

Helping you meet the costs of learning

What support is available to Scottish domiciled Healthcare Students studying in Scotland 2008 - 2009

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)
- you need to apply to SAAS to have your fees paid

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 2008-09

| | <i>Bursary</i> | <i>Loan</i> | <i>Total amount</i> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Students living in hall of residence or elsewhere | £2,395 | £2,210 | £4,605 |
| Students living in the parental home | £1,820 | £1,695 | £3,515 |

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

- Arts Therapy (this is a postgraduate course and funded differently. Contact SAAS for more information)

More information is available on the SAAS website 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 1 to 4.

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 £590 is available to young students from families with an income below £21,210

Young Student's Bursary – the maximum bursary of £2,575 a year is paid to you if your family income is under £21,210 a year, this tapers down to zero if your family income is over £33,330 a year.

Student Loan and Bursary Support for 2008-09

| | <i>maximum amount</i> | <i>minimum amount</i> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Students living in a hall of residence or elsewhere | £4,510 | £890 |
| Students living in the parental home | £3,570 | £590 |

Further information is available on the SAAS website 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 <http://www.saas.gov.uk/services/enquiries/suppCalc.jsp>

In years 5 and later, you are entitled to the income assessed Scottish Government Health Bursary, and a non income assessed student loan (see above)

There is also a Dental Bursary Scheme for all students from year 2 onwards studying a Dentistry (BDS) degree at Dundee and Glasgow University from the 2006-2007 session. 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 1 to 3 and a 75% bursary for year 4. The bursary is made up of 2 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.

| Bursary for continuing students in 2008 - 09 | Years 1 to 3 | Year 4 |
|---|--------------|--------|
| Under 26 at the start of the course | £6,294 | £4,720 |
| 26 or over at the start of the course or graduates who have been accepted for a shortened programme | £7,088 | £5,316 |
| new students in 2008 - 09 (from September 2008 onwards) | £6,411 | £4,808 |

Other Allowances

You may also be eligible for the following allowances:

- Initial expenses allowance of £58
- Additional allowance of £1,270 for single parents
- Formal childcare allowance of up to £1,185 for all students with children
- Disabled Student's Allowance - general qualifying cost £1,270, non-medical personal help £20,000 and specialist equipment £4,905.
- 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 £9.82 each day for placements during term-time and £8.35 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 £2,575 if you have responsibility for a dependant adult.
- **Lone Parent's Grant** of £1,270 if you are a lone parent student; and
- **Lone Parent's Childcare Grant** of up to £1,185 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 £100 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 £80 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 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.