

Revision of Ancillary Services Grant Rates and Summary of Interim Arrangements for the Payment of Ancillary-Related Grants (January to August 2026)

1. Introduction

[Circular 0029/2026](#) outlines the revised per capita rate applicable to the Ancillary Services Grant allocated to recognized Primary schools for 2026. This guideline outlines the rate increases below.

The Department of Education and Youth has issued a notice to advise schools of the arrangements for the payment of ancillary-related grant funding for the period January to August 2026. [Click here](#) for copy of notice. This guideline outlines the arrangements below.

2. Rate Adjustment

[Circular 0029/2026](#) advises the Ancillary Services grant rate has been increased effective from January 2026 to cater for the introduction of the State-sponsored retirement saving scheme MyFutureFund.

3. Grant Rate Applicable

Mainstream Schools:

The standard full rate Ancillary Services Grant is increased from €173 to €175.60 per pupil. The standard reduced rate grant is increased from €89.50 to €90.80 per pupil. (Applicable for schools that have either a secretary or caretaker under the 1978/79 scheme and paid via the payroll operated by the department.)

The Ancillary Services Grant is based on the enrolment figure on 30th September of the previous year. The grant paid to a school with an enrolment of equal to or less than 60 pupils is based on a minimum enrolment of 60 pupils, while the maximum grant paid is based on an enrolment figure of 500 pupils.

Special Schools:

Special schools are paid the Ancillary Services Grant based on the number of authorised fulltime teaching staff approved by the department for the school as outlined below.

The maximum grant is paid based on a ceiling of 16 teachers.

See appendix 1 for rates.

4. Interim Arrangements for the Payment of Ancillary-Related Grants

The Department of Education and Youth has issued a notice to advise schools of the arrangements for the payment of ancillary-related grant funding, for the period January to August 2026. [Click here](#) for copy of notice. Grant payments will issue to schools in the coming days. The second instalment is expected to be paid to schools in November 2026.

There are two categories of schools, each with different arrangements.

- I. Schools with a secretary who transferred to the Department’s payroll since September 2023
- II. Schools that do not employ a secretary on the Department’s Payroll

5. Schools with a secretary who transferred to the Department’s payroll since September 2023

Where a secretary was previously paid from grant funding and this secretary transferred to the Department’s payroll since September 2023, the Department requested details of the annual salary and employers PRSI costs that the school had been paying.

This salary information will be used to adjust(reduce) ancillary – related grants for the period January – August 2026.

➤ The interim grant payment will be calculated as follows;

Calculation of grants	Primary Schools	Voluntary Secondary Schools	Community & Comprehensive Schools
Grant to be paid	8/12ths of the Ancillary Services Grant that would have previously been payable in March	2 nd and 3 rd instalments of the SSSF, Basic Secretary and SSSF Secretary Grants	2 nd and 3 rd instalments of the SSSF Grant
Less	Annual grant-funded salary + employers PRSI (these details were provided by schools to the Department for those Secretaries who transferred to a Department Payroll since September 2023)		
	÷ 12 months x 8 months	÷ 12 months x 8 months for each instalment	÷ 12 months x 8 months for each instalment

As confirmed previously, no reduction will be made to capitation grant funding.

6. Schools that do not employ a secretary on the Department’s payroll

This applies to:

- Schools with no secretary, or
- Schools with a secretary who has not transferred to the Department payroll since September 2023.

For these schools, grants will be calculated as normal, with no reductions.

➤ The interim grant payment will be calculated as follows;

Calculation of grants	Primary Schools	Voluntary Secondary Schools	Community & Comprehensive Schools
Grants will be calculated as normal (no reduction)	8/12ths of the Ancillary Services Grant that would have previously been payable in March	2 nd and 3 rd instalment of the SSSF, Basic Secretary and SSSF Secretary Grants	2 nd and 3 rd instalment of the SSSF Grant

7. Reminder on Recruitment Rules

From **13 June 2022 onwards**, new or replacement secretaries recruited must be employed by schools on the new terms and conditions as set out in [Circular 36/2022](#) and [Info Note ESR 02/2023](#).

8. Future Grant Arrangements

Grant adjustments may change if:

- A school secretary joins the Department’s payroll during the year, or
- There is a significant change in hours worked.

Work is ongoing to identify a method of standardising the reduction to the ancillary-related grants for the longer term where school secretaries are being paid on the Department’s payroll. The current payments may vary when a permanent model for ancillary-related grant reductions has been finalised. Engagement will take place with school management bodies in order to discuss these arrangements to ensure that they are as reasonable and as fair as possible for all schools.

Further details will be issued to schools once finalised.

9. References

This financial guideline is based on [0029/2026](#), and [letter from the Department of Education and Youth 27th April 2026](#).

10. Queries and Further Information

Queries regarding the interim arrangements for the payment of the ancillary-related grants should be addressed to sdfinfo@education.gov.ie.

