

PLC Charges

Charges for each course are outlined overleaf and all charges must be paid in full before students begin. Charges can be paid online using Debit or Credit Cards using the EasyPaymentsPlus link on the school website

www.stconlethsc.ie. Fees can also be paid by cash or cheque in the school office or forwarded by post by cheque, bank draft or postal order. The school office is open from 9.00am-1pm and 2pm-4pm. If you are calling in during the summer you can phone ahead to ensure we are open.

A €20 Deposit is required when applying for any PLC course.

A payment of €180 is required to confirm your place on or before Friday August 25th if you are offered a place following interview.

Photocopying/Administration- A €200 administration fee applies to all courses. The deposit paid before interview is deducted from this charge. There is no exemption from this fee.

DES Levy- The €200 PLC Programme Participant Contribution goes directly to the Department of Education and Skills. Medical Card Holders and students in receipt of Student Grants, Back to Education Allowance or Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme Allowances are exempt from this charge.

If you are claiming an exemption from this charge it is essential that you provide the school with **evidence of this exemption** before the date on which fees are due. If you have an application in progress for any of these but have not yet received written confirmation on the date that fees are due, the €200 must be paid in full. A refund can be claimed if your application is later approved.

QQI Certification Fee – A €50 fee is paid to FETAC/ QQI for all students entered on a course that leads to a QQI awarded Certificate. Students holding a Full Medical Card are exempt from this charge.

Course Specific Charges- Some courses have additional costs associated with them to cover equipment, materials or training related to specific modules in the course. There are no exemptions from these fees.

First Aid- QQI Level 5 First Aid is compulsory for Nursing Studies and Social Care students (unless students already hold a current Level5 First Aid certificate) and is offered as an optional module on several other courses where it may be of benefit to students for work experience or employment prospects. First Aid courses are three days duration and may take place during mid-term breaks/ holidays. Students who wish to take part in the courses must register their names and pay the charge at the beginning of the year.

Financial Support for Students

Student Maintenance Grants

From 2012 student grants became part of new Online Only, Central Grant Applications System administered by Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) through **www.studentfinance.ie**.

Students receiving a Maintenance Grants will not have to pay the €200 Department of Education and Skills PLC Participant Contribution but will have to pay any other course charges in full. There is no payment made by SUSI to St. Conleth's, grant recipients will have a payment made into their own bank account monthly by SUSI if their attendance meets the attendance criteria.

Further information about Student Grants is available from the **www.studentfinance.ie** website. Anyone applying for a Student Maintenance Grant is encouraged to do so as early as possible.

Back To Education Allowance

The Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) is a scheme for those who are getting certain payments from the Department of Social Protection and want to return to full time education. If you feel you may qualify for this allowance you should contact your local social welfare office as soon as possible.

Other

Potential students can also seek out bursaries from other sources, Kildare Leader Project, Credit Unions etc.