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Rules of the NHS Bursary Scheme

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Introduction

- i. In 1968 Parliament gave the Secretary of State for Health the power to provide training for people considering employment in the National Health Service (NHS), and to pay allowances to people who have accepted places on these coursesⁱ. These allowances are known as NHS Bursaries. (A bursary is a traditional name for a financial allowance given to help a student meet the costs of study).
- ii. Since then successive Secretaries of State have developed rules to ensure that NHS Bursaries are paid fairly and consistently. They have also developed administrative arrangements to ensure that they are paid efficiently in line with the rules. These rules and administrative arrangements are known collectively as “The NHS Bursary Scheme”.
- iii. Because of the large number of allowances paid under the rules, the Secretary of State has directed the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) to administer the NHS Bursary Scheme on his behalfⁱⁱ. Although the NHS Bursary Scheme is administered by the BSA, the Secretary of State retains overall responsibility for the scheme.
- iv. In 2011 the Secretary of State decided, following consultation, to make substantial changes to the rules of the NHS Bursary Scheme for students starting their courses on or after 1 September 2012. There are therefore two different sets of rules applicable to students depending on when their course first started. This document sets out the new rules which will apply to students who started their course on or after 1 September 2012. The rules for students who started their course before 1 September 2012 are set out in the thirteenth edition of *The NHS Bursary Scheme Old Rules*. In each case the rules apply in relation to the academic year starting on or after 1 September 2012 but before 31 August 2013.
- v. Those familiar with the rules published in 2011 may find it helpful to read the summary of the changes in [appendix I](#).
- vi. The BSA can provide further assistance in understanding these rules. A number of other bodies also provide information on careers in the NHS health professions. These bodies are listed in [appendix II](#).

Section 1 Summary of the NHS Bursary Scheme Rules

The NHS Bursary Scheme for students who started their course on or after 1 September 2012

- 1.1 The following rules describe the circumstances under which the Secretary of State will pay allowances under Section 63(6) of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 to students who first started their course on or after 1 September 2012.
- 1.2 Any allowance paid under these rules is referred to as an NHS Bursary, and these rules, together with the administrative arrangements by which the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) makes such payments on behalf of the Secretary of State, are referred to as the **NHS Bursary Scheme**.
- 1.3 Words and phrases which have a particular meaning in these rules appear in bold black typeface like **these words**. The particular meaning of these words or phrases can be found in the glossary in [section 14](#). Where the rules contain words and phrases like this they must be interpreted as having the meaning set out in the glossary.

Application and Changes

- 1.4 These rules apply to students who start their course on or after 1 September 2012, and for the year from 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013. They contain a number of changes from the Twelfth Edition of the NHS Bursary Scheme rules published in 2011. These changes are summarised at [appendix I](#).

The Principal Rule

- 1.5 The principal rule is that the **NHS Bursary Scheme** will provide an NHS Bursary to students who meet all the following conditions. These are that the student:
 - (a) is a person who is eligible under these rules, and
 - (b) is on an course which is eligible under these rules, and
 - (c) has applied for a bursary as prescribed by these rules, and
 - (d) has not been disqualified from receiving a bursary as a result of misconduct in relation to a previous application or award.

- 1.6 The students who are eligible under these rules are described in [section 2](#). The courses which are eligible are set out in [section 3](#). The procedure for applying for a bursary is set out in [section 12](#), and the rules relating to disqualification are described in [section 10](#).

What an NHS Bursary Provides

- 1.7 The **NHS Bursary Scheme** may provide a contribution towards a student's tuition fees as set out in [section 4](#). Where this is the only assistance for which a student is eligible, the bursary is known as a **fees only bursary**.
- 1.8 The **NHS Bursary Scheme** may also provide a **maintenance award** to assist students with the cost of attending the course. In this case the bursary is known as a **full bursary**. The rules on eligibility and the calculation of the amounts payable are set out in [section 5](#).
- 1.9 Where a student is eligible for a **full bursary**, the **maintenance award** may also include additional allowances, such as the disabled students allowance set out in [section 6](#), the reimbursement of costs associated with attending practice placements set out in [section 7](#), and a number of other allowances set out in [section 8](#).

Changes in Circumstances

- 1.10 Where a student's circumstances change during a course, the rules setting out the consequences for any NHS bursary are set out in [section 9](#).

Conditions Attached to an Award

- 1.11 If an NHS Bursary is awarded under these rules, it will be awarded subject to the conditions set out in [section 10](#).

Exceptions to the Normal Rules

- 1.12 There are a limited number of cases where exceptions to particular rules have been allowed. These exceptions, and the circumstances in which they have been granted, are set out in [section 11](#). Any student whose circumstances are the same as those described in this section is entitled to benefit from the relevant exception.

