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Higher Education Student Finance in Wales

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Summary

This guidance provides details on Student Finance Wales (SFW) support for students undertaking certain National Health Service (NHS) and Allied Health Profession (AHP) healthcare courses in academic year (AY) 25/26.

Regulation references

Since academic year (AY) 18/19 there have been two sets of Regulations governing student support in Wales:

- The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/47) as amended
- The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/191) as amended

These are referred to as ‘the Regulations’ in this guidance. As the Regulations often have mirroring provisions, specific regulation references throughout this guidance are followed by either ‘(2017)’ or ‘(2018)’ to denote which set of Student Support Regulations the regulation is in reference to.

Disclaimer

This guidance is designed to assist with the interpretation of the Student Support Regulations as they stand at the time of publication. It does not cover every aspect of student support, nor does it constitute legal advice or a definitive statement of the law. Whilst every endeavour has been made to ensure the information contained is correct at the time of publication, no liability is accepted with regard to the contents and the Regulations remain the legal basis of the student support arrangements for AY 25/26. In the event of anomalies between this guidance and the Regulations, the Regulations prevail. Please note the Regulations are subject to amendment.

This guidance is for Student Finance Wales (SFW) students only.

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full
AY	Academic year
AHP	Allied Health Profession
DoH	Department of Health
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
DSA	Disabled Students' Allowance
ELQ	Equivalent or Lower-Level Qualification
FT	Full-time
HCS	Health Care Specialist
HE	Higher Education
HEP	Higher Education Provider
NHS	National Health Service
NHSBSA	National Health Service Business Services Authority
NWSSP	NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership
PG	Postgraduate
PT	Part-time
RRML	Reduced Rate Maintenance Loan (for living costs)
SFW	Student Finance Wales
UG	Undergraduate

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1 General

1.1 Healthcare bursaries

From AY 17/18 the availability of income assessed healthcare bursaries from National Health Service (NHS) Wales* changed. However, the following guidance remains relevant to students on certain courses which lead to a qualification in healthcare roles and where healthcare bursaries from NHS Wales, or Department of Health (DoH), are still available.

*or similar awards bestowed under Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968, Article 44 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, or Sections 73(f) of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 (as amended).

Healthcare bursaries can either be non-income, or income assessed, which impacts the Student Finance Wales (SFW) products students can apply for:

- Students awarded a non-income assessed healthcare bursary are not eligible to apply for any SFW product.
- Students awarded an income assessed bursary will not be eligible for tuition fee support from SFW (regulation 19(2) (2017)/regulation 39 (exception 2) (2018)), or any grants (regulation 23(3) (2017)/exception 3 of regulations 44, 62 and 69 (2018)).
- From AY 24/25 onwards, new and continuing full-time students awarded an income assessed bursary can apply to apply to SFW for a non-income assessed maintenance loan for living costs (regulation 52(i) (2017)/regulation 55 (2018)). These students will no longer receive the reduced rate maintenance loan (RRML).

The amounts of loan for living costs available for AY 25/26 are:

2018 Cohort (course commenced on or after 01/08/2018)

Student study location	Maintenance Loan (NHS Bursary Years)
Parental home	£9,480
London	£14,415
Elsewhere	£11,345

2012 Cohort (course commenced between 01/09/2012 and 31/07/2018)

Student study location – full-year rate	Maintenance Loan (NHS Bursary Years)
Parental home	£6,438
London	£11,650
Elsewhere	£8,317
Overseas	£9,917
Student study location – final-year rate	Maintenance Loan (NHS Bursary Years)
Parental home	£5,830
London	£10,609
Elsewhere	£7,705
Overseas	£8,625

New entrants to NHS-funded courses receive an income assessed healthcare bursary and a non-income assessed grant of £1,000 from NHS Wales. Eligible full-time students can apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan from SFW.