Please use subject title: "Interim ancillary-related grant 2026" in the email.

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30th April 2026

Appendix 1
Special School Ancillary Services Grant Rates

Number of teachers	Full rate	Reduced rate
1	€12,852	€6,606.00
2	€13,280	€6,826.20
3	€20,563	€10,569.60
4	€27,846	€14,313.00
5	€35,129	€18,056.40
6	€42,197	€21,689.70
7	€48,838	€25,102.80
8	€55,264	€28,405.80
9	€58,262	€29,947.20
10	€65,331	€33,580.50
11	€72,400	€37,213.80
12	€79,468	€40,847.10
13	€86,537	€44,480.40
14	€93,605	€48,113.70
15	€100,674	€51,747.00
16	€107,100	€55,050.00

Athbhreithniú ar Rátaí Deontas Seirbhísí Tacaíochta Scoileanna agus

Achoimre ar Shocruithe Eatramhacha maidir le Deontais Choimhdeacha a Íoc (Eanáir go Lúnasa 2026)

1. Réamhrá

Leagtar amach i gCiorclán [0029/2026](#) an ráta athbhreithnithe in aghaidh an duine is infheidhme maidir leis an Deontas Seirbhísí Coimhdeacha a leithdháiltear ar Bhunscoileanna aitheanta do 2026. Leagtar amach sa treoirlíne seo na méaduithe ráta thíos.

Tá fógra eisithe ag an Roinn Oideachais agus Óige le scoileanna a chur ar an eolas faoi na socruithe maidir le maoiniú deontais choimhdigh a íoc, lena n-áirítear SSSF, don tréimhse Eanáir go Lúnasa 2026. [Clliceáil anseo](#) le haghaidh cóip den fhógra. Leagtar amach sa treoirlíne seo na socruithe thíos.

2. Coigeartú Ráta

Tugtar comhairle i gCiorclán [0029/2026](#) gur méadaíodh ráta deontais na Seirbhísí Coimhdeacha ó Eanáir 2026 chun freastal ar thabhairt isteach na scéime coigiltis scoir urraithe ag an Stát, Mo Chiste don Todhchaí.

3. Rátaí Deontais Infheidhme

Scoileanna Príomhshrutha:

Méadaítear an ráta Deontas Seirbhísí Coimhdeacha caighdeánach iomlán ó €173 go €175.60 in aghaidh an scoláire. Méadaítear an deontas ráta laghdaithe caighdeánach ó €89.50 go €90.80 in aghaidh an scoláire. (Baineann sé seo le scoileanna a bhfuil rúnaí nó cúramóir acu faoin scéim 1978/79 agus a íoctar tríd an bpárolla a fheidhmíonn an roinn.)

Tá an Deontas Seirbhísí Coimhdeacha bunaithe ar an líon scoláire ar an rolla ar an 30 Meán Fómhair den bhliain roimhe sin. Tá an deontas a íoctar le scoil a bhfuil líon na ndaltaí atá cothrom le 60 dalta nó níos lú inti bunaithe ar líon íosta de 60 dalta ar an rolla inti, agus tá an deontas uasta a íoctar bunaithe ar 500 dalta a bheith ar an rolla.

Scoileanna Speisialta:

Íoctar an Deontas Seirbhísí Coimhdeacha le scoileanna speisialta bunaithe ar líon na foirne teagaisc lánaimseartha údaraithe atá ceadaithe ag an roinn don scoil mar atá leagtha amach thíos.

Íoctar an deontas uasta bunaithe ar uasteorainn de 16 mhúinteoir.

Féach aguisín 1 le haghaidh rátaí.

4. Socruithe eatramhacha le haghaidh Deontais Choimhdeacha a Íoc

Tá fógra eisithe ag an Roinn Oideachais agus Óige chun scoileanna a chur ar an eolas faoi na socruithe maidir le maoiniú deontais choimhdigh a íoc, don tréimhse Eanáir go Lúnasa 2026. [Clliceáil anseo](#) le haghaidh cóip den fhógra. Táthar ag súil go n-íocfar an dara tráthchuid le scoileanna i mí na Samhna 2026.

Eiseofar íocaíochtaí deontais do scoileanna sna laethanta amach romhainn.

Tá dhá chatagóir scoileannaann, agus socruithe difriúla ag gach ceann acu.

- I. Scoileanna a bhfuil rúnaí acu a d'aistrigh chuig párolla na Roinne ó Mheán Fómhair 2023
- II. Scoileanna nach bhfostaíonn rúnaí ar Phárolla na Roinne

5. Scoileanna a bhfuil rúnaí acu a d'aistrigh chuig párolla na Roinne ó Mheán Fómhair 2023

Tá fógra eisithe ag an Roinn Oideachais agus Óige chun scoileanna a chur ar an eolas faoi na socruithe maidir le maoiniú deontais choimhdigh a íoc, don tréimhse Eanáir go Lúnasa 2026.

