

Funding mechanism: Medical Trainee Intern Grant

The Medical Trainee Intern Grant is paid as a stipend for domestic sixth year medical trainee interns.

General parameters

Legal authority

1. This funding determination is made under section 159L of the Education Act 1989 (“the Act”).
2. Funding for the Medical Trainee Intern Grant is paid by the TEC under section 159ZC of the Act.

Policy parameters

3. The funding available for allocation under this funding determination is that set through the Government’s annual budget processes.

Conditions that the TEC must attach to all funding provided under this mechanism

No Other Funding

4. The TEC must require that a TEO:
 - a. does not (without the TEC’s prior written consent) seek or obtain any funding from any Crown source other than the TEC to fund the same part of its activities funded under this funding determination; and
 - b. notifies the TEC immediately if it becomes aware of any circumstances that might result in a breach of this condition.

Recovery of Funding

5. The TEC must require that, if the results of an audit, reporting or statistical returns indicate that the amount of a payment of funding provided under this funding determination was greater than it should have been, the amount of the over-funding is, following consultation with the TEO:
 - a. repayable to the TEC on demand; and
 - b. treated as a debt that is subject to the TEC’s set off rights under any condition attached to funding.
6. If the results of an audit, reporting or statistical returns indicate that the amount of a payment of funding provided under this funding determination was less than it should have been, the TEC must credit the amount of the under-funding to an account nominated by the TEO as soon as reasonably practicable.

Repayment of funding

7. The TEC must require that, if the TEC:
 - a. revokes a TEO’s funding for the Medical Trainee Intern Grant before some or all of the funding provided to the organisation has been used for, or contractually committed to, the purposes of the plan for which that funding was provided; or
 - b. considers on reasonable grounds that a TEO has received funding that it was not entitled to receive;

then the amount of that funding not used for, or contractually committed to, the purposes for which it was provided and/or overpaid is:

- c. repayable to the TEC on demand; and
- d. treated as a debt that is subject to the TEC's set off rights under any funding condition.

Set Off

- 8. The TEC may set off, against all or any funding or other sum of money payable by the TEC to a TEO, any debt or other sum of money payable to the TEC by that TEO (including pursuant to any funding condition) where such debt or liability of the TEO has been outstanding to the TEC for ninety days or more.

Conditions to be applied to all tertiary education institutions receiving this funding

- 9. The TEC may impose any conditions on this funding paid to a TEI that the TEC considers necessary including, without limitation, conditions for ensuring that funding will achieve the purpose for which it has been allocated.

Essential components

- 10. The purpose of the Medical Trainee Intern Grant is to provide a stipend for medical students working as interns as part of their sixth year of study.

TEI Eligibility

- 11. Eligibility to apply for this grant is limited to those TEIs that will enrol domestic students in the sixth year of medical studies (course classification 37, funding category U2) for the relevant academic year.

Eligibility of Activities

- 12. As this is a stipend, no activities are connected to this fund.

Learner Eligibility

- 13. Funding is payable in relation to students working as trainee interns as part of their sixth year of medical studies (course classification 37, funding category U2) for the relevant academic year.

Basis for funding

- 14. TEIs must apply for this funding annually. Applications must include a budgeted number of interns.
- 15. Funding is based on the number of sixth year medical trainee interns in each annual intake. It is paid out in monthly amounts and is calculated by the number of EFTS taken up each year. The annual grant is \$26,756 (GST exempt) per EFTS.

Conditions on funding

- 16. Funding must be passed directly on to the intern(s) for whom it was sought.
- 17. The Medical Trainee Intern Grant funding cannot be used by the TEI for its own purposes.

Review of performance

- 18. TEIs must report back to the TEC on the number of medical interns funded for the previous year. They do this through the Statement of Service Performance Report for Medical Interns submitted during April of each year.