

FSSU – Preparation and Submission of School Accounts 2024/2025

September 2025



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Part 1: Financial Update

- Updated Chart of Accounts
- Department of Education Grants
- Accounting Treatments
- Accounting polices
- COVID-19 grants unspent
- ERR





Part 2: Reporting & filling requirements

- Recommended timeline for school accounts
- School accounts format
- Financial reports to parents
- Charities Regulator annual return





Part 3: Online submission process

- Board of management authorisation letter
- Overview of the portal including review of practice details, adding new users, removing old users importing the trial balance















Chart of Accounts

Chart of Accounts for 2024/2025 (Revised September 2024)

Effective for the year ended 31st August 2025

FSSII Chart of Accounts

Effective for the year ended 31st August 2025

Income and Expenditure Codes

A/C No	Description	Туре	Category
3010	Capitation/Non Pay Budget	Income	Department of Education
3020	DEIS Grant	Income	Department of Education
3021	Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Grant Income	Income	Department of Education
3022	Early Start Programme Capitation	Income	Department of Education
3030	Non Teachers Pay Budget	Income	Department of Education
3050	Ancillary/School Support Services Grant	Income	Department of Education
3100	Secretarial Grant	Income	Department of Education
3130	Caretaker Grant	Income	Department of Education
3140	Special Education Equipment Grant	Income	Department of Education
3150	Book Grant Senior Cycle Income	Income	Department of Education
3151	Free Schoolbook Grant	Income	Department of Education
3152	Free Schoolbook Admin Grant	Income	Department of Education
3155	School Library Books Capital Grant	Income	Department of Education
3170	Special Subject Grant	Income	Department of Education
3171	Irish and Bilingual School Grant	Income	Department of Education
3190	JCSP Grant	Income	Department of Education
3200	Transition Year Grant	Income	Department of Education
3210	Leaving Certificate Applied Grant	Income	Department of Education
3220	Grant for Traveller Students	Income	Department of Education
3225	Amortisation of DE Equipment Grants	Income	Department of Education
3226	Amortisation of DE ICT Grants	Income	Department of Education
3227	Amortisation of Other DE Grants	Income	Department of Education
3230	ICT Grant Non Capital	Income	Department of Education
3240	Supervision and Substitution Grant	Income	Department of Education
3245	Physics/Chemistry Grant	Income	Department of Education
3255	State Exam Income	Income	Department of Education



Update to the Chart of Accounts

Link to Chart of Accounts

www.fssu.ie >External Accountants/Auditors >Preparation of School Account >Chart of Accounts

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 2024/2025

Effective for the year ended 31st August 2025 (See list of changes)

- Chart of Accounts (Excel)
- Chart of Accounts (PDF)
- Cairt Cuntas do Chuntasóir Seachtrach na Scoile (Excel)

List of changes:

Table A: Codes added



Updated Chart of Accounts - New codes

	TABLE A NEW CODES ADDED TO THE CHART OF ACCOUNTS							
Code	Description	Туре	Category	Comment				
				3511 is to be used for income				
				collected for buses except				
				from the games/sports				
3511	Bus Hire Other Income	Income	School Generated Income	buses. Existing code 3510				
				Bus Income is renamed to				
				Bus Hire for Games Income.				
				To be used to account for the				
				expenditure of income				
				received from other state				
4929	Other State Funding Expense	Expenditure	Education Other Expenditure	bodies and accounted for in				
				code 3299 Other State				
				Funding.				
				To be used to account for				
				unspent capital grants or				
2173	Other Capital Ringfenced Grants/Income Unspent	Current	Accruals	other income, for example				
		Liability		building grants, furniture				
				grants unspent, fundraising				
				for a building project.				



Updated Chart of Accounts – Codes removed

TABLE B NOMINAL ACCOUNTS THAT SHOULD NO LONGER BE USED IN THE CHART OF ACCOUNTS								
Code	Description Type Category							
3160	Book Rental Scheme Grant	Income	Department of Education					
3280	COVID Aide Grant	Income	Department of Education					
3282	COVID Enhanced Supervision Grant	Income	Department of Education					
3284	COVID Funding for Replacement Caretaker Hours	Income	Department of Education					
3285	COVID Funding for Replacement Secretarial Hours	Income	Department of Education					
3286	COVID Funding for Replacement Cleaner Hours	Income	Department of Education					
3287	COVID Funding for Replacement Bus Escort Hours	Income	Department of Education					
3288	COVID Capitation for Cleaning and PPE Grant	Income	Department of Education					
4197	COVID Replacement Bus Escort Hours Expense	Expenditure	Education Salary					
5011	COVID Replacement Caretaker Hours Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment					
5111	COVID Replacement Cleaner Hours Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment					
5801	COVID Aide Grant Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment					
5803	COVID Enhanced Supervision Grant Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment					
5804	COVID Capitation for Cleaning Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment					
5806	COVID Capitation for Cleaning (Non-Wages) and PPE Grant Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment					
6011	COVID Replacement Secretary Hours Expense	Expenditure	Administration					

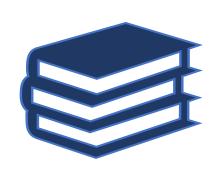


Updated Chart of Accounts – Change of description

TABLE C CHANGE OF DESCRIPTION TO THE NOMINAL ACCOUNT						
Code	Existing Description Change Description to:					
3150	Book Grant Income	Book Grant Senior Cycle Income				
3151	Primary Free Schoolbook Grant Income	Free Schoolbook Grant				
3152	Primary Free Schoolbook Grant Admin Grant	Free Schoolbook Admin Grant				
3296	DEASP School Meals Grant	DSP School Meals Grant				
3335	Classroom Books Income	Classroom Books/Resources Income				
3510	Bus Income	Bus Hire for Games Income				
3580	Discounts Given	Discounts/Rebates				
4113	Primary Free Schoolbook Admin Salaries Expense	Free Schoolbook Admin Salaries Expense				
4671	Travel Games Expense	Bus Hire for Games Expense				
4690	Bus Hire Expenses	Bus Hire Other Expense				
4730	Book Grant Expense	Book Grant Senior Cycle Expense				
4731	Primary Free Schoolbook Grant Expense	Free Schoolbook Grant Expense				
4741	Classroom Book Expense	Classroom Books/Resources Expense				
1803	DEASP School Meal Bank Account	DSP School Meal Bank Account				
2171	Other Ringfenced Grants Unspent	Other Non-Capital Ringfenced Grants Unspent				
2172	Other Ringfenced Income Unspent	Other Non-Capital Ringfenced Income Unspent				



New/Revised/Once Off Department of Education Grants received in 2024/2025



- Free Schoolbook Grant and Administration Support Grant for all levels in Primary and Post Primary Schools
- Secure Mobile Phone Storage Solutions Grant
- Science Implementation Grant
- STEM & Arts Grant
- Schools Photovoltaic Programme
- Cost of living grant
- Digital Strategy Grant for ICT Infrastructure
- Special Class Grant



Free School Book Grant and Administration Support Grant



- Originally introduced in Primary & Special Schools in April 2023 for 2023/2024 school year.
- Extended to Junior Cycle Program in Post Primary schools for the 2024/2025 school year and paid in advance in March 2024 to Post Primary schools
- Extended to Senior Cycle Program in Post Primary schools for the 2025/2026 school year and paid in advance in March 2025 to Post Primary schools
- To provide free schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks to all children
- Administration support grant paid in advance:
 - Employ individual to administer scheme
 - Can cover other costs of administering the scheme



Free Schoolbook Grant for 2024/2025

School Sectors

Further Information

Grant received in advance in

Prepayments in 2023/2024

Income Code in 2024/2025

Expense Code in 2024/2025

Unspent Balance Code in

Received

Purpose

2023/2024

2024/2025

ants & Accounting treatment:

Grants	& ACCOU	inting ti	reatment:	

March and May 2024

1720 < Prepayment >

3151 < Free Schoolbook Grant >

2160 <Book Grant Unspent>

FSSU Guideline P18-2023/2024 (Primary)

2151 <Book Grant received in advance>

4731 < Free Schoolbook Grant Expense >

FSSU Guideline 24-2023/2024 (Post Primary)

Primary & Special Schools and Junior Cycle in Post Primary Schools

To cover the cost of schoolbooks, including the cost of any workbooks and

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copybooks. Where the funding allows, some related classroom resources

Free Schoolbook Grant for	2025	6/2026 – All sectors
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Received

2024/2025

Further Information

School Sectors All schools in the free education sector (including Senior Cycle in Post **Primary Schools**)

March/April 2025

To cover the cost of schoolbooks, including the cost of any workbooks and Purpose

copybooks. Where the funding allows, some related classroom resources FSSU Guideline P20-2024/2025 (Primary)

FSSU Guideline 32-2024/2025 (Post Primary)

2151 <Book Grant received in advance>

Grant received in advance in

Prepayments in 2024/2025 1720 < Prepayment >

Income Code in 2025/2026 3151 < Free Schoolbook Grant >

Expense Code in 2025/2026 4731 < Free Schoolbook Grant Expense > 2160 <Book Grant Unspent>

Unspent Balance Code in 2025/2026

Administration Support Grant for the Free Schoolbook Scheme 2024/2025

Primary & Special Schools and Junior Cycle in Post Primary Schools **School Sectors**

Received May/June 2024

Grant to employ an individual to work for specified number of days to Purpose

carry out administrative work on the free schoolbooks scheme or

for other administrative purposes related to the scheme.

