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**To the Management Authorities of Recognised National, Secondary, Community and Comprehensive Schools and the Chief Executives of Education and Training Boards**

**Allocation to schools for books**

The Minister for Education and Skills wishes to advise the Management Authorities of all recognised primary and post- primary schools within the Free Education Scheme of the arrangements regarding the payment of funding to be allocated to schools to provide assistance for books.

The per capita funding to be provided will be as follows:

<b>Primary *</b>	<b>Rate per capita</b>
Allocation to DEIS schools for books (enhanced)	€21
Allocation to non-DEIS schools for books	€11

\*A minimum grant is paid to small primary schools based on an enrolment of 60 pupils

<b>Post Primary</b>	<b>Rate per capita</b>
Allocation to DEIS schools for books (enhanced)	€39
Allocation to non-DEIS schools for books	€24

The Department encourages all schools to consider putting in place book rental schemes. The purchasing of textbooks is a very significant cost for parents and textbook rental schemes are a practical way in which this cost can be reduced greatly. Guidelines for Developing Textbook Rental Schemes in Schools are available for both schools and parents on the Departments website.

These guidelines were developed to help schools to establish textbook rental schemes. They are based on the experience of a number of schools and parent's associations that operate effective textbook rental schemes and are intended to share good practice and practical advice.

The Guidelines are available at – [Guidelines for Developing Textbook Rental Schemes in Schools](#)

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