Applying for a Bursary

- 1.13 The rules on applying for a bursary are set out in [section 12](#).

Complaints and Appeals

- 1.14 Where a student is dissatisfied with the way an NHS Bursary application, bursary payment, or any other matter in relation to an NHS Bursary has been dealt with, the procedure for complaints and appeals is set out in [section 13](#).

Glossary

- 1.15 Words and phrases in these rules which have a particular meaning are defined in the glossary in [section 14](#).

Appendices

- 1.16 A summary of the changes in these rules compared to the rules published in 2011 is provided at [appendix I](#). A list of organisations which may be able to provide help and advice is provided at [appendix II](#), and some guidance on maternity, adoption and related awards is provided at [appendix III](#).
- 1.17 These appendices are provided for information and are not part of the rules themselves.

Section 2 The People Eligible for an NHS Bursary

Personal Eligibility

2.1 A student is eligible for an NHS bursary if the student satisfies all of the following conditions. These are that the student:

- (a) is a **pre-registration student** of one of the **healthcare professions** listed in [table 2](#) who has not previously been registered in that **healthcare profession**; and
- (b) satisfies the general immigration and residence requirements set down by the Secretary of State for Health in [paragraph 2.2](#) and [table 1](#) below; and
- (c) satisfies, in the case of students of medicine or dentistry, the particular residence requirement at [paragraph 2.4](#) below; and
- (d) is not attending the course on **secondment**; and
- (e) is not in receipt of support in excess of the value of an NHS Bursary by reason of sponsorship or assistance from another scheme (other than the **Student Loan Scheme** or **Access to Learning Funds**), as set out in [paragraphs 2.5](#) below; and
- (f) is not held in custody while on or awaiting trial, or serving a prison sentence.

General Immigration and Residence Requirements

2.2 The general immigration and residence requirements for NHS Bursaries are set out in [table 1](#). There is an immigration status in the first column and a residence requirement in the second column. A student must satisfy both the immigration status and residence requirement in at least one table entry in order to receive a bursary.

2.3 The third column of [table 1](#) sets out the type of bursary to which the student satisfying the associated immigration and residence requirements will be entitled. This can be either a **full bursary** or a **fees only** bursary.

Table 1: Immigration Status and Residence Requirements

Immigration Status	Associated Residence Requirements	Eligibility
Persons who are settled in the UK		
<p>(a) Settled in the UK, other than by having acquired the right to permanent residence, on the first day of the first academic year of the course.</p>	<p>(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(ii) has been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the three years preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(iii) whose residence in the UK and Islands has not during any part of the period referred to in entry (a)(ii) above, been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, unless they are a person who is treated as ordinarily resident on account of their or their family's temporary absence abroad under the definition of ordinarily resident in the glossary.</p>	<p>Full Bursary</p> <p>Note: UK nationals who have always lived in the UK will qualify under this entry.</p>
<p>(b) settled in the UK by virtue of having acquired the right to permanent residence.</p>	<p>(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(ii) has been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the three years preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(iii) in a case where the person's ordinary residence in entry (b)(ii) above was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA and Switzerland immediately before the period of ordinary residence referred to in entry (b)(ii).</p>	<p>Full Bursary</p>

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Immigration Status	Associated Residence Requirement	Eligibility
Refugees and their family members		
(c) A refugee .	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands and has not ceased to be so resident since the person was recognised as a refugee , and (ii) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary
(d) The spouse or civil partner of a refugee , and was the spouse or civil partner of the refugee on the date on which the refugee made the application for asylum.	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands and has not ceased to be so resident since being given leave to enter or remain in the UK , and (ii) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary
(e) The child of a refugee or the child of the spouse or civil partner of a refugee , and on the date on which the refugee made the application for asylum was the child of the refugee or the child of a person who was the spouse or civil partner of the refugee on that date, and was under 18 on the date on which the refugee made the application for asylum.	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands and has not ceased to be so resident since being given leave to enter or remain in the UK , and (ii) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary

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Immigration Status	Associated Residence Requirement	Eligibility
Persons granted humanitarian protection and their family members		
(f) A person granted humanitarian protection .	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and (ii) has been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary
(g) The spouse or civil partner of a person granted humanitarian protection , and was the spouse or civil partner of the person granted humanitarian protection on the date on which that person applied for asylum.	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and (ii) has been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary
(h) The child of a person granted humanitarian protection or the child of the spouse or civil partner of a person granted humanitarian protection , and on the asylum application date was the child of that person or the child of a person who was the spouse or civil partner of the person granted humanitarian protection on that date, and was under 18 on the asylum application date.	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and (ii) has been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary

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Immigration Status	Associated Residence Requirement	Eligibility
Workers, employed persons, self employed persons and their family members		
(i) An EEA migrant worker or an EEA self-employed person , or a family member of such a person.	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and (ii) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA or Switzerland throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary
(j) A Swiss employed person or a Swiss self-employed person or a family member of such a person.	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and (ii) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA or Switzerland throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary
(k) An EEA frontier worker or an EEA frontier self-employed person , or a family member of such a person.	Has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA or Switzerland throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary
(l) A Swiss frontier employed person or a Swiss frontier self-employed person , or a family member of such a person.	Has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA or Switzerland throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary

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Immigration Status	Associated Residence Requirement	Eligibility
(m) a person entitled to support by virtue of Article 12 of Regulation 1612/68 on Free Movement of Workers as extended by the EEA agreement.	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and (ii) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA and Switzerland throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.	Full Bursary
Persons who are settled in the UK and have exercised a right of residence elsewhere		
(n) Settled in the UK and has exercised a right of residence elsewhere.	(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK and settled in the UK immediately before leaving the UK , and (ii) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and (iii) Ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA and Switzerland throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course, and (iv) in a case where the person's ordinary residence referred to in entry (n)(iii) was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA and Switzerland immediately before the period of ordinary residence referred to in entry (n)(iii).	Full Bursary

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Immigration Status	Associated Residence Requirement	Eligibility
EU nationals		
<p>(o) An EU national on the first day of the first academic year of the course, or a family member of such a person.</p>	<p>(i) Ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA or Switzerland throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(ii) whose ordinary residence in the territory comprising the EEA or Switzerland has not, during any part of the period referred to in entry (o)(i) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, unless they are a person who is treated as ordinarily resident on account of their or their family's temporary absence abroad under the definition of ordinarily resident in the glossary.</p>	Fees Only Bursary
<p>(p) An EU national on the first day of the first academic year of the course, other than a UK national.</p>	<p>(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(ii) ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the three-year period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and</p> <p>(iii) in a case where the persons ordinary residence referred to in entry (p) (ii) was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA and Switzerland immediately prior to the period of ordinary residence referred to in entry (p)(ii).</p>	Full Bursary

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Immigration Status	Associated Residence Requirement	Eligibility
Children of Swiss Nationals		
<p>(q) A child of a Swiss national who is entitled to support in the UK by article 3(6) of annex 1 of the Swiss agreement.</p>	<p>(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(ii) ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA or Switzerland throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(iii) in a case where the persons ordinary residence referred to in entry (q) (ii) was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA and Switzerland immediately prior to the period of ordinary residence referred to in entry (q)(ii).</p>	Full Bursary
Children of Turkish Workers		
<p>(r) The child of a Turkish worker.</p>	<p>(i) Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course, and</p> <p>(ii) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the EEA, Switzerland and Turkey throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.</p>	Full Bursary

Additional Residence Requirement for Medical and Dental Students

2.4 Each **UK** country is responsible for its own medical and dental students, wherever they study in the **UK**. Because of this, and in addition to the general immigration and residence requirements set out at [paragraph 2.2](#) and [2.3](#) and in [table 1](#) above, the **NHS Bursary Scheme** will only provide bursaries for medical and dental students who are either:

- (a) **Ordinarily resident** in England on the first day of the first **academic year** of their course; or
- (b) Are not **ordinarily resident** in the **UK** or **Islands** but qualify for an NHS Bursary under the provisions in [entries \(k\), \(l\), or \(o\)](#) in [table 1](#) above.

Students with Assistance from Employers or Other Schemes

2.5 A student who is sponsored, or in receipt of any scholarship, exhibition, bursary or award of similar description (other than from the **Student Loan Scheme** or **Access to Learning Funds**), is not eligible for an NHS Bursary if their **income after tax** from any sponsorships or awards in the **academic year** exceeds the maximum bursary, including any contribution towards tuition fees, that would have been payable had the student not been in receipt of the award.

Section 3 The Courses Eligible for an NHS Bursary

Course Eligibility

3.1A course is eligible for an NHS Bursary if it satisfies all the following conditions. These are that:

- a. it is provided by a **recognised institution of Higher Education** in England or, for courses leading to professional registration as a doctor or dentist, in the **UK**; and
- b. it leads to a professional registration in one of the healthcare professions listed in [table 2](#) below; and
- c. it is either provided under a contract with an NHS organisation or it is a course leading to professional registration as a doctor or dentist; and
- d. if it is a course leading to professional registration as a doctor or dentist, it is a part of the course which is eligible for a bursary as set out in [paragraph 3.2](#) and [table 3](#) below.