2 Nursing, Midwifery, Allied Health Professions (AHP) and Healthcare Science (HCS) students

2.1 Courses starting on or after 1 August 2017

Students Studying in Wales

The healthcare bursary package from NHS Wales is available to all eligible students studying qualifying pre-registration nursing, midwifery and AHP courses in Wales who commit in advance to work in Wales for up to two years* post qualification. The bursary eligibility requirement was introduced for courses starting on or after 1 August 2017. Students studying an eligible healthcare course in Wales must sign an agreement committing to work within the profession for which they have been trained in Wales, including the NHS following course completion in order to be eligible for the bursary.

*Note that different timescales can apply for courses longer or shorter than three years duration. The courses which attract NHS bursary support in Wales are outlined in [Annex B](#). If a Wales-domiciled full-time student agrees to the commitment to work in Wales, they will be eligible to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales and a non-income assessed maintenance loan from SFW.

Alternatively, where a Wales-domiciled student does not agree to the commitment to work in Wales, they will not be eligible to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales. However, they can apply for the standard full-time or part-time package of support from

SFW, subject to previous study rules. Students undertaking a MSc can apply for Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degree from SFW.

Students will be informed by their university when they accept a place on the course to visit the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) student awards service website, where they will be asked to confirm their commitment to work in Wales on completion of the course. This will then enable them to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales.

If the student does not want to access the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales and prefers to access a student support from SFW, they will need a unique reference number in order to be able to receive support from SFW, which is only generated by the Welsh Health Education Registration System. This will evidence the student has not taken up the bursary (i.e they have opted out), which will allow SFW to assess the student for the standard package of student support.

Please note students have 10 weeks from the start of the course to change their mind and opt-out of the NHS Wales bursary. After the 10-week deadline, the student will typically not be able to change their funding route. However, in exceptional cases, their application to change their funding route will be considered through the NHS Wales bursary appeals procedure. If students change their funding route and the NHS agrees to the opt-out from the NHS Wales bursary, and subject to when that opt-out takes place after the 10 week deadline, these students can be reassessed by SFW for the full package of support for the remainder of the academic year. Students should first check with SFW before considering opting out of the NHS Wales bursary after the 10 weeks deadline.

SFW are not responsible for students who breach the terms of their agreement with the NHS. The NHS in Wales is responsible for making clear in their terms and conditions how breaching the agreement will impact the student.

A sample check will be carried out retrospectively during the academic year between SFW and NHS Wales to ensure students are not being double funded. Students who have not taken up the healthcare bursary may still be entitled to travel support from NHS Wales.

Students studying in England

Since academic year 2017/18, students starting study on pre-registration nursing, midwifery, AHP and healthcare science (HCS) courses in England are not eligible to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS England. However, they can apply for the standard package of support from SFW, subject to previous study rules. For more information on the products available please see the 'Assessing Financial Entitlement' guidance chapter.

Students studying a postgraduate master's degree in England can apply for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees from SFW, subject to them satisfying the usual eligibility and previous study criteria.

In England, the AHP courses which no longer attract a healthcare bursary are chiropody, dietetics and nutrition, occupational therapy, operating department practice, orthoptics and prosthetics, physiotherapy, radiography, and speech and language therapy.

Students studying qualifying healthcare courses in England may also be eligible for the NHS Learning Support Fund from NHS England, via the National Health Service Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). Receipt of the Learning Support Fund does not impact eligibility for support available to Wales-domiciled students studying in England. For more details on the Learning Support Fund, including eligibility requirements and financial support available, please consult the NHSBSA website.

Dental therapy and dental hygiene courses that started in AY 17/18 or earlier continue to attract the income assessed bursary and are subject to the same support arrangements as were previously in place. Students starting dental therapy and dental hygiene courses (with the exception of courses run by certain Health Trusts detailed below) on or after 1 August 2018 are not eligible to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS England, and therefore they can apply for the standard support package from SFW.

Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses at health trusts starting on or after 1 August 2018

Students who began studying Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses on or after 1 August 2018 but before 1 August 2019 (i.e. students starting these courses in AY 18/19) at the following Health Trusts remain eligible for the healthcare bursary from NHS England:

- Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust (validated by Birmingham University)*
- Bristol Dental School (validated by University of Bristol)*
- Greater Manchester DCP School
- King's College Hospital Foundation Trust
- Eastman Dental Hospital

Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses provided by Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Bristol Dental School starting after 1 August 2018 are validated by registered HE providers and are therefore designated for student support. Students from Wales attending full-time courses at these trusts and receiving an NHS Bursary can apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan from SFW. Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses

run by the other trusts starting in AY 18/19 are not designated for support under the Regulations (2017 or 2018, as applicable), due to the nature and structure of the courses, however they continue to attract NHS Bursary support for this cohort only.

From AY 19/20 onwards, new students studying at the Health Trusts listed above are no longer eligible to apply for the NHS Bursary. Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses starting on or after 1 August 2019 provided by the Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust, Bristol Dental School and Greater Manchester DCP School are validated by Birmingham University, University of Bristol and Manchester University respectively. Students who began their course at these HE providers from AY 19/20 can apply for the standard package of support from SFW, subject to previous study rules. King's College Hospital Foundation Trust and Eastman Dental Hospital's Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses have not been validated by an approved HE provider, and students who began a dental therapy or dental health course with these trusts from AY 19/20 are not eligible to apply for the NHS bursary or SFW funding.

Students studying in Scotland

From AY 17/18, Wales-domiciled students studying on pre-registration nursing, midwifery, AHP and HCS courses in Scotland ceased to be eligible for any of the previously available healthcare bursaries. These students can apply for the standard package of support from SFW only, subject to previous study rules.

Students studying in Northern Ireland

Since AY 17/18, bursaries for Wales-domiciled students studying on pre-registration nursing, midwifery, AHP and HCS courses in Northern Ireland ceased to be available.

2.2 Courses that started before 1 August 2017

For details on healthcare bursary support available to students who started their course before 1 August 2017 please refer to the [AY 21/22 SFW NHS guidance chapter](#).

3 Medicine and Dentistry students

3.1 Undergraduate students

Students undertaking standard a full-time (FT) five or six-year undergraduate (UG) medical or dental course as their first degree, can apply for support on the same terms as other FT students for the first four years of their course, subject to previous study rules. For the fifth

and subsequent years of their course they apply to the NHS for tuition support and an income assessed healthcare bursary from NHS Wales and to Student Finance Wales (SFW) for a non-income assessed maintenance loan.

However, there are some exceptions to this rule. Students who intercalate on to another Higher Education (HE) qualification during the first four years of their course, will only be in the fourth year of their medical or dental course when they reach their fifth year of study but will still be eligible for the NHS bursary (as it is their fifth year of progressed study overall).

Similarly, any students who undertake a foundation year as an integral part of their medical, or dental, degree course will be eligible for the NHS Bursary in the fifth year of study. This will often be referred to as year four of the course (as the foundation year would be year zero) but will be the fifth year of progressed study overall.

However, students who repeat a year will not be eligible for an NHS Bursary until the fifth year of their course, as prior to that they will only be considered as in the fourth year of progressed study overall.

These exceptions are in line with the NHS Wales Bursary scheme, linked in [Annex A: Related documents](#). When these students become eligible for the NHS Wales Bursary (which is defined as a 'bursary year'), a non-income assessed maintenance loan is available for the remainder of their medical or dental course.

Illustrative example:

5 year Medicine course with an intercalated year		
Year of study	SFW funding	NHS funding
Year 1	Standard support package	N/A
Year 2	Standard support package	N/A
Year 3	Standard support package	N/A
UG intercalation	Standard support package	N/A
Year 4	Maintenance loan only	NHS bursary
Year 5	Maintenance loan only	NHS bursary

Graduates undertaking an UG five or six-year medical or dental course as a FT second or subsequent UG degree do not qualify for tuition fee support (regulation 7(1), (2017)/regulation 24(1), (2018)).

