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Students studying on a work placement as part of their course can get financial help, whether they're studying in the UK or abroad. This factsheet explains what finance is available.

Students on a full year work placement in the UK

It's essential for the student to fill in their application with full details of their work placement and to highlight the type of placement they will be completing in order to be assessed correctly.

To be able to get full support, the work placement must be defined as:

- unpaid service in a hospital or in a public health service laboratory or with a clinical commissioning group in the UK;
- unpaid service with a local authority in the UK in work that relates to the care of children and young persons, health or welfare, or with a voluntary organisation providing facilities or carrying out similar activity in the UK;
- unpaid service with a local authority in work that relates to public health functions in the UK;
- unpaid service in the prison or probation and aftercare service in the UK;
- unpaid research in a UK institution or, in the case of a student attending an overseas institution, as a part of their UK course;
- unpaid service with a Special Health Authority, the NHS Commissioning Board, the National Institute for Care and Excellence, the Health and Social Care Information Centre, a Local Health Board; a Health Board or a Special Health Board in Scotland, or a Health and Social Services Board in Northern Ireland; or
- unpaid service in the UK Parliament.

Maintenance Loan rates for students on an unpaid placement in the UK as specified above

These students can apply for either:

- a non-income assessed Maintenance Loan; or
- the full Maintenance Loan, if they apply for finance which includes their household income.

For full details of how much a student can get see our 'Student finance package' factsheet.

Remember - students who are on a paid work placement will get **reduced** funding.

Tuition Fee Loan

Students at university or college in England or Wales on **any** type of work placement can apply for a reduced Tuition Fee Loan of £1,850. This will be paid directly to the student's university or college.

Students studying on a full year work placement abroad

Funding for students taking a work placement abroad will be assessed depending on their circumstances.

It's important that students find out if their placement is part of the Erasmus+ work programme before applying. They should talk to advisors at their university or college to find out more.

Maintenance Loan for students on an Erasmus+ work placement abroad

Students can apply for either:

- a non-income assessed Maintenance Loan; or
- the full Maintenance Loan, if they apply for finance which includes their household income.

Part-year placement

If a student is at their university or college for 10 weeks or more, they'll usually be entitled to full-time support. If a student is at their university or college for less than 10 weeks, they'll usually be charged lower or half fees and receive a reduced rate Maintenance Loan.