Table 2: Eligible Healthcare Professions

Eligible Healthcare Professions	
Chiropodist or Podiatrist	Operating Department Practitioner
Dental Hygienist/Dental Therapist	Orthotist/Prosthetist
Dentist	Orthoptist
Dietician	Physiotherapist
Doctor	Radiographer
Nurse	Radiotherapist
Midwife	Speech and Language Therapist
Occupational Therapist	

The Parts of a Medical or Dental Course Eligible for an NHS Bursary

3.2 Only the later years of courses leading to professional registration as a doctor or dentist are eligible for an NHS Bursary. These years are set out in [table 3](#) below, subject to the qualification concerning repeat years set out in [paragraph 3.3](#) below.

Table 3: Eligible Parts of Medical and Dental Courses

Type of Medical or Dental Pre-Registration Course	Part of Course Eligible for an NHS Bursary					
	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Years Six or more
Five or more years pre-registration course (including any integral foundation or intercalating years at bachelor or masters degree level).	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	NHS Bursary	NHS Bursary
Shortened/Accelerated four year pre-registration course for graduates.	Not Eligible	NHS Bursary	NHS Bursary	NHS Bursary		
Shortened/Accelerated three year pre-registration course for graduates.	Not Eligible	NHS Bursary	NHS Bursary			

3.3 An additional year of study required to be undertaken as a repeat of a year which was not itself eligible for a bursary, is not eligible for a bursary. But an additional year of study required to be undertaken as a repeat of a year which would have been eligible for a bursary, may be eligible for a bursary under the rules in [section 9](#).

Part Time, Accelerated, Post Graduate and International Courses

3.4 For the avoidance of doubt, eligible courses can be **part-time** or **full-time** and include:

- a) Accelerated courses aimed at graduates from other disciplines.
- b) Pre-registration courses at masters, graduate diploma or postgraduate diploma level.
- c) **International courses** (sometimes undertaken as a study-abroad option for part of a course).

Changes to the list of Professions

3.5 From time to time professions may be added or removed from the list in [table 2](#). Changes in rules are normally published in the summer before the autumn term when most courses begin. Wherever possible the Department of Health will give prior notice of any proposed change. Where a profession is removed from the list, pre-registration courses in that profession will continue to be eligible for an NHS bursary for students who started their course before the change in the rules is published. Where a profession is added to the list, pre-registration courses in that profession will become eligible for an NHS bursary for students who start their course after the change in rules is published.

Section 4 Tuition Fee Contributions

- 4.1 Most courses eligible for an NHS Bursary, other than those leading to professional registration as a doctor or dentist, are funded directly by the NHS. For this reason the majority of students on courses eligible for an NHS bursary do not have to pay tuition fees.
- 4.2 But tuition fees are payable on courses leading to professional registration as a doctor or dentist. In these cases the **NHS Bursary Scheme** will pay a grant towards tuition fees, but only for the later years of the course which are eligible for an NHS Bursary as set out in [section 3](#) and [table 3](#), and only if the student is attending the course on 1 December of the year for which a fee is payable.
- 4.3 The maximum amount of help the medical or dental student will get towards their tuition fees for each **academic year** is set out in [table 4](#) below. If a student's tuition fees are less than this, the tuition fee contribution will be limited to the student's actual fees. If the student's tuition fees are higher the student will have to pay the balance, although the student may be able to apply for a loan from the Student Loan Company to cover the additional cost.

Table 4 Maximum Annual Tuition Fee Contribution

Year and Type of Course	Maximum Annual Tuition Fee Contribution
	Courses starting on or after 1 September 2012
Any eligible academic year of an international course where the periods of study at the institution in the UK are no more than 10 weeks full-time or 30 weeks part-time (excluding holidays).	£4,500
Any final year of a course which is ordinarily required to be completed after less than 15 weeks attendance.	£4,500
Any other eligible academic year on a pre-registration course lasting 5 or more years (including any integral foundation or intercalating years at bachelor or masters degree level).	£9,000
Any other eligible academic year on a shortened/accelerated pre-registration course for graduates.	£3,465

How the Tuition Fee Contribution is Paid

- 4.4 The tuition fee contribution is paid annually on behalf of the student, directly to the higher education institution providing the course, provided the student is attending the course on 1 December of the year for which the fees are payable.

Section 5 Maintenance Awards

5.1 All students who are eligible for an NHS Bursary, other than **EU** nationals who qualify for a **fees only bursary** under entry (o) of [table 1](#), are eligible for a **full bursary** including a **maintenance award**.

