



# **Student support rates for academic session 2019-2020**

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## Tuition fees

### *Undergraduate and PGDE tuition fees in Scotland*

The level of tuition fees we pay depends on the session in which the student first started their continuous programme of education.

#### 2006-2007 to 2011-2012

- **£2,895** for medicine courses

#### 2012-2013 onwards

- **£1,285** for sub-degrees
- **£1,820** for first degree or PGDE courses (including medicine)
- **£1,205** for sub-degree and degree courses at private HEIs

### *Undergraduate and PGDE tuition fees in England, Wales and Northern Ireland*

#### 2012-2013 onwards

- Tuition fee loan of up to **£9,250** for publicly funded HEIs
- Tuition fees up to **£9,250** for medicine students from their fifth year of study.
- Tuition fee loan for private HEIs up to **£6,165**.

### *Placement years*

For full year compulsory or voluntary placements, we will pay 50% of the full time equivalent fee rate.

### *Abroad years*

- For students studying at a Scottish university on a full year ERASMUS or other exchange programme, we will pay the normal full-time fee rate.
- For students studying at an RUK university on a full year ERASMUS or other exchange programme, we will pay a tuition fee loan covering up to 15% of the maximum fee cap (£900 to £1,350).
- For students who go abroad for a year, and this is not part of an exchange, we will pay 50% of the full-time equivalent fee rate.
- For students who go abroad for part of the year, as long as they are at their home institution for 10 weeks or more, we will pay the normal full-time fee rate.

### *Accelerated Degrees in England*

Scottish Domiciled students studying accelerated degrees in England

- Tuition fee loan of up to **£11,100** for publicly funded HEIs.
- Tuition fee loan of up to **£7,400** for private HEIs.

## *Postgraduate*

Students studying on eligible postgraduate courses:

- Tuition fee loan of up to **£5,500** for full-time students
- Tuition fee loan of up to **£2,750** for part-time students on two year courses (reduced rate applies for eligible three and four year courses)

## *Part-time study in Scotland*

Eligible students on a sub-degree, degree or PGDE are entitled to payment of their tuition fees on a pro-rata basis based on the full-time equivalent fee rate.

## *Exceptions*

Specific private HEIs in Scotland:

- Scottish Baptist Church **£1,765**

## **Bursary Rates**

### *Dependent students*

Students with a household income of **less than £34,000** are entitled to a bursary of up to **£2,000** a year.

### *Independent students*

Students with a household income of **less than £21,000** are entitled to a bursary of up to **£1000** a year.

### *Care Experienced students*

Care experienced students undertaking an eligible undergraduate course will be eligible to apply for a funding package of a £8,100 non-income assessed bursary. The level of household income does not impact on this bursary.

Students in receipt of the care experienced bursary are not eligible for the living-cost loan.

## Loan rates

Students studying an eligible postgraduate course in the UK, can apply for the minimum (non income-assessed) loan of £4,500. They are not eligible to apply for a bursary or any living-costs grants.

### *Postgraduate students*

Maximum loan
£4,500

### *Dependent undergraduate students\**

Minimum loan	Maximum loan
£4,750	£5,750

\*Dependent students are those under the age of 25 who do not meet any of the criteria to be classed as independent.

### *Independent undergraduate students\**

Minimum loan	Maximum loan
£4,750	£6,750

\*Independent students are those over the age of 25 and those under the age of 25 who:

- Have no living parents, or
- Have supported themselves from earnings for any 3 years before the first day of the first academic year of their course, or
- Have been permanently estranged from their parents for at least one year before the start of their course, or
- Have a child dependent on them, or
- Are married, in a civil partnership or living with a partner who is not a student.

### *Repaying the loan*

The payment threshold for student loan repayment will be £18,330. The repayment period for loans is 30 years (lowered from 35 years in 2018), which is applicable to all current and prospective borrowers with an Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) student loan.

## Support tables

The level of living-cost support a student is eligible for depends on their household income.

**In session 2019-2020, the household income threshold for receiving the maximum bursary is £20,999.**

### *Dependent undergraduate students*

Household income	Bursary	Loan	Total
£0 to £20,999	£2,000	£5,750	£7,750
£21,000 to £23,999	£1,125	£5,750	£6,875
£24,000 to £33,999	£500	£5,750	£6,250
£34,000 and above	£0	£4,750	£4,750

### *Independent undergraduate students*

Household income	Bursary	Loan	Total
£0 to £20,999	£1,000	£6,750	£7,750
£21,000 to £23,999	£0	£6,750	£6,750
£24,000 to £33,999	£0	£6,250	£6,250
£34,000 and above	£0	£4,750	£4,750

## Abroad students

Students are eligible for the full income-assessed student loan, bursary and living-costs grants (if applicable).

In addition, if they are on a compulsory period of study abroad (except those employed as language assistants), we will pay the cost of one return journey between the UK and their country of study and payment of their medical insurance.

## Full-year placement students

### *Unpaid placements*

Students are eligible for the full income-assessed student loan, bursary and living-costs grants (if applicable).

### *Paid placements*

Students are eligible for the full income-assessed student loan, Care Experienced Accommodation Grant and DSA.

## Nursing students

### *Studying in Scotland*

Students on degree courses in Nursing and Midwifery are eligible for support from the Nursing and Midwifery Student Bursary Scheme (NMSB). This consists of:

- A non income-assessed Scottish Government Health Directorate bursary of £8,100
- Dependants' Allowance – maximum of £3,640 for first dependant
- Single Parent's Allowance - £2,303
- Parents' Childcare Allowance - £2,466
- DSA\*

### *Studying in England, Wales and Northern Ireland – Continuing students who started in 2016-17 or earlier*

Degree students are eligible for the full income-assessed student loan. They can also apply to the NHS in the part of the UK they are studying in for a non income-assessed grant and an income-assessed bursary. The NHS is responsible for up-rating the grant and bursary support. Diploma students are eligible to apply to the NHS in the part of the UK they are studying for a non-income assessed bursary.

### *Studying in England, Wales and Northern Ireland – students who started in 2017-18 or later*

Eligible students will come under the same funding arrangements as Scottish domiciled undergraduate students studying elsewhere in the UK.

## Living-cost grants

### *Dependants' Grant*

Students can claim this income-assessed grant of up to **£2,640** for their husband, wife, civil partner, partner or other adult dependent, if they have a legal and financial responsibility for them.

We will ignore the first **£1,160** of the dependent's income. Any income over £1,160 will reduce the dependants' grant we pay on a pound for pound basis.

### *Disabled Students' Allowance*

The Disabled Students' Allowance is non-income assessed. Most of the allowances we pay are for each year of the course, except the equipment allowance, which is for the duration of the course

<b>Allowance</b>	<b>Grant</b>
Non-medical personal helper	£20,520
Major items of specialist equipment	£5,160
Other Expenditure	£1,725

Disabled students who, due to their disability, are unable to use public transport may also be eligible to claim travel expenses.

### *Lone Parents' Grant*

Students can claim this income-assessed grant of up to **£1,305** a year if they are widowed, divorced, separated or single and bringing up at least one dependent child.

The lone parents' grant is income-assessed. We will ignore the first **£1,067** of the student's income. Any income over £1,067 will reduce the Lone Parents' Grant we pay on a pound for pound basis.

### *Care Experienced Accommodation Grant*

We will pay this grant to care experienced students who entered higher education with a care background. We will pay up to **£105** per week in respect of accommodation costs during the summer vacation between successive academic years of a course.