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AN ROINN OIDEACHAIS AGUS EOLAÍOCHTA | DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

Student Support Unit,  
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To: All Local Authorities & Vocational Education Committees

**Re: 2006 Rates for Maximum Fee Limit & Student Services Charge**

28<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Dear City Manager/County Secretary/Chief Executive Officer,

I wish to bring to your attention the following changes, arising from the recent approved increases in lecture fee levels:-

**1. MAXIMUM LECTURE FEE APPROVED**

For the purpose of making a lecture fee grant, the lecture fee approved by the Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin T.D., in respect of courses where the Free Fees Initiative does not apply, shall be a fee of not greater than **€5,730**.

The maximum fee grant payable, in respect of grantholders assessed under the 2006 schemes of third level student support courses where the Free Fees Initiative does not apply, is as follows:

**FULL FEES: Full Lecture Fee (not exceeding €5,730)**

**PART FEES: 50% of Lecture Fee (not exceeding €2,865)**

**2. STUDENT SERVICES CHARGES:**

(a) For the academic year 2006/07 the Student Services Charge is **€800**

(b) Payment Procedure

(i) **HEG/VEC Scholarship Holders** : The system whereby Colleges bill Local Authorities/ Vocational Education Committees directly for the Student Service Charge in respect of Grant/Scholarship holders will continue to operate.

(ii) **TLT Maintenance Grant Holders**: The system whereby the Student Service Charge is paid directly to the College by the Department of Education and Science will continue to operate.

Yours sincerely,

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Higher Executive Officer

c.c. Higher Education Grants Section