Calculation of Maintenance Award

5.2 The amount of **maintenance award** payable is assessed for each **academic year**. The calculation for students who started their course on or after 1 September 2012 is set out in [table 5](#) below, subject to an adjustment for **part-time** courses set out in [paragraph 5.3](#) below.

Table 5: Maintenance award Calculation

Maintenance Award	
Non Means-Tested Allowances	
	(a) A non means tested grant as set out in table 6 ,
plus	(b) Any disabled students allowance as set out in section 6 ,
plus	(c) The reimbursement of practice placement expenses as set out in section 7 .
Means-Tested Allowances	
	(d) The means tested bursary as set out in table 6 ,
plus	(e) Any extra weeks allowance as set out in paragraph 5.4 ,
plus	(f) Any dependants allowance or parent learning allowance payable under paragraphs 8.2 to 8.7
plus	(g) Any childcare allowance payable under paragraphs 8.8 to 8.10
minus	(i) Any deduction on account of the student's, parent's , spouse's, civil partner's or partner's income as set out in paragraphs 5.6 to 5.17 below.

Adjustment for Part-Time Courses

5.3 Where the course is a **part-time** course the disabled students allowance payable under the rules in [section 6](#) below, practice placement expenses payable under [section 7](#) below, and any childcare allowances payable under [paragraphs 8.8 to 8.10](#) below, will be the same as for a **full-time** course. Other elements of the **maintenance award** in each **academic year** will be a proportion of the amount payable for **full-time** courses determined as follows:

- (a) for courses which are normally 3 years **full-time**:
 - (i) For a 4 year **part-time** course 75%;
 - (ii) For a 5 year **part-time** course 60%;
 - (iii) For a 6 year **part-time** course 50%.
- (b) For all other courses the appropriate proportion of the **full-time** rate taking into account the relative length of the **part-time** course and the equivalent **full-time** course.

Table 6: Basic Allowance

Place Where the Student is Studying and Living	Non-Means Tested Grant	Means Tested Bursary
(a) Studying in London and living away from the parental home during the course.	£1,000	£3,128
(b) Studying outside London and living away from the parental home during the course.	£1,000	£2,591
(c) Living at the parental home during the course.	£1,000	£2,163

Extra Weeks Allowance for More Intensive Courses

- 5.4 If a student's course runs during the **academic year** for a period of more than 30 weeks and 3 days excluding holidays, the student's extra weeks allowance is determined as follows:
- (a) Where the student's course runs during the **academic year** for a period of less than 45 weeks excluding holidays, the extra weeks allowance is the amount set out [table 7](#) multiplied by the number of additional weeks of attendance over 30 weeks and 3 days, rounding to the nearest whole week, or
 - (b) Where the student's course runs during the **academic year** for a period of 45 or more weeks excluding holidays, the extra weeks allowance is the amount set out in [table 7](#) multiplied by 22.

Table 7: Extra Weeks Allowance

Place Where the Student is Studying and Living	Extra Weeks Allowance
(a) Studying in London and living away from the parental home during the course.	£106
(b) Studying outside London and living away from the parental home during the course.	£82
(c) Living at the parental home during the course.	£54

How the Maintenance Award is Paid

- 5.5 The **maintenance award** will be paid direct to the student's bank or building society account, after confirmation of attendance is received from the relevant higher education institution. Students should be aware that none of the elements of the maintenance award are paid in lump sums in advance, but are instead paid either in instalments or after receipt of the appropriate claim. In particular:
- (a) Any practice placement expenses payments will only become payable after the relevant expenses claim has been received, approved and processed.
 - (b) Any disabled students allowance payments will only become payable after the appropriate documentation has been received, approved and processed.
 - (c) All other elements of the **maintenance award**, including the non-means tested grant and any extra weeks allowance will be paid monthly, as far as practicable in equal monthly instalments.

Deduction on Account of the Student's Income

- 5.6 The amount deducted from a **maintenance award** on account of a student's own income is the student's **income after tax** in the **academic year** from any source, but disregarding:
- (a) In relation to the specific types of income set out in [table 8](#) below, the whole amount of that income.
 - (b) In relation to the specific types of income set out in [table 9](#) below, income of that type up to the maximum amount set out in the table.
- 5.7 Any payments that would be income if they were made to the student rather than to a third party on the student's behalf will be deemed to be the student's income.
- 5.8 The amount of any payment for the maintenance of the student's child or former spouse or civil partner under any court order or binding agreement, instrument or enactment will be deducted from the student's **income after tax** before calculating the deduction from the **maintenance award**.

