



Guide to College Charges and Year 1 Expenses 2012

Irish and Other EU Students

Free Fees Initiative

Both degree programmes are included under the Department of Education and Skills' "Free Fees Initiative". To be deemed eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a first time undergraduate student
- Hold EU nationality or official refugee status
- Have been ordinarily resident in an EU member state for at least three of the five years preceding entry to an approved third-level course

College Charges

Student Contribution: €2,000

A Student Contribution charge (previously called a registration fee) is payable at the beginning of each of the first four years. The charge is set down by the Department of Education and Skills and may change from year to year. The Student Contribution charge for the 2011/2012 academic year was €2,000. The Student Contribution is normally paid by the local authority for students who are eligible for a maintenance grant.

Meal Charge: €400

As part of their professional skills training, Year 1 students are provided with two meals a week during 20 weeks of the year. Each meal consists of three courses and is served in the college training restaurant. The charge for meals is €400 for the year and is payable only in Year 1.

Accommodation: €3,300

Village style accommodation is provided for all Year 1 students in Castlegardens, Bunratty. Three students share each house which comprises three bedrooms and three bathrooms, a kitchen and dining/living room. Accommodation is compulsory for all Year 1 students except mature students and those who are from the Limerick/Clare region. The cost of accommodation is €3,300 for the academic year (September to May). This charge includes a bus transfer to the college each morning and support for social/ sports/ charitable /community /welfare student services. The accommodation charge also includes membership for students who wish to join Shannon Leisure Centre (students pay a nominal registration fee).

Other Year 1 Expenses

Uniforms	€480 (approx)	Includes college business suit, restaurant uniform, chef uniform, safety shoes and name badges
Books	€250 - €500 (approx)	Students will be required to buy mandatory texts and will have the option of buying recommended texts
Accommodation Deposit	€250	This deposit is refundable at the end of the year subject to no damage being caused, no items missing and keys being returned
Car Parking	€50	Students with cars will be charged €25 for a parking permit to park at Shannon College, plus a refundable deposit of €25

Instalment Plans

Instalment plans will be considered for students who are unable to meet all of the above expenses upon registration in September 2012. Please contact the Admissions Office (061 712590) to enquire about instalment options.

Scholarships

Shannon College is offering six scholarships to CAO applicants in 2012; 4 x Financial Assistance Scholarships and 2 x Top Marks Scholarships. All CAO applicants will receive a scholarship information pack and application form. For further details, please contact the Admissions Office (061 712590).