The National Health Service (NHS) Welsh Bursary Scheme is provided by Student Awards Services. 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 Wales 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

The student must fulfil the nationality and residency requirements as laid down by the Welsh Government. These can be found at www.nwsspstudentfinance.wales.nhs.uk/home

Course

They 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
- 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 from the second year of their course if they’re on a graduate entry programme.

Students should check with their university or college to make sure they’re being offered an NHS funded place.
Eligibility (continued)

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.nwsspstudentfinance.wales.nhs.uk/home](http://www.nwsspstudentfinance.wales.nhs.uk/home)

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 or their undergraduate course, or from the second year if they’re on a graduate entry course. Students on these courses can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan and Fee Grant 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 an NHS grant that doesn’t depend on their household income. 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.nwsspstudentfinance.wales.nhs.uk/home](http://www.nwsspstudentfinance.wales.nhs.uk/home)
What funding is available from us?

Full-time students who are eligible for income assessed funding from the NHS 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.

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More information

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

Student Awards Services - www.nwsspstudentfinance.wales.nhs.uk/home

Alternatively students may wish to telephone 029 2037 6854 for bursary enquiries or 029 2019 6168 for childcare enquiries, or they can write to

Student Awards Services, 6th Floor, Churchill House, 17 Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2TW

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