Táthar ag súil go n-íocfar an dara tráthchuid le scoileanna i mí na Samhna 2026. Úsáidfear an fhaisnéis tuarastail sin chun deontais choimhdeacha a choigeartú (a laghdú) don tréimhse Eanáir – Lúnasa 2026.

➤ Ríomhfar an íocaíocht deontais eatramhach mar seo a leanas;

Deontais a ríomh	Bunscoileanna	Meánscoileanna Deonacha	Pobalscoileanna & Scoileanna Cuimsitheacha
Deontas le híoc	8/12ú den Deontas Seirbhísí Coimhdeacha a bheadh iníoctha roimhe sin i mí an Mhárta	2ú agus 3útráthchod de na Deontais SSSF, Rúnaí Bunúsach agus Rúnaí SSSF	2ú agus 3útráthchod den Deontas SSSF
Lúide	Tuarastal bliantúil maoinithe ag deontas + ÁSPC fostóirí (chuir scoileanna na sonraí seo ar fáil don Roinn maidir leis na Rúnaithe siúd a d'aistrigh chuig Párolla Roinne ó Mheán Fómhair 2023)		
	÷ 12 mhí x 8 mhí	÷ 12 mhí x 8 mhí do gach tráthchuid	÷ 12 mhí x 8 mhí do gach tráthchuid

Mar a dearbhaíodh roimhe seo, ní dhéanfar aon laghdú ar mhaoiniú deontais chaipitíochta.

6. Scoileanna nach bhfuil rúnaí fostaithe acu ar phárolla na Roinne

Baineann sé seo le:

- Scoileanna nach bhfuil rúnaí acu, nó
- Scoileanna a bhfuil rúnaí acu a nár aistrigh chuig párolla na Roinne ó Mheán Fómhair 2023.

I gcás na scoileanna sin, ríomhfar deontais mar is gnách, gan aon laghdúithe.

➤ Ríomhfar an íocaíocht deontais eatramhach mar seo a leanas;

Deontais a ríomh	Bunscoileanna	Meánscoileanna Deonacha	Pobalscoileanna & Scoileanna Cuimsitheacha
Ríomhfar deontais mar is gnách (gan aon laghdú)	8/12ú den Deontas Seirbhísí Coimhdeacha a bheadh iníoctha roimhe sin i mí an Mhárta	2ú agus 3útráthchod de na Deontais SSSF, Rúnaí Bunúsach agus Rúnaí SSSF	2ú agus 3útráthchod den Deontas SSSF

7. Meabhrúchán maidir le Rialacha Earcaíochta

Ón **13 Meitheamh 2022 ar aghaidh**, ní mór rúnaithe nua nó rúnaithe ionaid a earcaítear a bheith fostaithe ag scoileanna ar na téarmaí agus coinníollacha nua mar atá leagtha amach i [gCiorclán 36/2022](#) agus [Nóta Faisnéise ESR 02/2023](#).

8. Socruithe Deontais sa Todhchaí

Féadfaidh coigeartuithe deontais athrú más rud é:

- Tagann rúnaí scoile isteach i bpárolla na Roinne i rith na bliana, nó
- Tá athrú suntasach ar na huaireanta a oibrítear.

Tá obair ar siúl chun modh a shainaithint leis an laghdú ar na deontais choimhdeacha a chaighdeánú don fhadtéarma i gcás ina bhfuil rúnaithe scoile á n-íoc ar phárolla na Roinne. Féadfaidh na híocaíochtaí reatha athrú nuair a bheidh samhail bhuan le haghaidh laghdúithe deontas a bhaineann le híocaíochtaí coimhdeacha curtha i gcrích. Déanfar teagmháil le comhlachtaí bainistíochta scoile chun na socruithe seo a phlé lena chinntiú go bhfuil siad chomh réasúnta agus chomh cothrom agus is féidir do gach scoil.

Eiseofar tuilleadh sonraí chuig scoileanna a luaithe a bheidh siad críochnaithe.

9. Tagairt

Tá an treoirlíne airgeadais seo bunaithe ar an litir [ón Roinn Oideachais agus Óige ar an 27 Aibreán 2026](#) agus [0029/2026](#).

10. Ceisteanna agus Tuilleadh Eolais

Ba cheart ceisteanna maidir leis na socrúithe eatramhacha le haghaidh deontais choimhdeacha a bheith íoctha a sheoladh chuig sdfinfo@education.gov.ie.

Úsáid teideal an ábhair: “Deontas eatramhach a bhaineann le coimhdeach 2026” sa ríomhphost le do thoil.

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An 30 Aibreán 2026

Aguisín 1
Rátaí Deontais Seirbhísí Fostaíochta Scoile Speisialta

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