



Circular 0074/2011

To: The Chief Executive Officers of Vocational Education Committees

Reductions in Further Education Capitation and Youthreach participant allowances

1. Budget 2012 provided for a reduction in non-pay capitation rates for all full-time further education programmes as well as reductions in allowances paid to participants in Youthreach under 18 years of age. This Circular sets out the new capitation and allowances rates.

Capitation reductions

2. The new rates are set out below and will apply from 1 January 2012.

Programme	New Rate €
Youthreach non pay grant per group of 25	50,348.00
VTOS (Core) non pay grant per group of 20	21,041.00
VTOS (Dispersed) non pay grant	701.00
STTC non pay grant per group of 24	50,203.00
Post Leaving Certificate enhanced capitation – Standard rate	172.59
Post Leaving Certificate enhanced capitation – Equestrian rate	730.55

Reductions in Youthreach allowances

3. The weekly rates of allowances for 16 year olds (currently €76.65) and 17 year olds (currently €95.75) are being reduced to one weekly rate of €40.00. This new rate should be applied to **new entrants only** who are 16 or 17 years of age **with effect from 1 January 2012**.
4. Learners currently enrolled can continue to receive the current rates of allowances and are entitled to complete their programme under the current terms and conditions, e.g., if a 16 year old currently enrolled turns 17 while still enrolled, that learner can move from €76.65 to €95.75.
5. All other rates of allowances remain unchanged.
6. You are requested to make arrangements to implement these changes with effect from 1 January 2012. The Circular can be accessed on the Departments website www.education.ie Queries in relation to Youthreach, VTOS and STTC capitation and Youthreach allowances should be addressed to:

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