

Science Implementation Grant for Post Primary Schools in the Free Education Scheme

1. Introduction

This new funding is primarily aimed at supporting post-primary schools in the rollout of revised Leaving Certificate science subjects in the 2025/26 school year as part of Senior Cycle Redevelopment. Three science subjects – Biology, Chemistry and Physics – have been revised as part of stage one of the redevelopment of Senior Cycle subjects.

2. Rate

All schools in the free scheme have received additional funding with a minimum base payment of €13,000 up to a maximum of €22,000. Funding is based on school enrolment bands and provides for a 10% uplift for DEIS schools.

Enrolment Band	Base Payment	DEIS Payment (10% Uplift)
1-300	€13,000	€14,300
301-599	€16,000	€17,600
600-899	€19,000	€20,900
900+	€22,000	€24,200

The funding is in addition to existing support provided to schools who offer Physics, Chemistry and the combined subject Physics & Chemistry.

3. Main features of the Grant

Schools will have the autonomy to utilise funding provided under the Science Implementation Support Grant in a way that best suits their school context and apply it to their locally identified Science needs. It is expected that schools will prioritise the purchase of consumables and related equipment needs. The funding may be utilised to support the implementation of the new senior cycle sciences or more generally to support the broader science programme which may include, for example: Agricultural Science, Transition Year science, Leaving Certificate Applied science, Junior Cycle science.

4. Financial Oversight

As the funding has been received for the revised Leaving Certificate science subjects in the 2025/26 school year, the grant income and expenditure should be recorded appropriately in the school's accounts.

- **Grant Income:** The grant receipt can be recorded to nominal account:

Nominal Code	Description	Type	Category
2150	Grants Received in Advance	Current Liability	Accruals

- **Grant Expense:** The expenditure can be recorded to nominal account:

Nominal Code	Description	Type	Category
1720	Prepayments	Current Asset	Debtors & Prepayments

Schools must ensure compliance with [DPER Circular 13/2014, Management of and Accountability for Grants from Exchequer Funds](#).

5. Reference

This guideline is based on Department of Education guidance '[Science Implementation Support Grant Guidelines for post-primary schools](#)'.

6. Further Information

Any queries in relation to the guidance should be emailed to Senior Cycle Redevelopment Programme Management Office at scr_info@education.gov.ie.

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