

Students studying a medicine, dentistry or other healthcare course may be able to apply for an NHS grant and bursary to help with tuition fees, living costs and extra help for students in certain circumstances. These grants and bursaries can be applied through the NHS Business Services Authority and don't have to be paid back. Students who live in England may also be able to get additional help from Student Finance England (SFE).

## What they'll get

### NHS-funded healthcare courses from September 2012

This includes students accepted on an NHS-funded place on a course leading to professional registration as a:

- chiropodist (including podiatrist), dietician, occupational therapist, orthoptist, physiotherapist, prosthetist, and orthotist, radiographer, radiotherapist or a speech and language therapist
- dental hygienist or dental therapist
- nurse, midwife or operating department practitioner
- doctor or dentist

Eligible full-time NHS students starting a course from 1 September 2012 may be able to get the following:

- a means-tested bursary from the NHS
- a non means-tested grant from the NHS
- a reduced rate Maintenance Loan, not based on income, from SFE

The grant and the Maintenance Loan don't depend on income.

How much Maintenance Loan full-time students get depends on:

- where they live
- whether they're in the final year of their course (when they get less)

If a student studies up to **30 weeks a year**, they'll get:

Where they study and live	From NHS		From SFE
	Grant (doesn't depend on household income)	Bursary (depends on household income)	Reduced-rate Maintenance Loan (doesn't depend on household income)
In London	£1,000	Up to £3,159	Up to £3,263
Outside London	£1,000	Up to £2,617	Up to £2,324
With parents	£1,000	Up to £2,185	Up to £1,744

If a student studies for **more than 30 weeks, but less than 45 weeks** during a year they'll get an Extra Weeks Allowance from the NHS that will be added to their Bursary. For each additional week they'll get:

Where they study and live	Extra Weeks Allowance
In London	£107 per week
Outside London	£83 per week
With Parents	£55 per week

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If a student studies for **45 weeks or more during a year**, they'll get:

Where they study and live	From NHS		From SFE
	Grant (doesn't depend on household income)	Bursary (depends on household income)	Reduced-rate Maintenance Loan (doesn't depend on household income)
In London	£1,000	Up to £5,513	Up to £3,263
Outside London	£1,000	Up to £4,443	Up to £2,324
With parents	£1,000	Up to £3,395	Up to £1,744

In the final year of study the Maintenance Loan is reduced to:

- £2,498 if they study in London
- £1,811 if they study outside London
- £1,324 if they live with parents

Eligible part-time students can apply for:

- a reduced bursary from the NHS
- a reduced grant from the NHS

The reduced rate amount depends on the course intensity.

If the student gets a means-tested NHS bursary the amount will depend on their income and that of their parents, spouse, partner or civil partner.

### Medicine or dentistry courses as a first degree from 2012

The first four years of an undergraduate medicine or dentistry course are funded in the same way as other eligible full-time higher education courses and the student can apply for the following from Student Finance England:

- Tuition Fee Loan
- Maintenance Loan
- Maintenance Grant
- extra help, for example for students with disabilities or child or adult dependants

From year five of their course onwards they can apply for:

- a bursary from the NHS based on income
- a non-means tested grant from the NHS
- tuition fees paid in full by the NHS
- a reduced-rate Maintenance Loan, not based on income, from SFE
- extra help from the NHS where applicable

### Medicine or dentistry courses as a second degree - standard undergraduate entry

These courses are usually five or six years long.

Students studying a standard undergraduate medical or dental course as a second degree are only eligible to apply for:

- Maintenance Loan from SFE, in years one to four
- A reduced-rate Maintenance Loan from SFE in year five or any further years
- In year five onwards a bursary, and a grant from the NHS

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## Medicine or dentistry as a second degree - accelerated graduate entry starting in 2012, 2013 and 2014

These courses are usually four years long.

Students studying an accelerated medical or dental course as a second degree:

- in year one pay £3,465 of their tuition costs themselves
- in year one a Maintenance Loan from SFE
- in years two to four £3,465 of their tuition fee is paid with an NHS bursary
- they can get a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £5,535 from Student Finance England to pay for the remaining tuition costs each year

In year one, they may also get extra help from SFE if they:

- have a disability, long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty
- have dependants

In years two to four of their course they can apply for:

- a bursary from the NHS based on their income
- a non-means tested grant from the NHS
- tuition fees paid in full by the NHS
- a reduced-rate Maintenance Loan, not based on income, from SFE
- extra help from the NHS where applicable

### How the NHS bursary is paid

The NHS bursary is paid monthly.

For details on how SFE funding is paid see [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

### Extra help

Students may also get extra help from NHS if they:

- have a disability, long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty
- have dependants

### Eligibility

Whether a student can get an NHS bursary depends on:

- where they live
- their course
- their household income
- whether they've already had funding

### Where they live

To get an NHS bursary a student must:

- have been ordinarily resident in the UK for 3 years until the first day of the academic year
- be ordinarily resident in England if they're a medical or dental student
- have 'settled status' in the UK

They may still be eligible if they don't meet the residency requirements - find out more from the NHS Business Services Authority at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/3261.aspx](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/3261.aspx).

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## Their course

The student must also be accepted for an NHS funded place on a full or part-time course which leads to professional registration as a:

- doctor or dentist (they'll be eligible for an NHS bursary after the 4th year of their course)
- chiropodist (including podiatrist), dietician, occupational therapist, orthoptist, physiotherapist, prosthetist, and orthotist, radiographer, radiotherapist, or a speech and language therapist
- dental hygienist or dental therapist
- nurse, midwife or operating department practitioner

NHS bursaries are **not** intended for:

- registered first level nurses seeking a second registration in nursing
- registered midwives seeking a second registration in midwifery

Means-tested NHS bursary

The total amount they can get depends on their income and that of their parents, spouse, partner or civil partner.

## If a student has already had funding

Students may be eligible for an NHS bursary even if they've already had public funding for higher education.

If they've had an NHS bursary and want to change professions, they may also be eligible.

Find out more from the NHS Business Services Authority at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/3260.aspx](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/3260.aspx)

## Medical and dental courses

To qualify for a bursary students doing a standard 5 or 6-year medical or dental course must:

- have started their course in September 1998 or later
- normally live in England
- be studying in the UK

## Graduate-entry accelerated medical and dental course

To qualify for a bursary, students doing the graduate-entry accelerated medical or dental course must:

- have started their course in September 1998 or later
- normally live in England
- be studying in the UK

## Useful links

Further details on eligibility and entitlement can be found at the links below:

The NHS Business Services Authority  
[www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students.aspx](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students.aspx)

Gov.UK - Student Finance  
[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund  
[www.rmbf.org/](http://www.rmbf.org/)

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