

Statutory Document No. 2021/0377

*Financial Provisions and Currency Act 2011*

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOOD VOUCHER SCHEME 2021¹

Approved by Tynwald: 14 December 2021
Coming into Operation: in accordance with paragraph 2

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture, with the concurrence of the Treasury¹, makes the following Scheme under section 3 of the Financial Provisions and Currency Act 2011.

1 Title

This Scheme is the Christmas Holiday Food Voucher Scheme 2021.

2 Commencement

If approved by Tynwald, this Scheme comes into operation on 20 December 2021 and expires on 3 January 2022².

3 Interpretation

For the purposes of this Scheme –

“**the Act**” means the Financial Provisions and Currency Act 2011;

“**approved retailer**” means a retailer approved by the Department and listed on www.gov.im as an approved retailer for the purpose of this Scheme;

“**the Department**” means the Department of Education, Sport and Culture;

“**qualifying pupil**” means a person who meets the eligibility criteria in paragraph 5;

“**responsible person**” means the parent or guardian of a qualifying pupil;

“**voucher**” means a gift voucher, which may be exchanged at any store of an approved retailer on the Isle of Man; and

“**2021-22 academic year**” means 8 September 2021 to 22 July 2022.

¹ As required under section 3(2)(b) of the Financial Provisions and Currency Act 2011.

² Section 3(7) states that Schemes under section 3(1) must not come into operation unless approved by Tynwald.

4 Purpose of the Scheme

In accordance with section 3(4)(a) of the Act, the Scheme provides for the payment of a grant in the form of two vouchers to a responsible person for each qualifying pupil for which they are the responsible person and which are to be used during the period beginning with 20 December 2021 and ending with 3 January 2021.

5 Qualifying pupil

A qualifying pupil is one who, on 17 December 2021 was registered with the Department for free school meals, and—

- (a) was registered on 17 December 2021 to attend primary school;
- (b) is of compulsory school age (as defined in section 23 of the Education Act 2001) to attend primary school but does not do so;
- (c) was registered on 17 December 2021 to attend secondary school;
- (d) is of compulsory school age (as defined in section 23 of the Education Act 2001) to attend secondary school but does not do so;
- (e) was registered on 17 December to attend the University College Isle of Man; or
- (f) was in year 12 during the 2021-2022 academic year.

6 Amount of voucher

The amounts of the vouchers are —

- (a) £11.75 and £14.10 in the case of a qualifying pupil referred to in paragraph 5(a) and (b);
- (b) £14.75 and £17.70 in the case of a qualifying pupil referred to in paragraph 5(c), (d), (e) or (f).

7 Eligibility for voucher

A responsible person is eligible to receive the two vouchers of the amounts referred to in paragraph 6(a) or, as applicable, paragraph 6(b) for each qualifying pupil in respect of whom they are the responsible person.

8 Voucher issue

The vouchers will be issued to a responsible person for each qualifying pupil in respect of which they are the responsible person by post by the Department on the 16 December 2021.

9 Voucher redemption

- (1) A voucher may only be used by the responsible person to whom the voucher was issued by the Department.
- (2) A voucher may be exchanged at any store of an approved retailer.
- (3) A voucher may be exchanged for groceries, excluding —
 - (a) alcohol;
 - (b) lottery tickets;
 - (c) tobacco;
 - (d) non-food products.
- (4) A voucher is not valid for any in-store concessions.
- (5) A voucher cannot be exchanged for cash.
- (6) A voucher may be exchanged for an article or articles of a higher price than its face value on payment of the difference.
- (7) A voucher may be exchanged for an article or articles of a lower price than its face value, and in such a case the difference is not payable to the responsible person.

10 Revocation

The School Summer Holiday Voucher Scheme (No.2) 2020³ is revoked.

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³ SD 2020/0399

ENDNOTES

Table of Endnote References

¹ The format of this legislation has been changed as provided for under section 75 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to, the Legislation Act 2015. The changes have been approved by the Attorney General after consultation with the Clerk of Tynwald as required by section 76 of the Legislation Act 2015.