5.9 Where the student's spouse, civil partner, **partner**, child or step-child is also in receipt of an NHS bursary or other **publicly funded student support**, for which the student is deemed to make a contribution, the student's contribution to their own support will be reduced in proportion to the number of persons for whom they are deemed to be making a contribution.

Table 8: Student's Income which is Exempt

Types of Income Which are Exempt
(a) Any income received by a student, who is not an independent student , from a parent , spouse, civil partner or partner from whom a contribution is deemed to be made under these rules, including any such contribution made through a trust, covenant or other similar instrument.
(b) Any pension, allowance or other benefit paid by reason of a disability to which the student is subject and any war widow's or war widower's pension.
(c) Any bounty received as a reservist with the armed forces.
(d) Remuneration for work done during any academic year of the student's course, if it is a full-time course.
(e) Any payment made for a specific educational purpose other than to meet such tuition fee contributions and maintenance requirements as are specified in the NHS Bursary Scheme .
(f) Any payments under the EU Action Scheme, or the EU scheme for the mobility of university students known as ERASMUS or other EU or EEA programmes for the encouragement of the mobility of students.
(g) Any payment to the student by way of a student loan or from Access to Learning funds held by the institution providing the student's course, or an NHS Hardship Grant under this scheme.
(h) Child tax credits and working tax credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002 and income support.

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Types of Income Which are Exempt
(i) Any housing benefit or council tax benefit under a statutory or local scheme under part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or any council tax benefit under a statutory or local scheme under that Act.
(j) Child benefit under part IX of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992.
(k) Any other payments made to the eligible student for the maintenance of a child legally in the student's care by virtue of any court order or other binding agreement, instrument or enactment.

Table 9: Student's Income which is Disregarded

Type of Income	Amount Disregarded
(a) Sponsorship income , or remuneration for work done while on a part-time course.	Up to £4,921
(b) Income under a trust deed or similar instrument where the student is an independent student .	Up to £2,306
(c) Any pension, allowance or other benefit payable by reason of incapacity to which the student is subject, his or her old age, retirement, the death of a spouse, civil partner, parent or other person on whom the student was dependent , or by reason of his military or public service.	Up to £3,959
(d) Any income not otherwise disregarded for either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a single parent (ii) a single independent student (iii) any other student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to £2,270 Up to £8,891 Up to £1,044

Contribution by a Student's Parents

- 5.11 Unless the student is an independent student as defined in [paragraph 5.18](#) below, a contribution towards the student's maintenance is assumed to be made by any parent if their total income before tax, and after any deductions allowed in [table 10](#) below, is in excess of the threshold set out in [table 11](#) below. Where it is, the excess is the parents' **residual income** for the purpose of determining the assumed contribution in [paragraph 5.16](#) below.
- 5.12 Where the student's **parents** are no longer ordinarily living with each other the BSA will take into account for the purposes of [paragraph 5.11](#) above the income of the **parent** the BSA considers to be the more appropriate in the circumstances.
- 5.13 Where the student's **parents** are assumed to make a contribution, the amount is determined under the rules in [paragraphs 5.16 and 5.17](#) below, and this amount is deducted from the student's **maintenance award** irrespective of the actual contribution, if any, made by the **parents**.

Contribution from a Spouse, Civil Partner or Partner

- 5.14 A contribution towards the student's maintenance is assumed to be made by a student's spouse, civil partner or **partner**, provided they are not separated, and the spouse, civil partner or **partner** has an **income before tax**, after any deductions allowed in [table 10](#) below, in excess of the threshold set out in [table 11](#) below. Where it is in excess of the threshold, the excess is the spouse's, civil partner's or **partner's residual income** for the purpose of determining the assumed contribution in [paragraph 5.16](#) below.
- 5.15 Where the student's spouse, civil partner or **partner** is assumed to make a contribution, the amount is determined under the rules in [paragraphs 5.16 and 5.17](#) below, and this amount is deducted from the student's **maintenance award** irrespective of the actual contribution, if any, made by the spouse, civil partner or **partner**.

Amount of Any Contribution

- 5.16 The amount of the contribution assumed to be made by the student's **parents**, spouse, civil partner or **partner** is the amount in relation to their **residual income** that is set out in [table 11](#) below, less any deduction allowed for other children set out in [table 11](#), and subject to the minimum contribution also set out in [table 11](#) below.

