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PQ: 51097/22

To ask the Minister for Health the list of schemes that qualify under employment incentive schemes or education opportunity schemes that entitle medical card holders to retain their medical card for 3 years on taking up employment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 51097/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see list below of approved schemes eligible for “retention” or “keeping your card if you get a job” as it’s currently called in the National Assessment Guidelines. Scheme types and names are forever evolving and changing with each budget so although below schemes are listed by name we would be open to apply the “retention” rule to new schemes similar to those mentioned below once government funded.

Approved Schemes	
· Back to Education Allowance	· Job Initiative
· Back to Work Allowance	· Local Employment Service courses
· Back to Work Enterprise Allowance	· Part-time education option
· Community Employment	· Part-time job incentive
· Community Services Programme	· Revenue Job Assist
· Education, Training and Development Option	· Rural Social Scheme
· Fáilte Ireland and Teagasc courses	· Vocational Training and Opportunities Scheme (VTOS)
· SOLAS non-apprenticeship courses	· Youthreach
	· YESS Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service