

## **MEDICAL AND DENTAL BOSS APPLICATION SCENARIOS**

### **In which year of my Medical or Dental course am I able to apply for NHS Wales Bursary funding?**

If you are a Welsh domiciled medical or dental student, you should apply to Student Awards Services for the year that you are due to be funded by NHS Wales. You should not apply to us at the start of your course.

The year(s) that we are able to fund will depend on your course and circumstances but please use the below as guidance;

#### **Five or more years pre-registration course**

In general, undergraduate medical/dental students would be eligible to apply for NHS Wales funding from their 5th year of study onwards. This is regardless of which year of your medical/dental course programme you are up to.

The years classed as 'study' years can include an intercalation year if you study at Bachelors or Masters level and a foundation year if it was an integral part of your course. However we will not account for any repeated years, meaning if you repeat one of your non NHS funded years, you will have to wait an additional study year before you can apply to us.

If you are exempt from the earlier years of the undergraduate medical/dental course, irrespective of which year you join the course, you will be able to apply for NHS funding from year 5 of the course programme.

#### **Accelerated pre-registration course for graduates with relevant prior learning**

If you are attending the accelerated 4 year graduate entry programme, you can apply for NHS funding from year 2 of the course.

### **Who pays the tuition fees for a medical or dental course?**

We pay a tuition fee contribution directly to your university or medical / dental school for the academic years that you have qualified for NHS Wales funding.

You should show the university your Notification of Award (NOA) to prove your eligibility for this contribution and the university can then invoice us. You must be in attendance up to and including 1 December on the relevant academic year to be eligible, therefore we will not accept any invoices sent prior to this.

### **Would you fund an intercalation year for Medical / Dental students?**

#### **Undergraduate Medical or Dental students**

If you are intercalating to undertake a course at Bachelors or Masters level (but not a PhD), you may be eligible for NHS Bursary funding from your 5th year of study onwards, regardless of when your intercalation year occurs.

#### **Examples**

Year 1 medical course SLC funding  
Year 2 medical course SLC funding  
Year 3 medical course SLC funding  
Year 4 medical course SLC funding  
**Year 5 intercalating NHS funding**  
**Year 6 medical course NHS funding**

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#### Graduate entry Medical or Dental students

You may be eligible for NHS Bursary funding from your second year of study onwards, regardless of when your intercalation year occurs.

#### Example

Year 1 medical course SLC funding  
**Year 2 medical course NHS funding**  
**Year 3 medical course NHS funding**  
**Year 4 intercalating NHS funding**  
**Year 5 medical course NHS funding**

If you intercalate to undertake a 2 or 3 year course at PhD level, you will not be eligible for NHS Bursary support during this period, however you may be eligible for NHS funding for more than one period of intercalation.

#### Am I entitled to the Extra Weeks Allowance during my Medical /Dental course intercalation year?

Yes, if your intercalation year consists of more than 30 eligible weeks of study you may be entitled to the Extra Weeks Allowance. The university in which you are attending your intercalation year will need to provide us with your term dates. Once we have received and processed your term dates we will add any Extra Weeks Allowance awarded to you.

#### How do I select my course details on BOSS if I am applying for an intercalation year within a medical or dental course?

If you are applying for your bursary for a year in which you are intercalating, you must select the course title which includes 'intercalation'.

#### Example

Medical (Intercalation) – 12 months

If you have selected an intercalation course, intercalation will be available to select as a course year from the drop down menu.

If you are intercalating at a different university to your main one, please select the university where you are intercalating for that specific year and then when you return to your main university for the final year please select your original main university for your final year of study to conclude the process.

When you are selecting a medical / dental course on BOSS, please refer to the guidance notes which will populate on the course details page of the BOSS application.

## Will I be eligible for funding if I repeat part of my Medical / Dental course?

You can only be considered for repeat funding, including tuition fees, if you are repeating one of the years that is NHS funded.

For example, if you are on a 5 year undergraduate medical / dental course but you fail the 4th year, we would not consider any funding for this as you are repeating a non NHS funded year. Repeat study years undertaken before you are eligible to apply for a bursary will not be counted towards the required fifth year of study.

The same rules apply to the accelerated 4 year graduate entry programme where repeat funding would not be available from us if you were repeating year 1.

If you are repeating an NHS funded year, you may be considered for extended funding where there are exceptional circumstances. Documentary evidence is required to support any claim which must be supported and submitted by your university. If approved a maximum of 12 months additional NHS funding can be awarded throughout the duration of a course. If not approved you would be self funded.

Repeat study years undertaken once you are eligible to apply for bursary funding may attract NHS Bursary support but you will only be allowed 1 period of bursary funded repeat study. Any further repeat study over and above the maximum 12 months must be self-funded.

To be considered for an extension / repeat of the tuition fees contribution, your course dates must include the 1<sup>st</sup> of December in the applicable academic year.