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BURSARY RATES FOR NHS WALES MEANS TESTED BURSARIES

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Who can apply?

To qualify for NHS Wales financial support, students must be accepted for an NHS Wales funded place on a full or part-time course. A full list of NHS funded courses can be found on the most up to date Terms & Conditions issued by HEIW -

nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/student-awards-services/student-awards-services-documents/sas-general-documents/nhs-wales-bursary-terms-and-conditions-pdf/

Eligibility requirements

- Students must fulfil residency requirements as laid down by the Welsh Government and HEIW.
- Ordinarily resident in the UK for the three years preceding the start of the academic year.
- Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

Financial Support Available

The following NHS financial support is currently available for students on NHS Wales funded courses;

- The cost of tuition fees
- a non-means tested grant of £1,000
- A means tested bursary. The rates (for a 30-week course) are shown in the following table;

	Amount Per Year
Elsewhere	Up to £2,643
Parental Home	Up to £2,207
London (Medical and Dental Students only)	Up to £3,191

- If your course runs for more than 30 weeks, you may also be entitled to the means tested Extra Weeks Allowance, as illustrated below;

	Amount Per Extra Week
Elsewhere	Up to £84
Parental Home	Up to £56
London (Medical and Dental Students only)	Up to £108

- You may also be entitled to a number of additional allowances if you meet specific eligibility criteria. Please note that these allowances are **means tested**, the amount

payable will depend on your individual circumstances and all of this information is available [Student Awards Services - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#). The allowances are;

- **Dependants' Allowance**

	Amount Per Year (covers 52 weeks)
Spouse / Civil Partner / Partner (or first child if there is no spouse / civil partner / partner)	Up to £2,448
Child	Up to £549

- **Parent Learning Allowance**

Up to £1,204

- **Childcare Allowance**

The Childcare Allowance pays up to 85% of your actual registered or approved childcare costs up to a net maximum amount of **£128.78** per week for one child and **£209.95** per week for two or more children.

In addition to the above NHS financial support, a student loan may also be payable from Student Finance / Student Loans Company. You should apply via Student Finance / Student Loans Company to see if you are eligible for the loan before your course starts.

Clinical / Practice Placement Costs

Students may also be able to receive assistance with clinical / practice placement costs. Students should contact their university for advice on how to claim clinical / practice placement costs.

Disabled Students' Allowance

Students with a disability and who need extra help or equipment to help complete their course may be able to receive assistance under the Disabled Students' Allowance. Students should contact their university for advice on how to claim Disabled Students' Allowance and to request a formal assessment.

Tuition Fees

The tuition fees for non-medical courses are paid directly by the NHS and HEIW so eligible students are not required to pay tuition fees.

The tuition fees for medical and dental courses are paid by Welsh Government.

Contribution rates

The following table can be used to give students an idea of how much their means tested bursary will be reduced, based on their parent(s), spouse, partner's or civil partner's income.

Table for Parent(s), Spouse, Partner, Civil Partner			
Residual income	Bursary Reduced By	Residual income	Bursary Reduced By
Under £24,279	Nil	£60,000	£3,805
£24,279	£45	£62,500	£4,068
£25,000	£120	£65,000	£4,331
£27,500	£384	£67,500	£4,594
£30,000	£647	£70,000	£4,857
£32,500	£910	£72,500	£5,120
£35,000	£1,173	£75,000	£5,384
£37,500	£1,436	£77,500	£5,647
£40,000	£1,699	£80,000	£5,910
£42,500	£1,963	£82,500	£6,173
£45,000	£2,226	£85,000	£6,436
£47,500	£2,489	£87,500	£6,699
£50,000	£ 2,752	£90,000	£6,963
£52,500	£3,015	£92,500	£7,226
£55,000	£3,278	£95,000	£7,489
£57,500	£3,541	£99,833	£7,998

DISREGARDS

Various disregards are then applied to this income.

Student disregards for income if a single parent deduct the single person and single student disregard

Type of income	Amount disregarded
Sponsorship / Scholarship / Cadetship income, or salary / wages for work done while on a part-time course.	Up to £4921
Income under a trust deed or similar instrument where the student is an independent student.	Up to £2306
Any pension, allowance or other benefit payable by reason of incapacity to which the student is subject, his or her old age, retirement, the death of a spouse, civil partner, parent or other person on whom the student was dependent, or by reason of his military or public service.	Up to £3959
Any income not otherwise disregarded for either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a single parent • a single independent student • any other student 	Up to £2270 Up to £8891 Up to £1044

Example

A single parent who had declared income would have a disregard of £4921 + £2270

A single independent student with a trust fund would have a disregard of £2306 + £8891

Any income remaining after we have applied the relevant disregards will be reduced from your bursary award pound for pound.

Further Information

- For FAQs, please go to our website [Student Awards Services - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#)
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