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National Health Service (NHS) 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' (this means they have no restrictions on how long they can stay in the UK).

There are some circumstances where they may still be eligible if they don't meet these residency requirements. Find out more at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services)

### **Course**

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

- chiropody/podiatry
- operating department practitioner
- dental hygiene/dental therapy
- orthotics/prosthetics
- dentistry
- orthoptics
- dietetics/nutrition
- physiotherapy
- medicine
- radiography
- nursing
- radiotherapy
- midwifery
- speech and language therapy
- occupational therapy

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 funding is available.

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## 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're 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.

### **Living costs**

#### **Non-income-assessed grant**

Students who are eligible for NHS funding can get a non-income-assessed NHS grant. The amount students get will depend on their course intensity. This doesn't have to be paid back.

#### **Income-assessed bursary**

Eligible students will be assessed for an NHS bursary to help towards their living costs. 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 long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty; or they have children or an adult who depends on them financially.

There's also help available for students in financial hardship, as well as funding available to help with placement travel and accommodation costs.

## What funding is available from us?



### **Maintenance Loan**

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, and their year of study, 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 the UK repayment threshold, which is currently £21,000 a year, £1,750 a month or £404 a week.

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## More information



To find out more about the funding available to students on NHS-funded courses, visit [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/student-services)

There's also information for students on our student finance zone at [www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance)

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