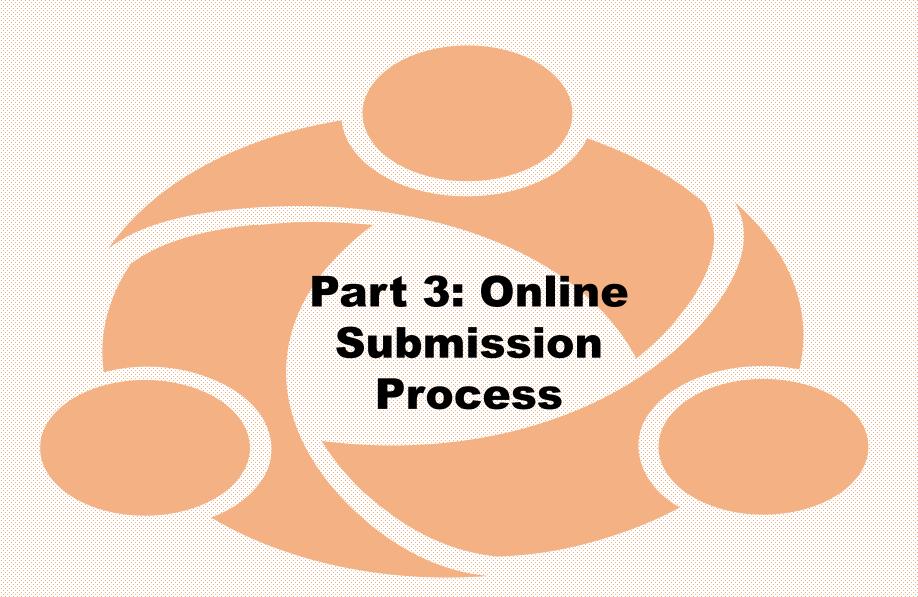
Annual Return to the Charities Regulator

The board is required to verify the information submitted to the FSSU by the external accountant/auditor by the 30th June each year (Previously August)

The authorised filer for the school logs onto the Charities Regulator account and confirms information

Accuracy of data to minimise changes





Overview of the Submission Process

- Review of practice, users and school details
- A copy of the authorisation letter completed by the board of management
- The board of management's registered charity number (RCN)
- The final trial balance
- A PDF copy of the approved board of management annual account



Board of Management Authorisation Letter

Board of Management/Governors Authorisation Letter for 2022/2023 School Accounts

To be sent to External Accountant/Auditor only (This document does not form part of the Annual Accounts)

Roll No.___

	School Address: Accountants/Auditors name & address:				
De	ar, (insert Accountant/Auditors name)				
1.	The board of management/governors of (insert school name)				
	authorise (insert accountants/auditors name), to transfer				
	the relevant information contained in the financial accounts to the Financial Support Services				
	Unit as part of the online submission process.				
2.	The board approves the transfer of relevant information contained in the board's annual				
	accounts by the Financial Support Services Unit to:				
	a. the Central Statistics Office, to assist with the annual reporting obligations.				
	 the Charities Regulator, to assist the annual reporting obligations set out in Section 52 of the Charities Act 2009. 				
	c. the Trustee/Patron, where requested,				
3	The board confirms that, where applicable, the Income and Expenditure and bank balance of				
	the Parents Association, Student Council and all other bank accounts relating to school				
	activities are included in the annual accounts.				
4.	The board confirms that the external accountant/auditor is a member of a Prescribed				
_	Accountancy Body and has Professional Indemnity Insurance in place. The board confirms it operates under its Governance Document(s).				
	The board confirms that the Trustee details for the school are registered correctly with the				
٥.	Charities Regulator. (Insert RCN number)				
7	The average number of employees paid directly by the board in the school for the year ended				
	31st August 2023 was (insert number)				
8.	· —				
	ended 31st August 2023 was: (e.g., board members, parent's association, parents that helped				
	at bake sale etc.)				
	None				
	1-9				
	10 - 19				
	20 - 49				
	50 - 249				
	250+				

9.	Board of Management/Governo	ors Declaration - Covid supports		
9.1	Capitation related grants for the	reconciliation of unspent Covid-19 school years 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and where applicable the unspent rtment.	□ Yes	□ No □ N/A
9.2	as outlined in circulars 45/2020, 44 date were specifically used for the	ID-19 operational supports provided 6/2020 and 53/2020 as applicable, to be purpose of minimising the risk of ts were recorded appropriately in the	□ Yes	□ No □ N/A
	On behalf of the board on	(insert date)		
	Chairperson	Board Member		



School's Registered Charity Number (RCN)



