

## Helping you meet the costs of learning

### What support is available to Scottish domiciled Healthcare Students studying in Scotland 2009 - 2010

This information sheet gives an overview of the sources of funding available to Scottish domiciled students studying Dentistry and Medicine, Nursing and Midwifery, and Allied Health Professions in Scotland

#### Tuition Fees for students in Dentistry, Medicine and the Allied Health Professions

All full-time eligible Scottish domiciled students studying in Scotland do not have to pay fees. Fees are paid by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) and you should apply to them directly.

Tuition fees for Nursing and Midwifery students are paid by the Scottish Government Health Department (SGHD). You do not have to apply to SAAS to have these fees paid on your behalf.

#### Allied Health Professions

Living costs support for students on degree courses in the Allied Health Professions consists of an income assessed Scottish Government Health Directorates Bursary and a non-income assessed loan.

#### Student Loan and Scottish Executive Health Bursary for 2009-10

	Bursary	Loan	Total amount
Students living in hall of residence or elsewhere	£2,455	£2,265	£4,720
Students living in the parental home	£1,865	£1,740	£3,605

#### In Scotland, the Allied Health Professions are:

- Dental Hygiene
- Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Orthoptics
- Orthotics
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Prosthetics
- Radiography (therapeutic and diagnostic)
- Speech and Language Therapy/Speech and Language Pathology

More information is available on the SAAS website [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk) or by telephone on 0845 111 1711.

## Dentistry and Medicine

Students on degree courses in Dentistry and Medicine are entitled to the same student support package as most other students in years one to four.

Dental Hygienists are entitled to the same support as Allied Health Professionals.

## Living Costs

Eligible students studying in Scotland are entitled to a student loan which is income assessed.

An additional loan of up to £605 is available to young students from families with an income below £21,760

Young Student's Bursary – the maximum bursary of £2,640 a year is paid to you if your family income is under £19,310 a year, this tapers down to zero if your family income is over £35,000 a year.

## Student Loan and Bursary Support for 2009-10

	Maximum amount	Minimum amount
Students living in a hall of residence or elsewhere	£4,625	£915
Students living in the parental home	£3,665	£605

Further information is available on the SAAS website [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk). To get an estimate of how much loan and bursary you can get use the calculator on the SAAS website at [www.saas.gov.uk/services/enquiries/suppCalc.jsp](http://www.saas.gov.uk/services/enquiries/suppCalc.jsp)

In years five and later, you are entitled to the income assessed Scottish Government Health Bursary, and a non income assessed student loan (see above)

There is a Dental Bursary Scheme for all students from year two onwards studying a Dentistry (BDS) degree at Dundee and Glasgow and from year one for students studying the graduate entry dentistry degree at Aberdeen University. This £4,000 per year bursary scheme is administered by SAAS who can provide further information.

## Nursing and Midwifery

Eligible students may receive a bursary under the Nursing and Midwifery Bursary Scheme (NMSB). If you are taking the four-year honours degree course and you are eligible for the bursary, you will get the full bursary rate in years one to three and a 75% bursary for year four. The bursary is made up of two elements – a non income-assessed personal allowance and dependants' and other allowances where appropriate. Following the introduction of Age Discrimination legislation, the bursary scheme has been changed, with effect from September 2007, providing one rate of bursary for all new students, regardless of age. The table below shows the amount of bursary you may receive.

<b>Bursary for Students who started before session 2007/08</b>	Years one to three	Year four
Under 26 at the start of the course	£6,458	£4,848
26 or over at the start of the course or graduates who have been accepted for a shortened programme	£7,272	£5,459
<b>Students who started in session 2007/08 or later</b>	£6,578	£4,938

### **Other allowances**

You may also be eligible for the following allowances.

- An initial expenses allowance of £60.
- An additional allowance of £1,303 for single parents.
- A formal childcare allowance of up to £1,216 for all students with children.
- Disabled Student's Allowance - general qualifying cost £1,725, non-medical personal help £20,520 and specialist equipment £5,160.
- Dependants' Allowance (this is a means tested allowance and the amount you receive will depend on the number of dependants you are claiming for and how much income they have).
- Additional costs incurred on undertaking clinical placement. You will meet the cost of daily travel to and from your institution from the personal allowance.

### **Previous assistance from public funds**

Nursing and Midwifery students can receive a bursary from the Nursing and Midwifery Student Bursary scheme, even if they have previously received support for further or higher education.

### **Studying in England, Wales and Northern Ireland**

Under a special arrangement with the Department of Health, English, Welsh and Northern Irish domiciled students taking courses in Nursing and Midwifery at a Scottish institution may be given support from the NMSB scheme. If you plan to study at an institution in another UK country, you will have to apply to them for support. You can get more information about the possible financial support on offer from the appropriate funding bodies. Further information can be obtained from SAAS.

### **Clinical Placement Expenses for allied health professions students**

If you have to attend a clinical placement away from your institution and you have extra travel or accommodation costs, SAAS will help with these costs. You can claim up to £10.08 each day for placements during term-time and £8.57 each day for placements during summer.

### **Supplementary Grants for Medical, Dental and Allied Health Professions students**

Some students will be entitled to extra help through non-repayable supplementary grants. All these are income assessed except Disabled Student's Allowance.

- Dependants' Grant of up to £2,640 if you have responsibility for a dependant adult.
- Lone Parent's Grant of £1,305 if you are a lone parent student; and
- Lone Parent's Childcare Grant of up to £1,215 if you need extra help with your formal childcare costs.

- Childcare Fund support from this fund is discretionary, administered by institutions themselves, and is only available to meet the costs of formal/registered childcare. You should contact your university or college for more information.
- Students Leaving Care – this grant of £105 per week helps students who were previously in care with accommodation costs in the long vacation.
- Disabled Student's Allowance - if you have a disability or learning difficulty you may claim for certain expenses which arise because you are on a course.

### **Travel Expenses for Medical, Dental and Allied Health Professions students**

Students can apply for help with the cost of daily travel to their college or University. Travel expenses are income assessed. SAAS will not pay the first £82 if you are studying for one of the Allied Health Professions. We expect you to pay this from your student loan bursary or from your own resources.

### **Discretionary Funds**

Students who have particular financial difficulty can apply for assistance from their institution's Discretionary Fund. Your institution is responsible for deciding who gets help and how much. You must have taken out your full loan entitlement before you can receive this help.

Discretionary Funds are not available to students who are funded under the Nursing and Midwifery Bursary Scheme.

### **More Information**

You must apply for your fees, loan, supplementary grants and bursary through SAAS. Application forms are available on the SAAS web-site [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk) as well as from your college or university. If you have any questions about your eligibility or about payment of fees, bursaries and supplementary grants, please contact SAAS on 0845 111 1711 or e-mail [saas.geu@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:saas.geu@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).