Grant received in advance in

Further Information

2023/2024

FSSU Guideline P18-2023/2024 (Primary)

2151 <Book Grant received in advance>

FSSU Guideline 24-2023/2024 (Post Primary)

4113 < Free Schoolbook Admin Salaries Expense > /4731 < Free

Prepayments in 2023/2024 1720 < Prepayment > 3152 < Free Schoolbook Admin Grant > Income Code in 2024/2025 Expense Code in 2024/2025

Schoolbook Grant Expense> Unspent Balance Code in 2024/2025 2160 <Book Grant Unspent>

Grant received in advance in 2024/2025

Unspent Balance Code in 2025/2026

Prepayments in 2024/2025

Income Code in 2025/2026

Expense Code in 2025/2026

Administration Support Grant for the Free Schoolbook Scheme 2025/2026 – All sectors

School Sectors All schools in the free education sector (including Senior Cycle in

Post Primary Schools)

Received April/June 2025

Grant to employ an individual to work for specified number of days Purpose to carry out administrative work on the free schoolbooks scheme

or for other administrative purposes related to the scheme.

FSSU Guideline P20-2024/2025 (Primary) **Further Information**

1720 < Prepayment >

Schoolbook Grant Expense>

2160 <Book Grant Unspent>

2151 <Book Grant received in advance>

3152 < Free Schoolbook Admin Grant >

4113 < Free Schoolbook Admin Salaries Expense > /4731 < Free

FSSU Guideline 32-2024/2025 (Post Primary)

School Books Grant Scheme for Needy Pupils – Senior Cycle Post Primary Only 2024/2025

Post Primary Schools -Senior cycle programme only for 2024/2025 **School Sectors**

Received

June 2024 in advance of next school year

To go towards the cost of providing school textbooks for needy pupils or Purpose towards the running of a book rental scheme

FSSU Guideline 31 -2018/2019 (Post Primary)

2151 <Book Grant received in advance>

1720 < Prepayment >

3150 <Book Grant Income>

Expense Code 4730 <Book Grant Expense>

2160 <Book Grant Unspent>

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Further Information

Prepayments

Income Code

Grant received in advance

Funding Scheme for Secure Mobile Phone Storage Solutions

Post Primary Schools

Received	Funding applied for by June 2025 will be received by the end of June 2025 in
	advance of next school year

To support the implementation of measures restricting student access to personal mobile phones during the school day

FSSU Guideline 41 -2024/2025 (Post Primary)

3920 < DE Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment Grant Income >

1421 < Capital: Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment Additions >

2173 < Other Capital Ringfenced Grants/Income Unspent> **Unspent Balance**

Expense Code

Income Code

Further Information

School Sectors

Purpose

Science Implementation Grant

Received

Purpose

2024/2025

Post-Primary Schools in the free education scheme **School Sectors**

December 2024

Funding to support the rollout of the revised Leaving Certificate science subjects in the 2025/2026 school year as part of the Senior Cycle

Redevelopment. Financial Guideline 20-2024/2025 **Further Information**

Grant received in advance in 2150 < Grants Received in Advance>

Prepayments in 2024/2025

1720 < Prepayments >

Income Code in 2025/2026 3245 <Science Subject Grant>

Expense Code in 2025/2026 4390 <Science Subject Grant Expense> 2171 < Other Non-Capital Ringfenced Grants Unspent>

Unspent Balance Code in 2025/2026

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Arts Grant

School Sectors Primary Schools and Special Schools in the free education scheme

December 2024

Funding to purchase physical resources supporting the new Science Technology, Engineering and mathematics (STEM) and Arts curricula.

Financial Guideline P14-2024/2025

3170 < Special Subject Grant >

4490 < Other Subject Expense>

Expense Code **Unspent Balance Code**

Further Information

Income Code

Received

Purpose

2171 < Other Non-Capital Ringfenced Grants Unspent>

Schools Photovoltaic Programme (SPP)- (Solar Panels)

Received

Further Information

Income Code

Expense Code

School Sectors All schools

Upon approval of application Funding to have solar panels installed on eligible schools — (including all Purpose

associated inverters, cabling etc to connect the panels to the school's main distribution board)

Financial Guideline P08-2024/2025 (Primary) Financial Guideline 12-2024/2025 (Post Primary)

3900 < DE Capital Building Grant Income >

3940 < DE Capital Building Grant Expense >

Unspent Balance Code 2173 < Other Capital Ringfenced Grants/Income Unspent>

24

Cost of Living Grant

Further Information

Unspent Balance Code

Income Code

Expense Code

Received

Purpose

School Sectors All schools in the free education scheme

November 2024

To meet additional energy costs and other increased day-to-day running costs of

the school

Financial Guideline P11-2024/2025 (Primary)

Financial Guideline 16-2024/2025(Post Primary)

3289 <Once-Off Cost of Living Grant>

Appropriate expense code

N/A

ICT Grant

Received

Purpose

Further Information

Income Code

Expense Code

Unspent Balance Code

All schools **School Sectors**

June 2025

To fund ICT infrastructure, equipment, platforms, software and applications used

to support teaching and learning.

Financial Guideline P25 -2024/2025 (Primary)

Capital: 3921 < DE ICT Grant Capital Income >

Non-Capital: 3230 < DE ICT Grant Non-Capital >

Financial Guideline 39-2024/2025(Post Primary)

Capital: 1461 < Capital: ICT Additions> Non-Capital: 4410 < ICT Grant Non-Capital Expense>

2165 < ICT Grant Unspent>

26

Special Class Grant

Further Information

Income Code

Received

Purpose

Schools approved by the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) to open a **School Sectors** new special class for the 2025/2026 school year

On approval of special class

To support schools in setting up appropriate learning environments for students with more complex or severe special educational needs (SEN).

Financial Guideline P26-2024/2025 (Primary) Financial Guideline 40-2024/2025 (Post-Primary)

Misc – Refer accounting treatment

Misc – Refer accounting treatment Expense Code

Unspent Balance Code Misc – Refer accounting treatment

Grant	Income Code	Description	Expenditur e Code	Description	Unspent Balance at Year End *1	Explanation
Start up grant €30,000	3290	DE Fixture, Fittings and Equipment Grant Income	1421	Capital: Fixtures, Fitting and Equipment Additions	2173 Other capital Ringfenced Grants/Income Unspent	Grants used to cover fit-out, sensory space, furniture, equipment
	3291	DE ICT Grant Capital Income	1461	Capital: ICT Additions		Grant used to purchase ICT Equipment



The Initial start up grant can be recognised in code 3920, at year end if a portion of the grant is spent on ICT it can be transferred to 3921

Grant	Income Code	Description	Expenditure Code	Description	Unspent Balance at Year End *1	Explanation
Small scale repurposing works (up to €70,000)	3900	DE Capital Building Grant	3940	DE Capital Building Grant Expense	2173 Other Capital Ringfenced Grants/Income Unspent	Small scale re-purposing works to facilitate the establishment of a new special class
Re-purposing works above €70,000	3900	DE Capital Building Grant	3940	DE Capital Building Grant Expense	2173 Other Capital Ringfenced Grants/Income Unspent	For significant refurbishment needs
FSSU Financial Support Services Unit						29

Grant	Income Code	Description	Expenditure Code	Description	Unspent Balance at Year End *1	Explanation
Modular Accommodation Grant	3276	Temporary Accommodatio n Grant	5551	Rent of Temporary Accommodati on Expense	2171 Other Non-Capital Ringfenced Grants Unspent	Grant provided for installation & rent of modular accommodation where there is insufficient capacity within existing accommodation
Specialised Furniture/ Equipment	3140	Special Education Equipment Grant	4919	Special Education Equipment Expense	2171 Other Non-Capital Ringfenced Grants Unspent	Grant is provided for specific items of furniture/equipment such as chairs and tables for specific pupil who have been diagnosed with serious physical or communicative disabilities

Wage

Expense

Grant	Income Code	Description	Expenditure Code	Description	Unspent Balance at Year End *1	Explanation
Assistive Technology	3140	Special Education Equipment Grant	4919	Special Education Equipment Expense	2173 Other Capital Ringfenced Grants/ Income Unspent	Grants has been provided for the purchase of assistive technology equipment for a pupil with physical or communicative disabilities
Bus Escort	3294	Bus Escort	4196	Bus Escort	2171 Other	Grants used to pay the salary of the bus

Non-Capital

Ringfenced

Grants

Unspent

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Grant

Grants used to pay the salary of the bus escort



Grant	Income Code	Description	Expenditure Code	Description	Unspent Balance at Year End	Explanation
Enhanced Capitation Grant Primary schools	3010	Capitation/ Non Pay budget	Appropriate expense code	Special Class non Capital Expense *2	-	Enhanced capitation grant – Board has discretion of how it is spent
Enhanced Capitation rate Post Primary: Special Class Grant for MMLD class only	3101	Capitation/ Non Pay budget	Appropriate expense code	Special Class non Capital Expense *2	-	Enhanced capitation grant – Board has discretion of how it is spent

^{*1} Note – With exception of the above two Enhanced Capitation Grants, any grant unspent at the year –end must be accounted for as unspent at year end.