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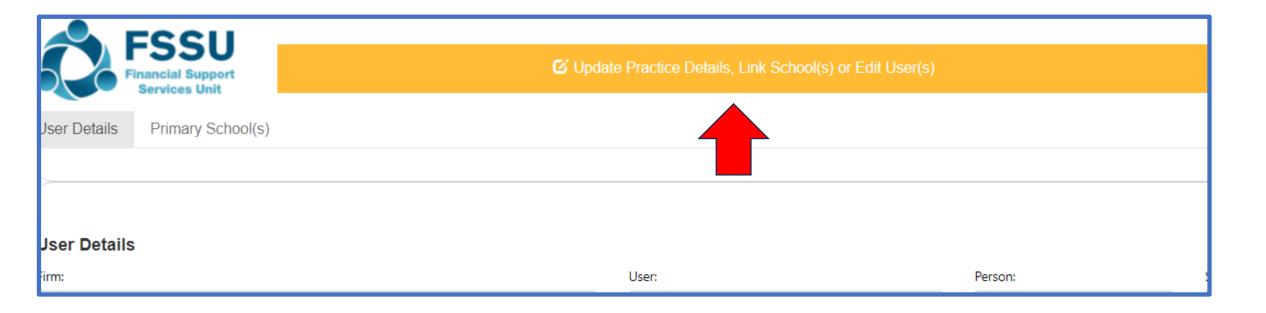
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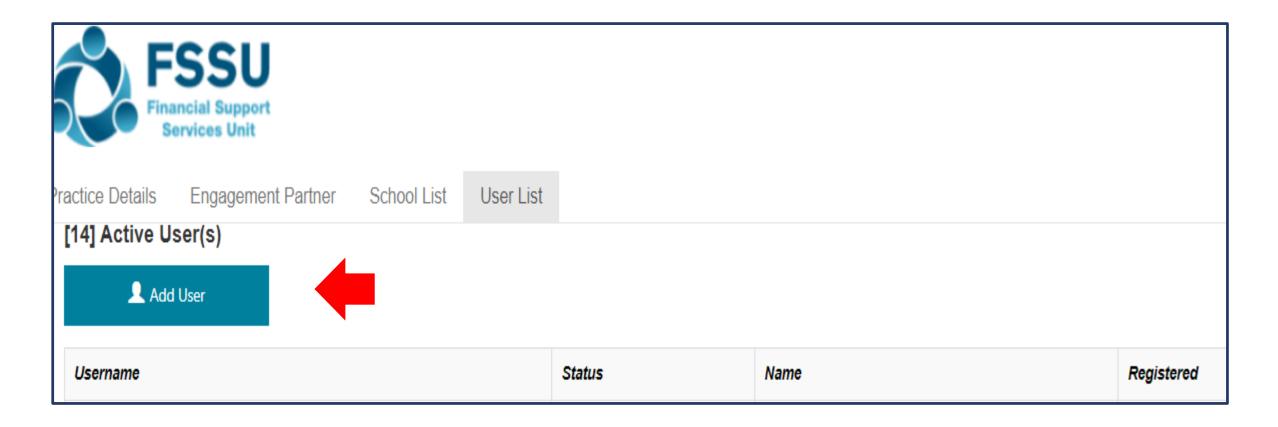
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Trial Balance

Trial balance import options

- Import from excel
- Manual input



Trial Balance – Import from excel

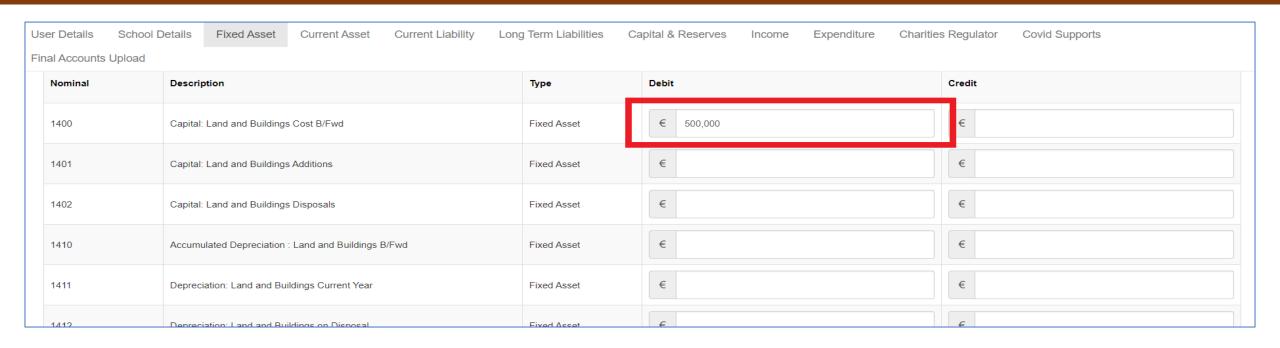
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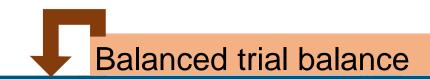


- Populate the template and use the import TB option in the portal to bring in the trial balance.
- A detail recording available

FSSU > Primary > External Accountants / Auditors > School Accounts Submission > Online Accounts Submission

Trial Balance – Manual input





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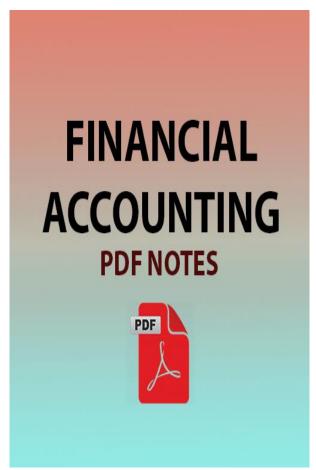
Final Accounts Upload Accounts

Upload of the final signed accounts

Format – max size 10MB

Physically/electronically signed or type signed by the Chairperson and another board member

In Voluntary Secondary Schools the Principal is not a member of the board



The Online Portal

Portal Open Date for submission of the 2022/2023 annual return

25th September 2023

For more information visit our website www.fssu.ie





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If you have any further questions please telephone or email us

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