



Finance for NHS students

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National Health Service (NHS) Student Bursaries are provided by the NHS Business Services Authority. Students studying on certain courses that lead to registration as a health care professional can apply to the NHS for funding to help with tuition fees and living costs. There is also extra help available for students in certain circumstances, for example if they have a disability, or children or an adult who depends on them financially. Students who normally live in England may also be able to get a Maintenance Loan from us.

Eligibility



To be eligible for funding from the NHS students must meet certain criteria.

Nationality and residency

To get student funding from the NHS, students must:

- have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for the three years before the first day of the first academic year of their course
- be ordinarily resident in England if they are a medical or dental student, and
- have 'settled status' in the UK

They may still be eligible if they don't meet the residency requirements – find out more from the NHS Business Services Authority at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

Course

To get student funding from the NHS, students must have been offered an NHS-funded place on one of the following courses:

- Chiropody/Podiatry
- Dental Hygiene/Dental Therapy
- Dentistry*
- Dietetics/Nutrition
- Medicine*
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Operating Department Practitioner
- Orthotics/Prosthetics
- Orthoptics
- Physiotherapy
- Radiography
- Radiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy

*Students studying an undergraduate medical or dental course will become eligible for funding from the NHS from the fifth year of study or the second year of their course if they're on a graduate entry programme.

Students on some paramedic courses can apply to their Local Education and Training Board (LETB) or Local Ambulance Service Trust for funding.

Students should check with their university or college to make sure they're being offered an NHS-funded place.

Previous study

Students may be eligible for NHS funding even if they've already had public funding for a higher-education course. If they've already received NHS funding but now want to undertake another NHS course to change professions, they may also be eligible. For more information visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

What NHS funding is available?



Tuition fees

Students who are eligible for NHS funding will have their tuition fees paid in full by the NHS. This doesn't have to be paid back.

If they're studying a medical or dental course the NHS will start paying their fees from the fifth year of their undergraduate course, or the second year if they are on a graduate entry course. Students on these courses can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from us to help pay for the earlier years of their course.

Non-income assessed NHS grant

Students who are eligible for NHS funding and started their course on or after 1 September 2012 will get a non-means tested NHS grant. Full-time students will get £1,000. The amount part-time students get will depend on their course intensity. The grant doesn't have to be paid back.

NHS Bursary

Eligible students will be assessed for an NHS Bursary. The amount they get will be based on their household income and where they study. This doesn't have to be paid back.

Extra help

Some students may be able to get extra help from the NHS. For example if their course is longer than 30 weeks and three days, they have a disability, including a mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty, or they have children or an adult who depends on them financially.

For further details of the funding available to students on an NHS-funded course, visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

What funding is available from us?



Full-time students who are eligible for income assessed funding from the NHS, LETB or Local Ambulance Service Trust can also apply for a reduced rate of Maintenance Loan from us.

The amount they can get depends on where they're living and studying, not their household income.

The Maintenance Loan has to be paid back, but not until the student has finished or left their course and their income is over £21,000 a year.

Where they study and live	Reduced-rate Maintenance Loan
Living with parents	Up to £1,744
Studying in London and not living with parents	Up to £3,263
Studying outside London and not living with parents	Up to £2,324
Studying and living abroad	Up to £2,324

More information



To find out more about the funding available to students on NHS-funded courses, visit:

The NHS Business Services Authority – www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund – www.rmbf.org

www.practitioners.slc.co.uk

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