^{*2} Note – For mainstream schools with a special class, a new nominal code will be added to the chart of accounts for 25/26 to allow them to record and budget for the special class. A non-capital expense for a special class in a mainstream school refers to operational costs.

Accounting for School Grants Received in Advance

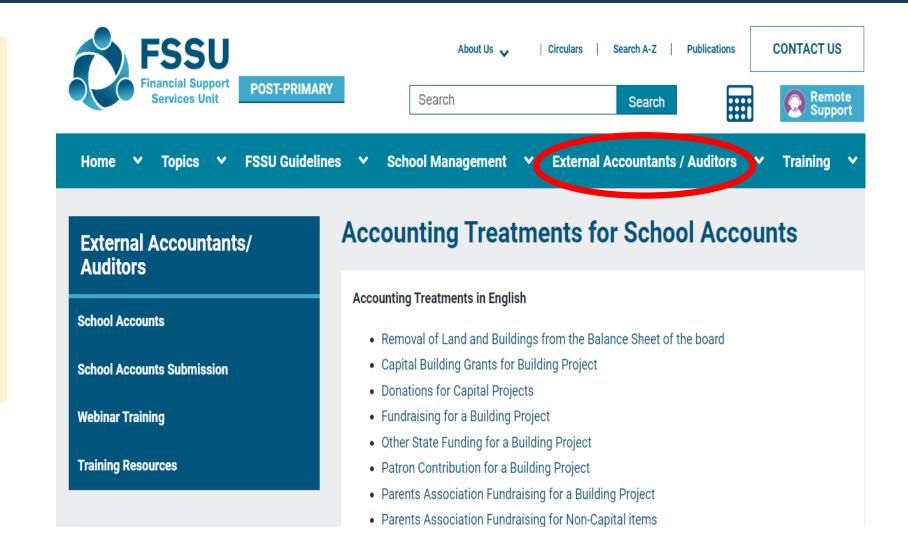
Can be found

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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)	July 2025	School Year September 2025-August 2026	100%	2152	√	√	√
Free Schoolbooks Grant	March /April 2025	School Year September 2025-August 2026	100%	2151	✓	✓	✓
Administration Support Grant	April/ June 2025	School Year September 2025-August 2026	100%	2151	✓	✓	✓



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

Grant	Received in	For the period	Element in advance	code	Balance Sheet code	Primary	C&C	VSS
Non-Pay Grant	July 2025	July/August/September 2025	1/3	3010	2150		√	
SSSF Grant	June 2025	July/August/September /October 2025	50%	3050	2150		✓	
Non-Teaching Pay Grant	July 2025	July/August/September 2025	1/3	3030	2150		✓	



Accounting for Unspent Ring-Fenced Grants

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3921 (Capital)

3921 (Capital)

3240

3030

3190

3296

3260

3155

3021

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3230 (Non-Capital)

3230 (Non-Capital)

2165

2179

2170

2168

2167

2171

2180

2161

Grant	Primary	C&C	VSS	Income Code	Balance Sheet Code
Free Schoolbooks Grant	✓	✓	✓	3151	2160
Administration Support Grant	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark	3152	2160

ICT Digital Strategy Grant

Non-Teacher Pay Grant

School Excellence Fund

School Meals Grant

Involvement Grants

JCSP Grant

Grant to address the digital divide

Supervision & Substitution Grant

School Library Books Capital Grant

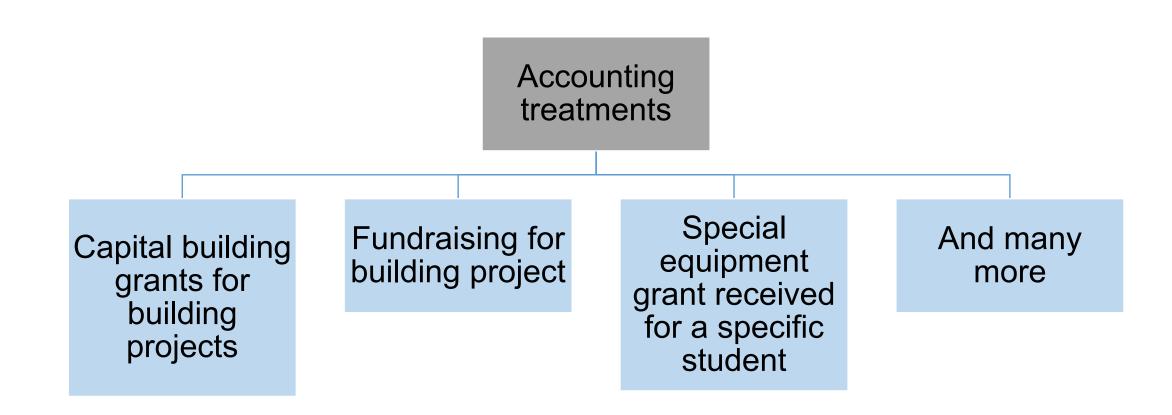
Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental

Accounting for Unspent Ring-Fenced Grants

Grant	Primary	C&C	VSS	Income Code	Balance Sheet Code
Covid Minor Works Grant	✓	✓	✓	3905	2169
Minor Works Grant	✓			3900 (Capital Building) 3920/3921 (Capital equip/ICT) 3275 (Non-capital)	2166
Funding Scheme for Secure Mobile Phone Storage Solutions		✓	✓	3290	2173
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Arts Grant	✓			3170	2171
Schools Photovoltaic Programme (SPP) (Solar Panels)	✓	✓	✓	3900	2173
All Capital Grants	✓	✓	✓	3900/3920	2173



Other Accounting Treatments



External Accountants / Auditors > School Accounts > Accounting Treatments for School Accounts



E.G. Accounting Treatment 25: Grants to Purchase Capital Items

Fixtures,
Fittings &
Equipment



FF&E Grant

Code 3920

DE Fixtures,
Fittings &
Equipment
Grant Income

Expenditure

Code 1421

Capital Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment

Unspent Balance:

Code 2173

Other Non-Capital Ringfenced Grants/Income Unspent

Sample Accounting Policies: Guidance Document

- Basis of preparation
- Recognition of Tangible fixed assets and Depreciation
- > Capital Grants Recognition and Amortisation
- > Treatment of land and building
- > Special equipment grants for specific students
- Unspent grants





Accounting Policies: Recognition of Tangible Fixed Assets

- Capitalise fixed assets when:
 - The item has a useful life of more than one year; &
 - ❖ The items costs more than €500



- Items costing less than €500 will normally be expensed to the income and expenditure account, unless they form part of a larger project or asset grouping whose combined value exceeds the threshold
- ➤ Major replacements or upgrades that significantly extend the life or capacity of the asset should be capitalised if they meet the threshold.