5.17 For the purposes of paragraphs 5.11 to 5.15 above, the **income before tax** of a **parent**, spouse, civil partner or **partner** will be assessed for the last **UK** tax year ending before the **academic year** for which the **maintenance award** is being determined unless:

- (a) the BSA are satisfied that the income of a **parent** or spouse or civil partner or **partner** is wholly or mainly derived from the profits of a business or profession carried out by that person, in which case his or her income from that business will be assessed by reference to the latest available annual accounts of that profession or business, or
- (b) the BSA are satisfied that, for reasons outside the control of a **parent** or spouse or civil partner or **partner**, their **income before tax** in the **academic year** for which their contribution is being assessed is likely to be no more than 85% of their income in the last **UK** tax year ending before that **academic year**, in which case the assessment will be made by taking as the residual income the average of the residual income for each of the tax years in which that **academic year** falls.

Table 10: Deductions Allowed from the Income of a Parent or Spouse or Civil Partner or Partner

Income	Amount of Deduction
(a) Any income which is exempt from tax under the Income Tax Acts or would be exempt under those Acts if the income were taxable in the UK rather than overseas.	The whole amount
(b) Pension contributions which are eligible for tax relief in the UK , or would be eligible for relief if the income applied to them were taxable in the UK rather than overseas.	The whole amount
(c) Any payments made to the parent of the student under an order of a competent court for the benefit of a child who is not the parent's child, but for whom he or she has custody or care or for whom he or she provides accommodation.	The whole amount

Table 11: Threshold, Rates of Contribution and Deductions from the Contribution of a Parent or Spouse or Civil Partner or Partner

Threshold and Rate	Amount
(a) Parent's contribution threshold.	£24,279
(b) Spouse's, civil partner's or partner's contribution threshold.	£24,279
(c) Parent's contribution for each complete £9.50 of residual income .	£1
(d) Spouse's, civil partner's or partner's contribution for each complete £9.50 of residual income .	£1
(e) Minimum contribution.	£45
(f) Deduction for each child of the parent or the parent's spouse or civil partner or partner , other than the student.	£95

Definition of an Independent Student

5.18 A student is regarded as an **independent student** if the student can demonstrate that he or she:

- (a) has supported him or herself out of his or her own earnings before the first **academic year** of the course for periods aggregating at least 3 years; or
- (b) would meet the condition in [paragraph 5.18\(a\)](#) above if any period or periods were included for which the student was:
 - (i) participating in arrangements for training for the unemployed under any scheme operated, sponsored or funded by a **State authority**;
 - (ii) in receipt of benefits payable by a **State authority** in respect of a person who is unemployed but available for work;

- (iii) available for employment and had complied with any requirement imposed by a **State authority** as a condition of receiving benefits or training described in paragraphs 5.18(b)(i) and 5.18(b)(ii) above;
 - (iv) in receipt of a **state studentship** or similar award;
 - (v) in receipt of any pension, allowance or other benefit paid by reason of a disability to which the student is subject, or by reason of maternity, injury or sickness, paid by any person;
- (c) is or has been married or in a civil partnership at the start of an **academic year**; or
- (d) has no **parent** living; or
- (e) is **irreconcilably estranged** from his or her **parents**; or
- (f) has satisfied the BSA that his or her **parents** cannot be found or that it is not reasonably practicable to get in touch with them; or
- (g) is a **care-leaver**; or
- (h) is a member of a religious order who lives in a house of his or her order; or
- (i) is a student whose **parents** are residing outside the **EU** in circumstances where the assessment of a parental contribution would put them in jeopardy or that it would not be reasonably practicable for them to send any such contribution to the **UK**; or
- (j) is responsible for the care of a person under the age of 18 who was **dependent** on the student such that the student could not reasonably have been expected to support themselves out of their earnings.

Section 6 Disabled Students Allowance

6.1 Where a disabled student qualifies for a **full bursary**, an allowance for the following costs will be added to his or her **maintenance award**, up to the limit set out in [table 12](#) below, subject to the conditions in [paragraphs 6.2 to 6.4](#) below, provided the BSA are satisfied in each case that it is reasonable in the light of that student's assessed needs for the student to have incurred that additional expenditure to participate in the course. These costs are:

- (a) The cost of employing a non-medical personal helper;
- (b) Major items of specialist equipment;
- (c) Additional expenditure for travel in the **UK**, reasonably incurred by reason of the student's disability, to attend or participate in the course or a practice placement arranged as part of the course;
- (d) Any other costs, which exceed the limits applicable to the items at [sub-paragraphs \(a\) to \(c\)](#) above, which the student is obliged to incur to attend or participate in the course and which do not arise irrespective of attendance at the course, including:
 - (i) the assessment by a qualified person or body of a disabled student's course-related needs;
 - (ii) any reasonable costs associated with the use and ownership of equipment needed to attend or participate in the course such as training, insurance, warranty, repair or modification.

