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**Re: Budgetary Changes to Qualifying
Distance effective from Academic Year
2011/2012**

The following are two important changes that apply to all students for academic year 2011/2012

- The qualifying distance for entitlement to the higher non-adjacent rate of grant (distance from home to the higher education institution) will be changed from 15 miles (24 kilometres) to 28 miles (45 kilometres). This measure will take effect for **all** students both new and renewal from the start of the 2011/2012 academic year.
- The automatic eligibility of mature students to the higher non-adjacent rate of payment, will no longer apply, effective for **all** students both new and renewal from the commencement of the 2011/2012 academic year.

Should any further changes occur under the 2011/2012 Higher Education Grants Scheme they will be posted on Limerick County Council's web site under the link for Higher Education Grants. (http://www.lcc.ie/Higher_Education_Grants/) or on www.studentfinance.ie