Returning unspent COVID capitation grants

- ➤ All Covid-19 capitation related unspent balances on the schools balance sheet at the 31st August 2025 should be returned to the Department of Education at the earliest opportunity.
- Board of Management should be made aware of this.
- Covid capitation grants for PPE, cleaning & additional supervision.
- > Does not include the Covid-19 Minor Works Grant

Received in years:

2019/2020

2020/2021

2021/2022

2022/2023





Enhanced Reporting Requirements (ERR)

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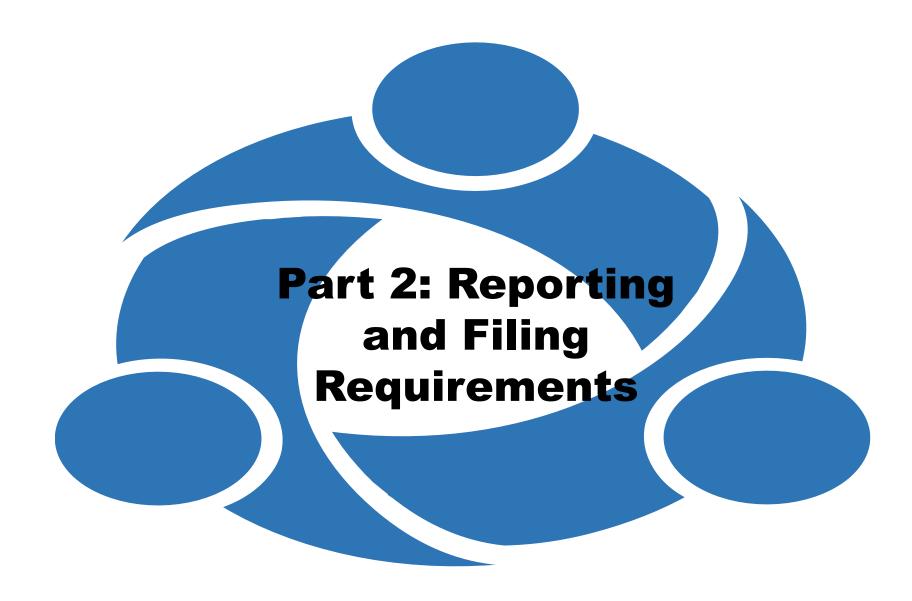
<u>Updated Guidance on Reporting Travel and Subsistence Expenses for Board Members - January 2025</u>

Travel and subsistence expenses paid to board of management members serving in a voluntary capacity are no longer required to be reported under ERR.

Refer to the following guidelines for more details

- Financial Guideline P15 2024/2025 (Primary)
- Financial Guideline 28 2024/2025 (Post Primary C&C)
- Financial Guideline 25 2024/2025 (Post Primary VSS)





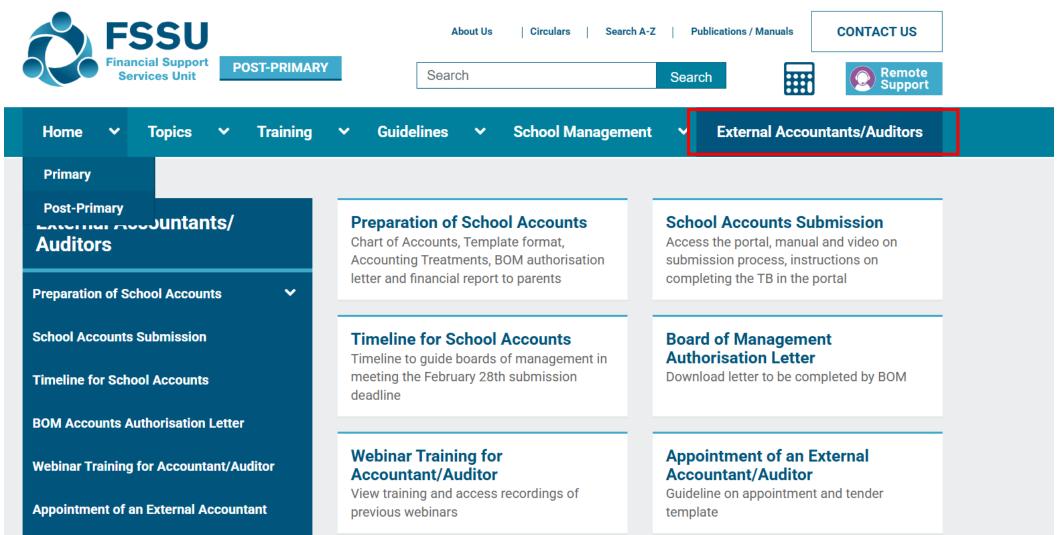


Requirements of the school accountant/auditor

Prepare annual school accounts – FSSU prescribed format Financial report for parents Present the school accounts at the board meeting Prepare adjustments to the school's trial balance Submit school accounts to the FSSU submission portal Management letter

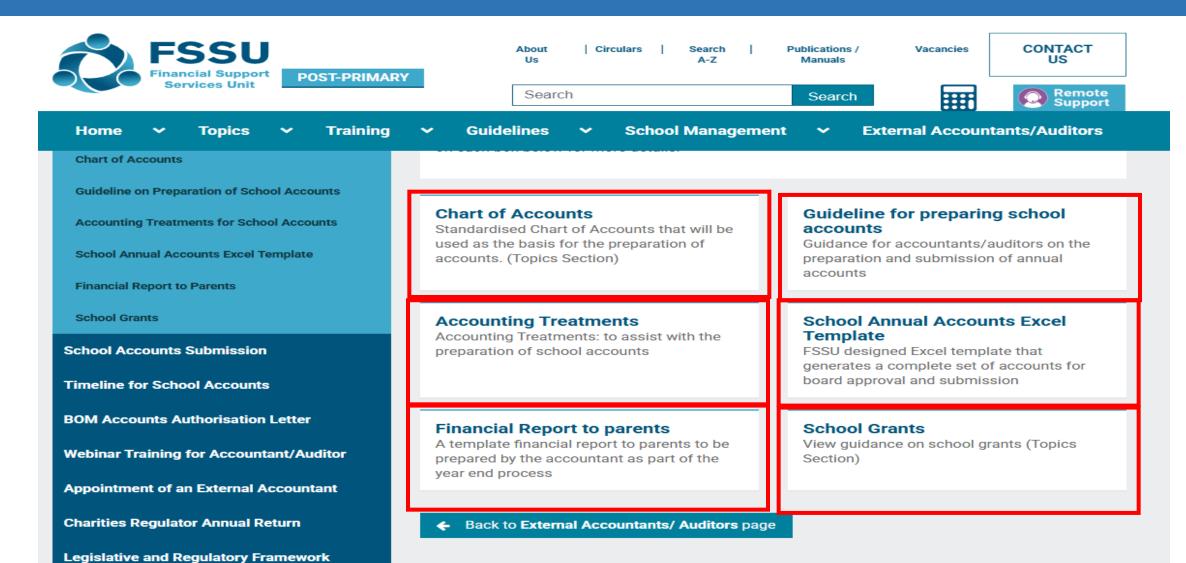


School Accounts Format



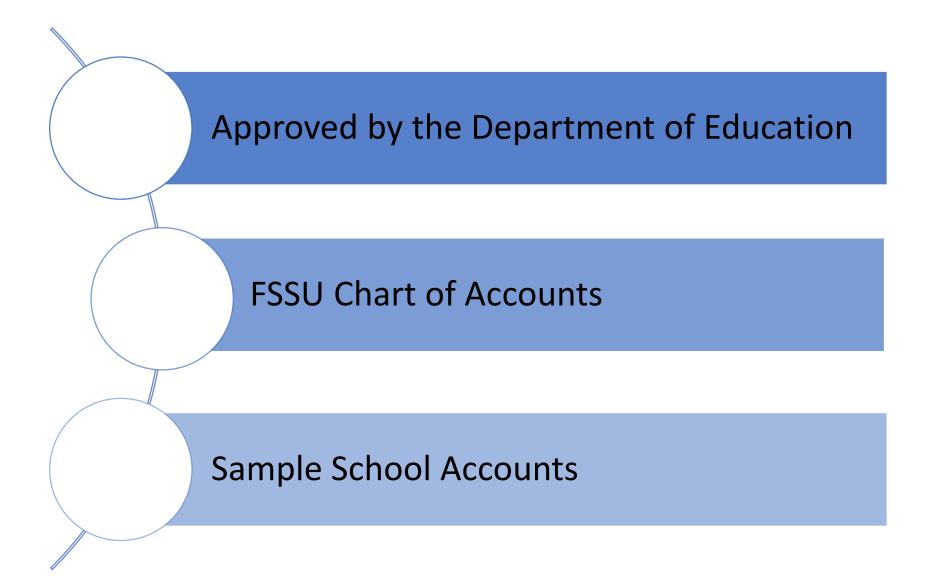


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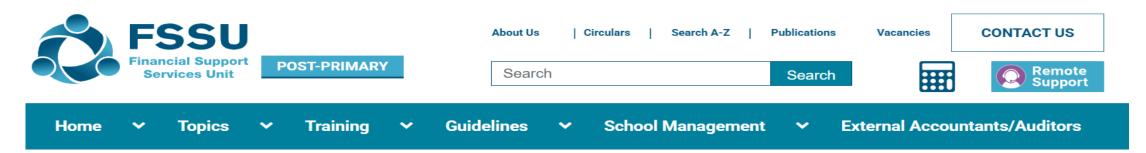