However, as an exception course, regulation 7(5)(a) (2017)/regulation 24(2), Case 2(a) (2018) provides that, the student can apply for a maintenance loan from SFW, supplementary grants (where applicable).

3.2 Intercalation on a Medicine or Dentistry course

Certain courses which are not higher than first-degree level and that lead to more than one qualification, either as an optional or integral part of the course, will be considered to be single courses (regulation 5(6) and (7) (2017)/regulation 6(1) Condition 6(3) and (4) (2018)).

These include medical and dental courses which include an intercalated UG first degree, such as a BSc.

No UG student funding is provided during a year that a master's/postgraduate level course is intercalated into an UG degree. Eligible students are able to apply for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees from SFW, if the intercalated year is to study a full PG master's degree. It should be noted however that if the student is awarded a PG master's qualification, they will only be eligible to apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan and supplementary grants (where applicable) from SFW when they return to their medicine or dentistry course before the fifth year of study. If, during the fifth year of study, a healthcare bursary from NHS Wales is available, the student can apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan only.

3.3 Graduate Entry Medicine and Dentistry

The Regulations (2017 or 2018, as applicable) provide that eligible graduate-entry medical and dental students who are funded by SFW and who are undertaking an eligible course in Wales or elsewhere in the UK can apply for the following funding:

- **Year 1:** Students are required to self-fund the first £3,465 of the tuition fee charged. A partial tuition fee loan of up to £6,070 (where the tuition fee charged is £9,535) is available to cover the remainder of the tuition fee charged.

Eligible students can apply for a maintenance loan and income assessed supplementary grants (where applicable) from SFW. They cannot apply for a base grant or maintenance grant.

- **Years 2 to 4:** Students can access a contribution of £4,000 towards their tuition fees as part of the income assessed healthcare bursary from NHS Wales. A partial tuition fee loan of up to £5,535 is available to cover the remainder of the tuition fee charged.

As students can apply for income assessed healthcare bursaries from NHS Wales in years two to four, they become eligible to apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan only from SFW in years two to four.

4 Other Courses and Exceptions

4.1 Foundation years on NHS courses (Year 0)

Students studying 'year zero', or the 'foundation year', of an NHS course (both degree and diploma level) do not receive a healthcare bursary from NHS Wales. Therefore, students can apply to SFW for full UG support. The foundation year must be an integrated part of an eligible designated HE course.

Once the student progresses into year one of their diploma or degree, which is defined as a 'bursary year', they will become eligible for the income assessed healthcare bursary from NHS Wales (subject to the requirement to commit to a period working within Wales following course completion). As a result, they are able to apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan only from SFW for the remainder of their course.

4.2 Students studying paramedic programmes in England

Students studying paramedic science courses at an English HE provider are not able to apply to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for support on similar terms to those students on other qualifying healthcare courses. However, they may be eligible to receive funding from different parts of the NHS (for example, Local Ambulance Service Trusts (LASTs) or Local Education and Training Boards (LETBs)/Strategic Health Authority).

See below for funding information:

- If the student is awarded non-income assessed funding under Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968, then it is equivalent to a non-income assessed healthcare bursary and therefore the student is ineligible for SFW support.
- If the student is studying at an English HE provider and is awarded income assessed funding under Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968, then it is equivalent to an income assessed NHS Bursary and the student is entitled to a non-income assessed maintenance loan only from SFW.

- If the student is awarded funding outside of the above regulation, they can apply to SFW for support. However, the student's tuition fee may still be paid for them by another body.
- If the student is not eligible to apply for any funding from a LAST or LETB/Strategic Health Authority they can apply for the full SFW support package.

4.3 NHS Secondees

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has confirmed that healthcare students who are employed by NHS Trusts, and seconded onto healthcare courses are not eligible for healthcare bursaries from NHS Wales.

