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CLERICAL RELIEF (CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES)
SUPPORTED BY AN ALLOCATION MADE BY THE GENERAL SYNOD

**PLEASE NOTE: - This scheme is applicable to stipendiary and retired clergy
of the Church of Ireland only.**

Application forms for grants to assist stipendiary and retired clergy in meeting the cost of educating their children are now available for the school academic year 2019/2020. A children's allowance application form is attached for your convenience, and is also available to download from the Church of Ireland website, click on the following link <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/forms/>

The completed application form should be returned before 2nd September 2019. **Please note no reminder phone calls will be made to those who have not submitted a completed applications form by 2nd September 2019.**

The academic year runs from 1st August to 31st July and the qualifying date in relation to age for eligible applicants is 1st August.

Grants are paid on a per capita basis without any form of means test.

SCHEME

1. Definitions

- (a) 'Clergy' shall include bishops, incumbents, vicars, curates licensed for specific parishes and diocesan curates whether active or retired and such other members of the clergy as the Representative Body may from time to time decide.
- (b) 'Children' shall include stepchildren, legally adopted children and other children wholly dependent on the applicant who are receiving full-time instruction (not less than 20 hours per week) at a recognised school or other educational establishment.
- (c) 'University and other students' shall include children under 23 years of age, at the qualifying date, attending University or such other educational establishment as the Representative Body may approve. Older children, otherwise qualified, may be included in exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the Representative Body.
- (d) 'Education' shall mean secondary and higher level instruction leading to primary qualifications including certificate, diploma and degree but it shall not include training courses for which any payment by way of weekly allowance or grant is provided from State funds or from any State sponsored institution.

2. Grants

Grants will be paid in respect of each child as follows:-

Age Last Birthday	Republic	Northern Ireland
0-11	NIL	NIL
Over 11 and attending Secondary School	€600	£100
University and other students	€300	£400

A grant may be paid in respect of a child under 11 years where a child is in residence at a boarding school and the Representative Body is satisfied that such residence is necessary in the interest of the child.

Grants will be paid in two moieties on 1 October and 1 April.

3. Amendments

The scheme may be amended from time to time by the Representative Body which shall also have the final decision on any question of interpretation.

4. Applications

If appropriate please complete the attached form and return it by either email to gordon.woods@rcbdub.org or by post **before the deadline of Monday 2nd September 2019**.

5. GDPR

In line with Data Protection regulations, we are committed to protecting the personal information we hold on you. By completing this form, and by providing the information requested, you are giving us permission (consent) to process your personal information for the purpose of administering Children's Allowances. We will only use your personal data for this purpose and for no other purpose without your consent. We will keep your personal data safe and secure, and will retain it only for as long as is necessary.

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