Preparing school accounts

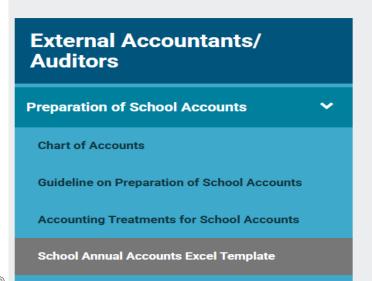






FSSU > Post-Primary > External Accountants / Auditors > Preparation of School Accounts > School Annual Accounts Excel Template

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School Annual Accounts Excel Template

Recommended Accounts Format

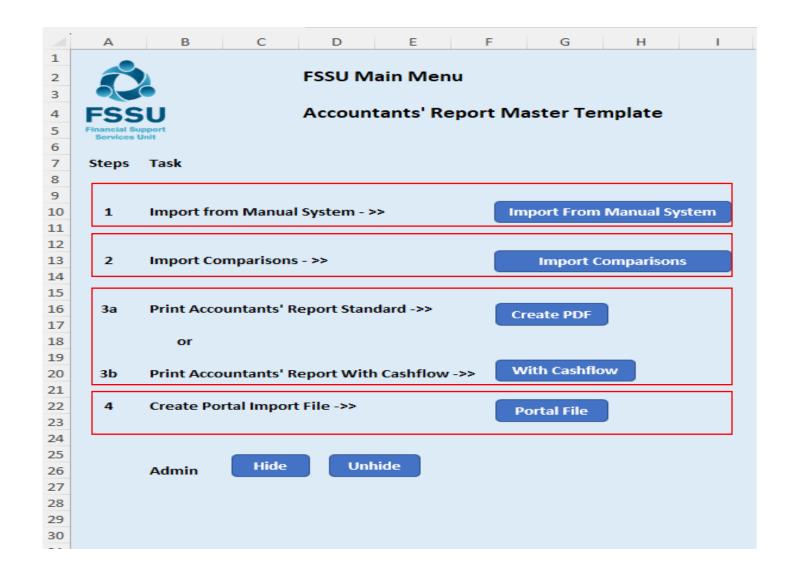


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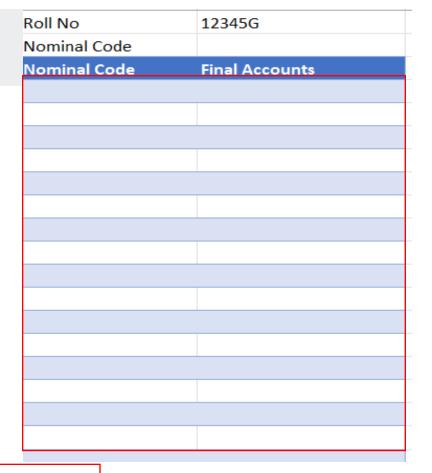
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- > Accounts Import Comparisons





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> Accountant Report Master Template 2024/2025				
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Financial Report for Parents (page 1)

Financial Report to Parents			
Summary Financial Statement for the So	chool Year 20XX/20XX		
Income		€	
Department of Education Funding			0
Other State Funding			0
School Income	Parent Voluntary Contributions		0
	Rental School Property		0
	Fundraising & Parents Association Income		0
	Other Income		0
Total Income			0



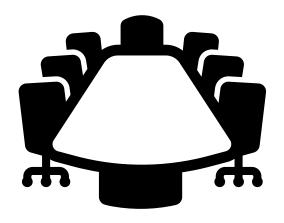
Financial Report for Parents (page 2)

Financial Report to Parents		
Summary Financial Statement for the Scho	ool Year 20XX/20XX	
Constitut Description		
Capital Projects		_
_		€
Income	Department Capital Grants Income	0
	Other Capital Income	0
	Other State Capital Income	0
		0
Expenditure	Department Capital Grants Expenditure	0
	Other Capital Expenditure	0
	Other State Capital Expenditure	0
		0
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		0



Presenting the accounts to the board

- Present accounts at board of management meeting
- Communicate to board if accounts showing a deficit
- Management letter outlining areas for improvement
- Approval of Accounts
 - Primary Schools Chairperson and treasurer
- Post-primary Schools Chairperson and another board member (Principal not a member of the board in Voluntary secondary or Comprehensive schools)





Year End Adjustments

- Provide year-end journals to schools
- Allows those schools to roll forward to a new accounting period and upload budgets etc
- Provide assistance with posting these adjustments if necessary.





Recommended timeline for preparation & submission

Stages of School Annual Accounts Preparation	Suggested Deadline Date
School provides all necessary financial information to the External School Accountant / Auditor	As soon as possible
1st draft of annual accounts are sent to Board for review	November 30th
Final accounts are formally ratified by the Board	December 31st
External School Accountants/Auditors submits the accounts of the FSSU portal.	on At latest February 28th



Annual Return to the Charities Regulator

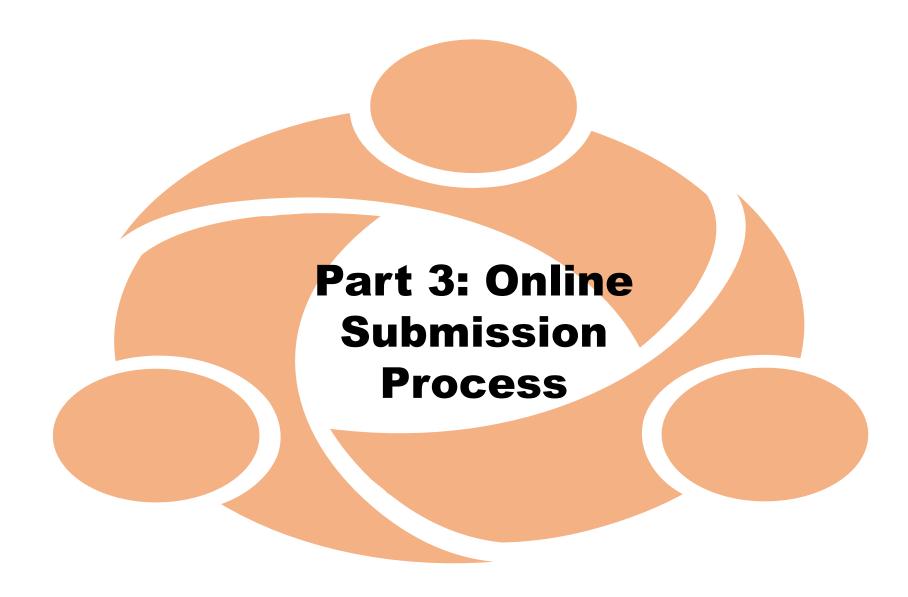
The board is required to verify the information submitted to the FSSU by the external accountant/auditor by the 30th June each year

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

Accuracy of data to minimise changes

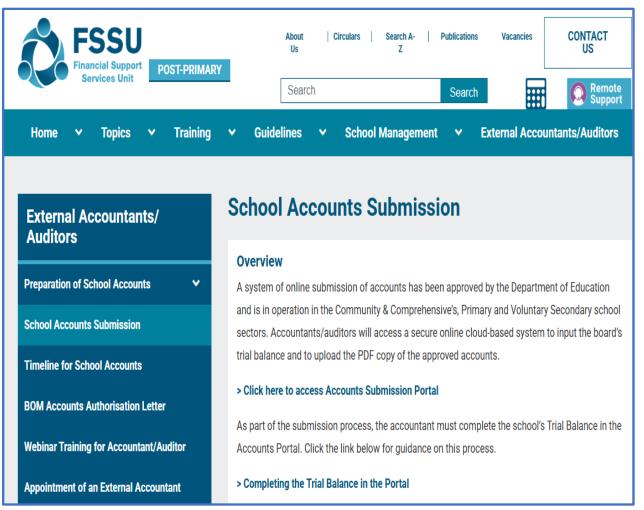








Trial Balance – Import from excel



Additional Resources > User manual for accounts portal

- > View online annual submission video
- > View slides for online submission video



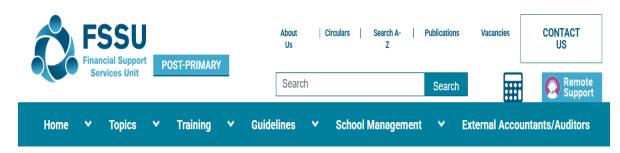
Overview of the Submission Process

- Engagement partner Main point of contact
 - Review of practice details
 - ✓ Practicing Certificate
 - ✓ Professional Indemnity Insurance
 - Users details
 - > School details
- Board of Management authorisation letter
- The final trial balance
- A PDF copy of the approved board of management annual account





Board of Management Authorisation Letter



FSSU > Post-Primary > External Accountants / Auditors > BOM Accounts Authorisation Letter