These students continue to receive their salary and have their tuition fees paid by the NHS. The payment of their tuition fees is outside of the NHS Bursary scheme or Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968. As such, these students are not excluded from the student support provisions in the Regulations (2017 or 2018, as applicable) and can therefore apply for maintenance support and supplementary grants (where applicable), on the same basis as other students. Additionally, students can also apply for tuition fee support if their tuition fees will not be paid by the NHS and the student has provided evidence of this to SFW.

4.4 Social Work courses

Social work courses do not attract a healthcare bursary. Instead, they attract the Social Work Bursary.

Students receiving the Social Work Bursary for an undergraduate (UG) degree can apply for the full support package from SFW, subject to previous study rules. Students receiving a Social Work Bursary for a postgraduate master's degree are not eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees from SFW.

Where students study a joint honours course in nursing and social work and are eligible for an income assessed healthcare bursary from NHS Wales, they can apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan only from SFW. If the student is not eligible for the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales, they can apply for the standard package of support from SFW, subject to previous study rules.

4.5 Postgraduate

Students studying qualifying postgraduate (PG) pre-registration programmes in Wales may be eligible to apply for healthcare bursaries from NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) and are subject to the requirement to commit to working in Wales detailed in section [2.1 Students studying in Wales](#). Students who are not in receipt of a healthcare bursary from NWSSP, can apply to SFW for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees, subject to them studying a full master's degree and satisfying the usual eligibility and previous study criteria. However, there is no PG support available from SFW if the PG pre-registration programme is a PG Dip/Cert.

Note that since AY 18/19, healthcare bursaries from the NHSBSA are no longer available to new students starting courses in nursing, midwifery or AHP subjects at HE providers based in England. Wales-domiciled students studying these courses as a full PG master's course, may be entitled to apply to SFW for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees, subject to them satisfying the usual eligibility and previous study criteria.

4.6 General information

Most of the information required for dealing with applications from students who are eligible to apply for a healthcare bursary from NHS Wales in AY 25/26 is covered by the questions set out in the student finance application form. The majority of that information will be relevant to a student's eligibility.

SFW will need to determine, in particular, the course subject, qualification and start date. This is in order to determine whether it is:

- a pre-registration course,
- a medical or dental course,
- subject to the new or revised healthcare bursary from NHS Wales arrangements.

SFW will also need to note the year of the course, in the case of a medical or dental course. Students who are eligible to apply for an NHS or DHSC income assessed bursary should send the letter which confirms this to SFW. SFW may ask the student for supplementary information about the bursary (such as a letter from the appropriate NHS grants unit) before determining their eligibility for the non-income assessed maintenance loan outlined in section [1.1 Healthcare bursaries](#). Such students will be subject to the same eligibility criteria for loans as other students and will therefore need to be under 60 on the relevant date.

In respect of a pre-registration nursing, midwifery, AHP or HCS course, responsibility for handling student applications for bursaries is dependent on where the student studies.

However, the student should apply to SFW for a non-income assessed maintenance loan. For example, a student ordinarily resident in Wales who is studying at an HE provider in England would apply to England for an NHS Bursary and to SFW for a loan. Further information on NHS eligibility rules for students studying in England can be found on the NHS website at <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students>

Please note, Welsh medicine and dentistry students should apply to the NHS in Wales for the bursary and to SFW for their non-income assessed maintenance loan.

5 Previous Study

For detailed guidance on students with previous study please refer to the 'Assessing Eligibility' guidance chapter.

6 Annexes

6.1 Annex A: Related documents

The NHS Wales Bursary:

<https://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/student-awards-services/>

<https://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/student-awards-services/student-awards-services-documents/faqs/medical-dental-bursary-faqs-english-docx-324-kb/>

All Student Finance Wales guidance chapters:

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/practitioners/guidance-chapters/>

6.2 Annex B: Courses which attract an NHS bursary in Wales

Course	Course Type	Current Provider
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS		
Dietetics	BSc – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University Wrexham University
	*PG Dip – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Occupational Therapy	BSc – Full time	Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University
	BSc – Part time	Wrexham University

