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1.0 Background

The ILF allow an amount for the cost of school meals when calculating a financial assessment of the users expected contribution to their support package.

On an annual basis the ILF review the figure that should be allowed.

2.0 Policy

The school meal allowance should be included as part of the housing cost section where a client is not in receipt of income support. The amount applies to **each** dependent child between the ages of 5 and 18 **provided** they are in full time education.

The rate for 2012-2013 has been fixed at £9.90¹ and should be used from 2013.

¹http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/assets/research-reports/seventh_annual_survey2011-2012_full_report.pdf

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3.0 Calculation of the School Meals

In order to obtain the figure to be used for the year, the ILF has taken the average cost of school meals as identified in the school food trust report.

This can be obtained from:

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/research/annual-surveys>

4.0 Source

SMT meeting 19/5/03

Strategic policy team meeting 17/9/04

School Food Trust 7th Annual survey of take up of school meals in England

Trustees meeting 18 September 2013

5.0 Cross References

Available Income policy

6.0 History Date Reviewed

31 March 2009

26 May 2010

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