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BOM Accounts Authorisation Letter External Accountants/ Auditors The BOM accounts authorisation letter is to be completed by the board of management which will Preparation of School Accounts allow the external accountant/auditor to file data to the online portal which is required from boards of management by the Charities Regulator and the Central Statistics Office. School Accounts Submission **Please note this letter does not need to be submitted to the FSSU and should be retained by **Timeline for School Accounts** the accountant for their records** BOM Authorisation Letter for 2024/2025 accounts (pdf) **BOM Accounts Authorisation Letter** Daingniú-Eolais-Bórd-Bainistíochta 2023/2024 Webinar Training for Accountant/Auditor Appointment of an External Accountant

Board of Management/Governors Authorisation Letter for 2024/2025 School Accounts

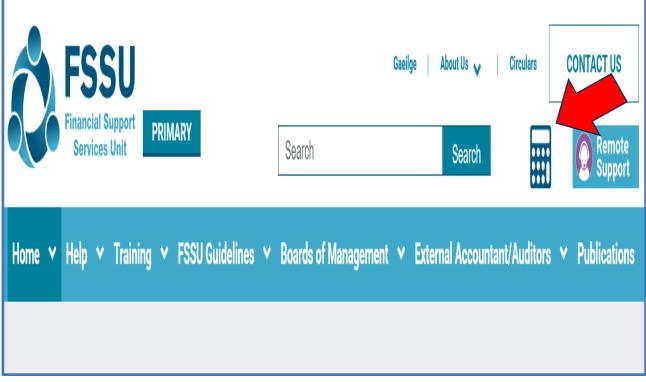
To be sent to External Accountant/Auditor only (This document does not form part of the Annual Accounts)

School Name:	Roll No
School Address:	
Accountants/Auditors nar	me & address:
Dear	_, (insert Accountant/Auditors name)
The board of manageme	ent/governors of (insert school name)
authorise (insert account	tants/auditors name)
to transfer the relevant in	formation contained in the financial accounts to the Financial Support
Services Unit as part of t	the online submission process.
	ne transfer of relevant information contained in the board's annual al Support Services Unit to:
	istics Office, to assist with the annual reporting obligations,
 the Charities Re of the Charities 	egulator, to assist the annual reporting obligations set out in Section 52 Act 2009,
c. the trustee/patro	on, where requested.
•	nat the external accountant/auditor is a member of a Prescribed has Professional Indemnity Insurance in place.
The average number of 31st August 2025 was (ii)	employees paid directly by the board in the school for the year ended

Access the FSSU portal

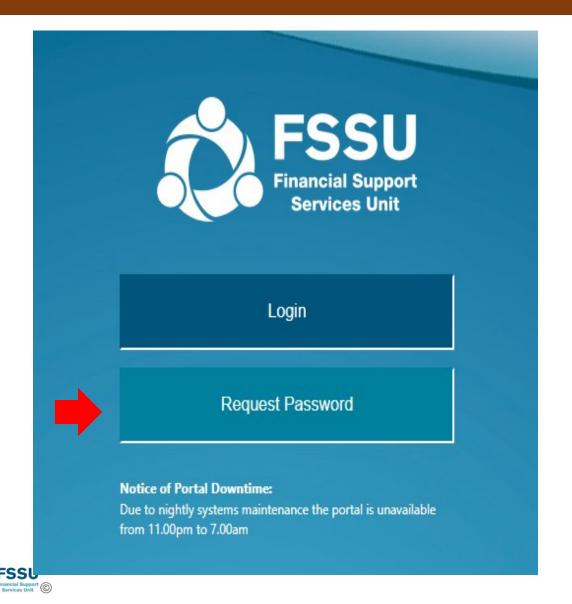
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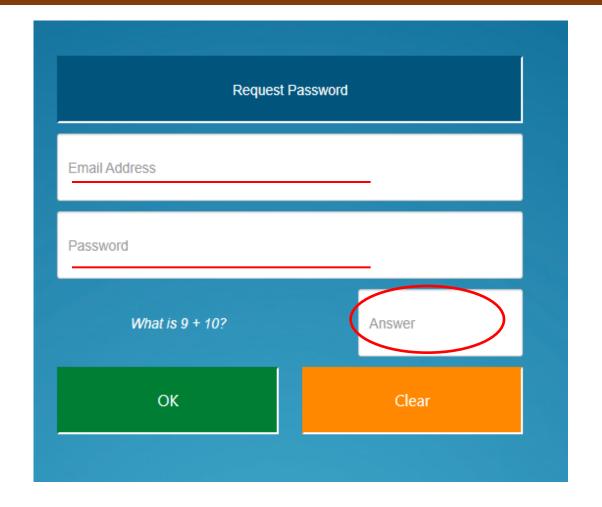




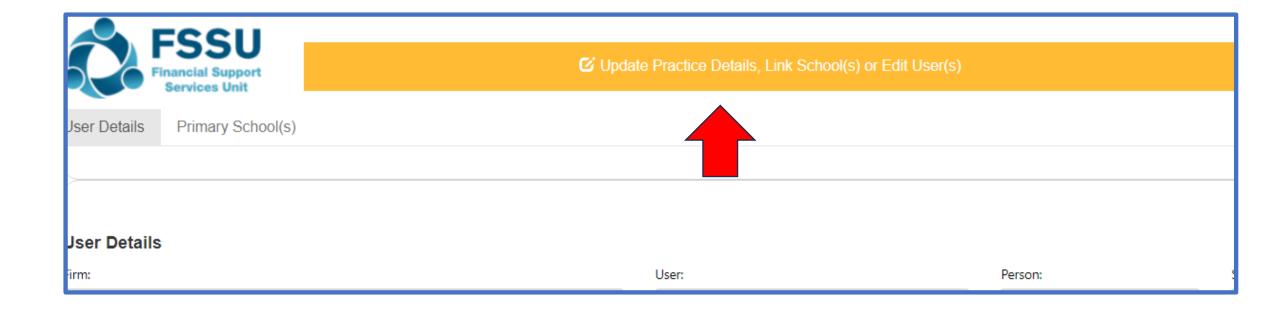


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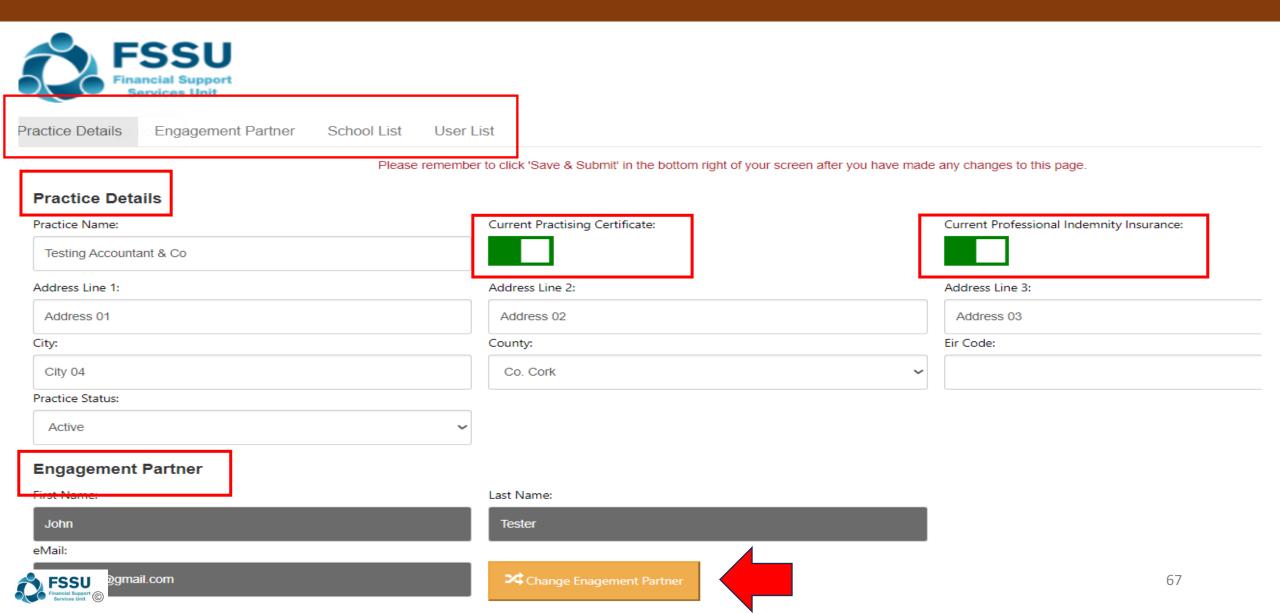


