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## **Eligibility of students from Romania and Bulgaria under the Free Fees Initiative - TRBDI**

As you are aware on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2007 two new member states, Romania and Bulgaria, joined the European Union.

Students from these two new accession countries **entering undergraduate higher education here for the first time on or after the date of accession** are entitled to be considered under the Free Fees Initiative. Prior residency in Romania and Bulgaria will be treated as EU residency for the purpose of determining eligibility under the residency clause of the Free Fees Initiative. The status of those students who entered higher education prior to the date of accession (i.e. who had already commenced their course of third level study prior to the date of accession) will remain unchanged.

Similar arrangements should be applied to students on MLT/HTBS courses in the Institute.

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