		Swansea University University of South Wales
	*PG Dip/MSc – Full time	Cardiff University
Paramedic Science	BSc – Full time	Wrexham University Swansea University
Physiotherapy	BSc – Full time	Cardiff University Wrexham University
	*BSc – Part time	University of South Wales
	*PG Dip/MSc – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University
Podiatry	BSc – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Speech and Language Therapy	BSc – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University Wrexham University
HEALTH SCIENCE		
Audiology	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
Cardiac Physiology	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
Clinical Engineering (Rehabilitation and Medical Engineering)	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
Diagnostic Radiotherapy	BSc- Full Time	Bangor University Cardiff University
Life Science – Blood, Infection, Cellular and Genetics	BSc – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University
Neurophysiology	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
Nuclear Medicine	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
Radiotherapy Physics	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
Operating Department Practice	BSc – Full time	Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
Radiotherapy and Oncology	BSc – Full time	Cardiff University
Respiratory & Sleep Science	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY		
Adult	BSc/BN – Full time	Aberystwyth University Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales

	BSc/BN – Part time (Part time Bursary available however most students are NHS employed with salary backfill funding)	Swansea University
	*MSc/PG Dip – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
Child	BSc/BN – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
	*MSc/PG Dip – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
Mental Health	BSc/BN – Full time	Aberystwyth University Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
	BSc/BN – Part time (Part time bursary available, however most students are NHS employed and will be secondees)	Swansea University
	*MSc/PG Dip – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
Midwifery	BSc/BN – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University Swansea University University of South Wales
Learning Disability	BSc/BN – Full time	Bangor University Swansea University University of South Wales
Dispersed Nursing	BSc – Full time (Some students are NHS employed with	Bangor University

	salary backfill funding)	
Distance Nursing	BSc – Full time	Bangor University
OTHER		
Dental Hygiene and Therapy	BSc – Full time	Cardiff University
Dental Hygiene	HE Cert- Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University
Physician Associate	*MSc/MPAS – Full time	Swansea University Bangor University

* Individuals undertaking a MSc/PG Dip level course or a part-time course will have access to the NHS bursary package, but no access to the undergraduate (UG) maintenance loan or Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees from SFW.

6.3 Annex C: Funding authorities

<p><u>Wales</u></p> <p>NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership Floor 4 Companies House Crown Way Cardiff CF14 3UB</p> <p>Tel: 029 21 500 400 Website: https://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/student-awards-services/</p> <p>e-mail: abm.sas@wales.nhs.uk</p>	<p><u>England</u></p> <p>NHS Business Services Authority Northgate Close Middlebrook Bolton</p> <p>Tel: 0300 330 1345 Website: http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students</p> <p>email: nhsbsa.sbaccount@nhs.net</p>
<p><u>Northern Ireland</u></p> <p>Department for the Economy (DfE NI) Student Support Branch Adelaide House 39-49 Adelaide Street Belfast BT2 8FD</p> <p>Tel: 028 9025 7498</p>	<p><u>Scotland</u></p> <p>Student Awards Agency for Scotland Saughton House Broomhouse Drive Edinburgh EH11 3UT</p> <p>Tel: 0300 555 0505</p>

Website: <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/>

Website: www.saas.gov.uk

6.4 Annex D: Updates Log

Date	Updates
30/01/2025	<p>First draft v0.1 created.</p> <p>The following updates have been incorporated into this guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AY 25/26 rollover changes throughout. • The following have been updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to include references to the full rate of non-means-tested maintenance loan from 2025/26, and ○ 2018 and 2012 cohort maintenance loan rates amended in the tables. <p>(both in section 1.1, Healthcare bursaries, p5).</p> • All sections - where applicable updated to include references to the full rate of non-means tested maintenance loan from AY 25/26.
20/02/2025	Review of first draft ahead of stakeholder review.
20/03/2025	Updated document following stakeholder review and returned for a second review.
30/03/2025	Further amendments made to document following second review.
04/04/2025	Document signed off by stakeholder, v1.0 sent for publishing.
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