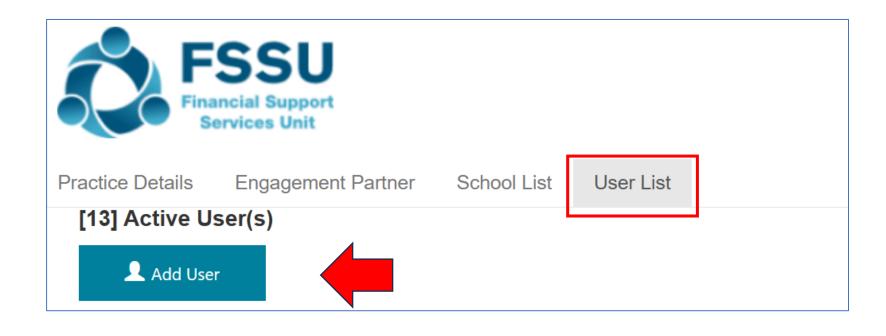


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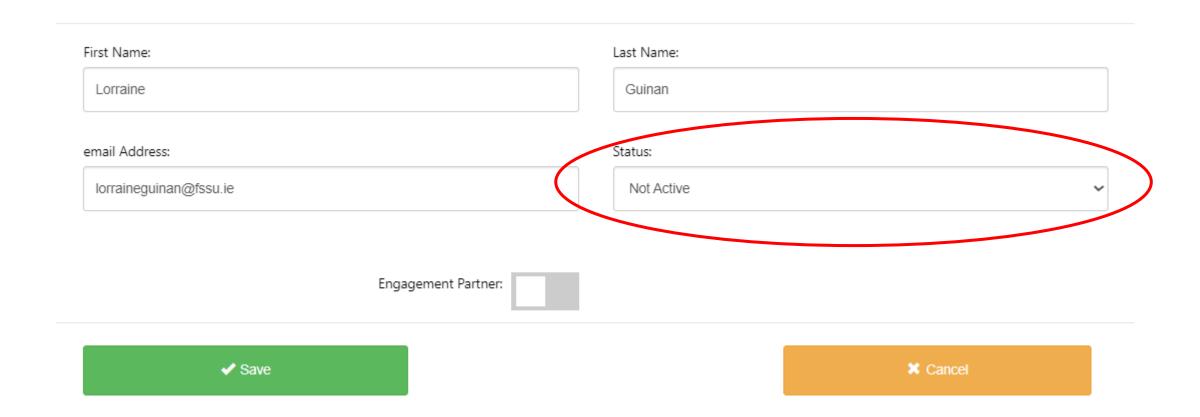














Trial Balance

Trial balance import options

Import from excel

Manual input





Trial Balance – Import from excel

School Accounts Submission

Overview

A system of online submission of accounts has been approved by the Department of Education and is in operation in the Community & Comprehensive's, Primary and Voluntary Secondary school sectors. Accountants/auditors will access a secure online cloud-based system to input the board's trial balance and to upload the PDF copy of the approved accounts.

> Click here to access Accounts Submission Portal

As part of the submission process, the accountant must complete the school's Trial Balance in the Accounts Portal. Click the link below for guidance on this process.

> Completing the Trial Balance in the Portal

The board of management's annual accounts will be accompanied by a separate confirmation letter completed by the board. The template for this letter can be found below. This will allow the accountant/auditor to submit data to the online portal which is required by the Charities Regulator and the Central Statistics Office. This process will ensure compliance for the board with the Department of Education, the Central Statistics Office and the Charities Regulator.

In order to complete the submission process, the accountant/auditor must hold a current Practicing Certificate, have Professional Indemnity Insurance and be a member of a Prescribed Accountancy Body under the supervision of IAASA.

> Board of Management Authorisation letter

The deadline for the submission of the annual accounts is the 28th February.

Additional Resources

- > User manual for accounts portal
- > View online annual submission video



Trial Balance – Import from excel

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Option 1 - Manual Entry in the Portal

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Option 2 - Upload an Excel Trial Balance to the Portal

You can upload the TB in Excel format using one of the two import templates:

A. Excel Import Template - Copy & Paste of the COA codes and account balances

- Download the template.
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 - > 12345G Portal Manual Import

(replace the sample Roll No. with the actual schools Roll no)

B. Excel Import Template - COA prepopulated, enter account balances

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- Enter the amounts beside the nominal codes in the "Manual Entry" tab.
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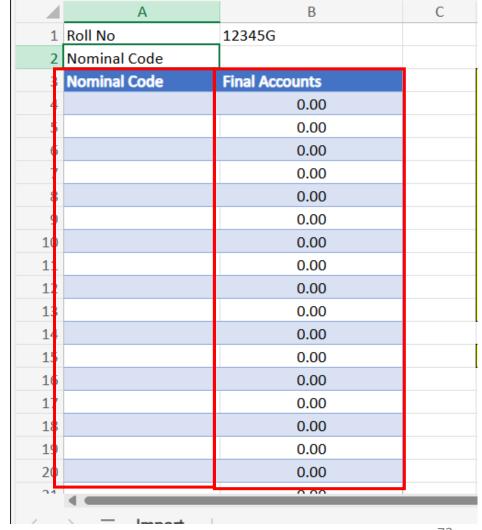
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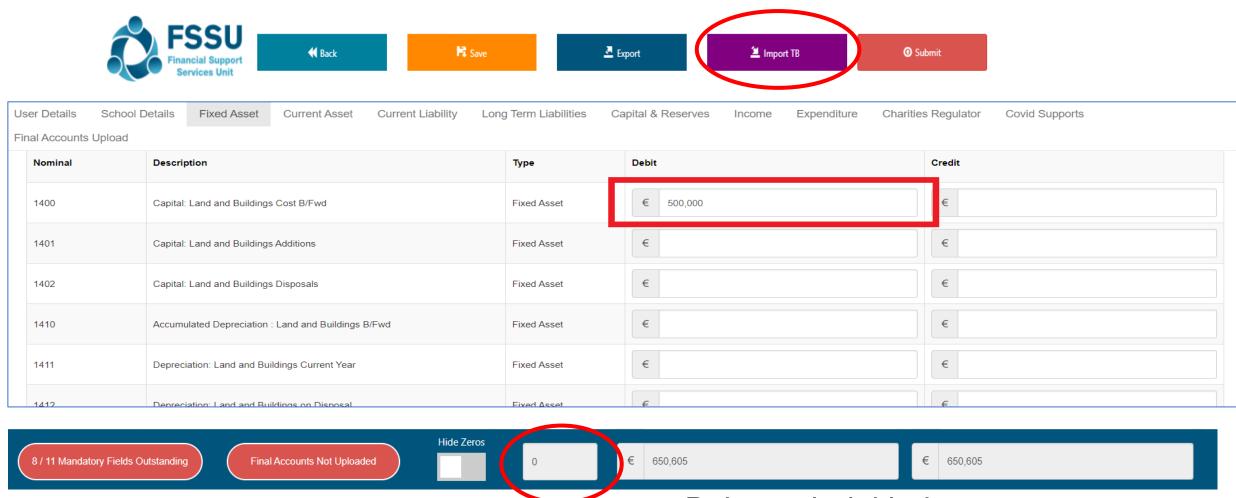
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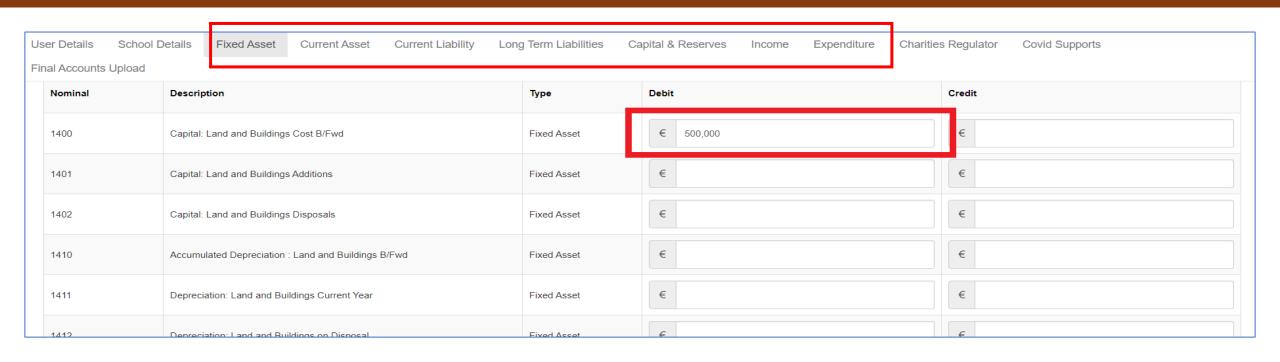


Trial Balance – Import from excel





Trial Balance – Manual input







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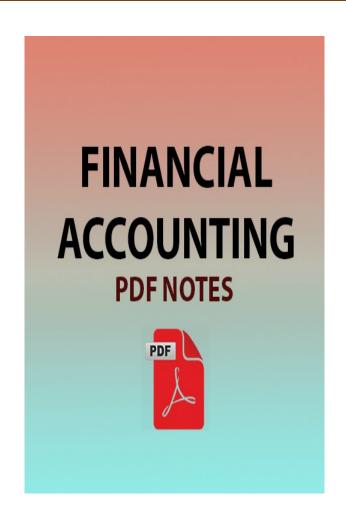
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Only pdf of signed accounts

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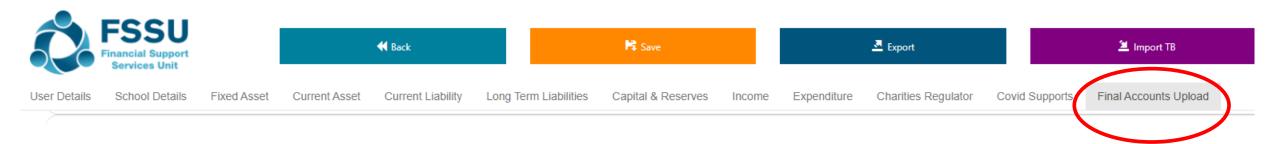
- Primary Schools Chairperson and treasurer
- Post-primary Schools Chairperson and another board member

In Voluntary Secondary & Comprehensive schools the Principal is not a member of the board





Final Accounts Upload Accounts



Final Accounts Upload

Please Upload Final Signed Accounts in PDF Format (Max size 10MB)

Please note that uploading Final Signed Accounts is not the end of the process. You still need to click 'Submit' once all the mandatory fields are completed.

To ensure full compliance with the financial reporting obligations of the Department of Education, please ensure that the financial statements have been physically/electronically signed, not type signed by:

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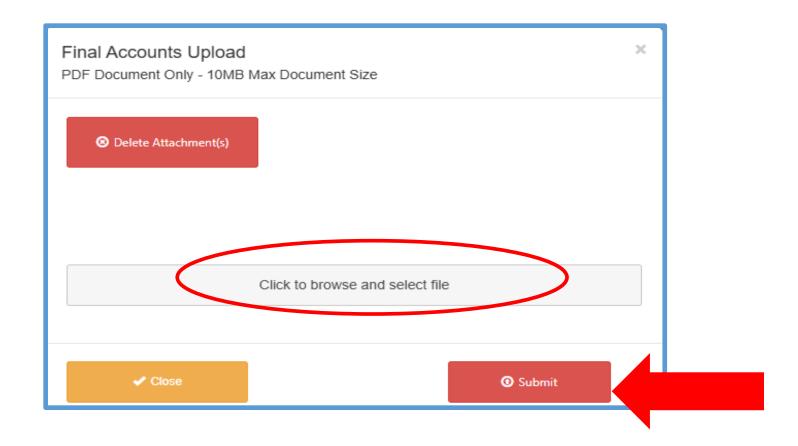
Post Primary: the chairperson and another board member

Please note in Comprehensive Schools and Voluntary Secondary Schools the Principal is not a member of the board of management.

♠ Upload / Remove Final Signed Accounts Document

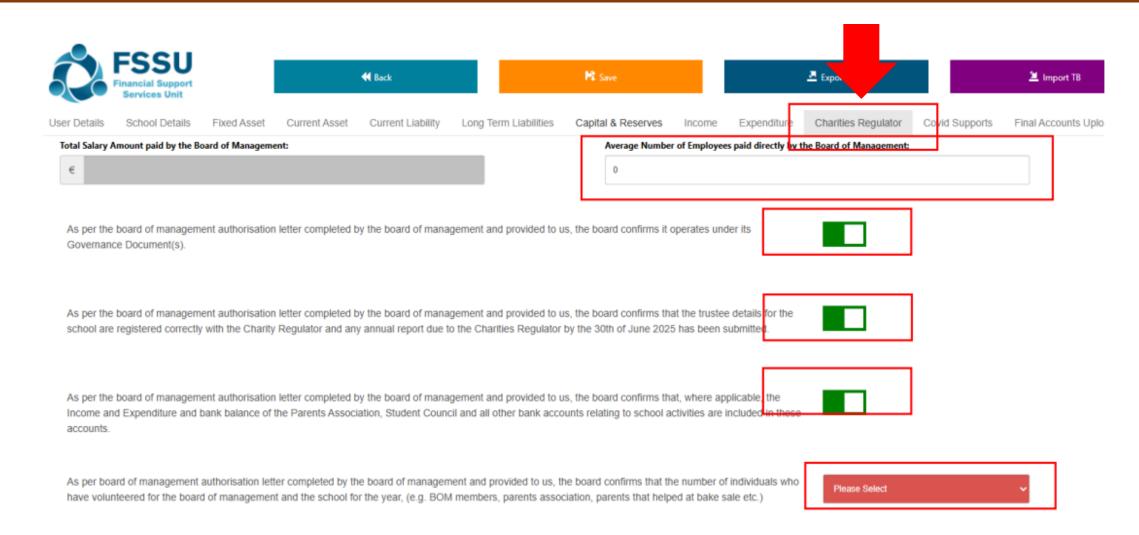


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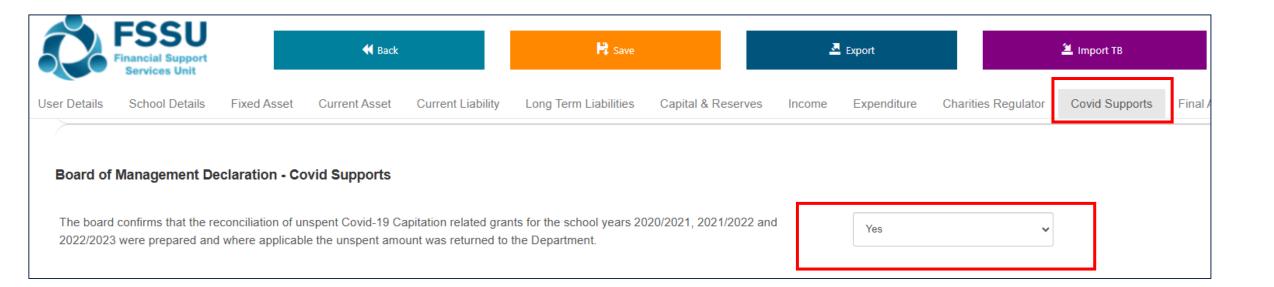
FSSU portal – Charities Regulator





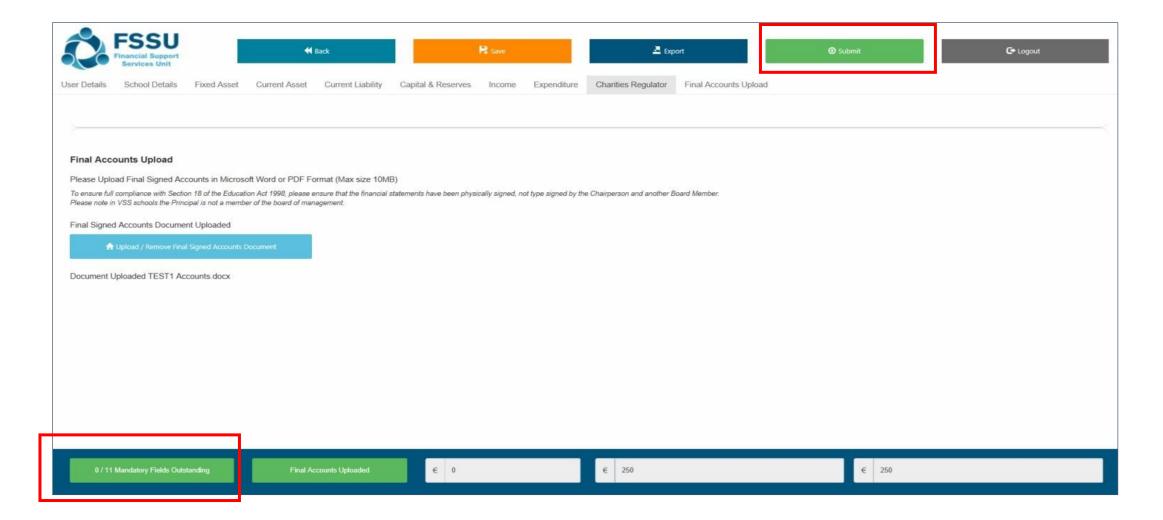
FSSU portal – Covid Supports

Please note this does not include Covid Minor Works Grant Unspent





FSSU portal





The Online Portal

Portal Open Date for submission of the 2024/2025 annual return

01st September 2025

For more information visit our website www.fssu.ie





Questions & Answers





Thank you for joining the webinar

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