6.2 A student will be eligible for the Disabled Students Allowance if it appears to the BSA that the student is likely to satisfy the definition of a disabled person contained in the Equality Act 2010. In order to assist the BSA in forming a reasonable view of the student's needs, the student must provide an assessment of his or her needs made by an assessment centre approved by the Disabled Students Allowance Quality Assessment Group (**DSA-QAG**).

- 6.3 A disabled students allowance is personal to the student and may not be used to contribute to the infrastructure, administrative or pastoral costs of the higher education institution concerned, or to other services which it might reasonably be expected to provide. The allowance may not be paid to any third party without the written consent of the BSA and the student.
- 6.4 Any equipment purchased becomes and remains the property of the student.

Table 12: Rates of Disabled Students Allowance

Type of Cost	Maximum Amount
(a) Helper	£20,520 for each academic year
(b) Equipment	£5,162 for the whole course
(c) Travel	Actual cost for each academic year
(d) Other costs	£1,724 for each academic year

Section 7 Practice Placement Expenses

- 7.1 Students who qualify for a **full bursary** are entitled to have some of the additional costs arising from attendance at a practice placement added to their **maintenance award**, provided a valid claim is made within 6 months of the cost being incurred. These costs are specified in [paragraphs 7.2](#) and [7.3](#) below, and calculated on the basis of the rules in [paragraphs 7.7](#) below, subject to the limits set out in [table 13](#) below.
- 7.2 The costs that are added to the **maintenance award** are those costs of a type described in [paragraph 7.3](#) below, which are not already covered by the disability allowance in [section 6](#), and are necessarily and reasonably incurred in attending either:
- (a) a part of the course which constitutes supervised clinical practice at premises other than those of the higher education institution providing the course; or
 - (b) an institution overseas where attendance overseas is a necessary part of the course.
- 7.3 The types of cost that can be added while on practice placement are as follows:
- (a) the cost of **temporary accommodation** near the clinical practice site where it is not practicable for the student to travel there from his or her **normal accommodation** on a daily basis, provided that the **temporary accommodation** is not the **parental home**;
 - (b) the costs of travel arising from the practice placement that exceed the daily costs of travel in term time between the student's **normal accommodation** and the higher education institution providing their course. This will either be:
 - (i) Any excess cost arising from daily travel between the students **normal accommodation** and the practice placement site, or
 - (ii) Any excess cost arising from one weekly return journey between the student's **normal accommodation** and the **temporary accommodation**, and
 - (iii) Any excess cost arising from daily travel from the **temporary accommodation** to the practice placement site.
 - (c) the additional cost of being required to travel to visit other practice placement sites or the homes of patients while on practice placement, where the student is not given free transport;

- (d) where the student is attending a part of the course overseas, the additional travelling costs necessarily incurred within or outside the **UK** that are in excess of the student's normal daily cost of travel between their **normal accommodation** and the higher education institution they normally attend, and any essential associated costs such as accommodation, medical insurance, tests and any fees for visas;
- 7.4 Other costs arising in connection with practice placements such as the costs of refreshments, tips and phone calls will not be reimbursed.

Means of Travel

- 7.5 Students are expected to travel by public transport where it is reasonably practical to do so. But the costs of using a private motor vehicle may be taken into account in a claim for re-imburement if:
- (a) The Higher Education Institution concerned agrees in advance that it is not reasonably practicable for the student to use public transport; and
 - (b) The Higher Education Institution is satisfied in advance that the student has adequate insurance cover for all risks associated with this use of the motor vehicle.
- 7.6 Students travelling by private motor vehicle should understand that they do so at their own risk. The exceptional provision in these rules for re-imburement of the costs of travel by private motor vehicle do not constitute any acceptance of liability by the Higher Education Institution, the NHS Business Services Authority or any other NHS body for the risks arising from the use of the private motor vehicle concerned.

Calculation of the Amount to be Reimbursed

7.7 For the purposes of these rules the cost to be reimbursed is calculated on the following basis:

- (a) For travel the costs are:
 - (i) the receipted cost of travel by the most direct route by public transport using the most favourable rates, concessionary schemes or facilities available to the student; or
 - (ii) where the student travels in his or her own car, the distance travelled by the most direct route at the mileage rate set out in [table 13](#), and the actual receipted cost of any parking, tolls or ferries necessarily incurred on that journey;
 - (iii) Less the cost of daily travel in term time between the student's normal accommodation and the student's Higher Education Institution for the relevant period.
- (b) For **temporary accommodation** the costs are the actual receipted cost of the **temporary accommodation** up to the limits set in [table 13](#) below.
- (c) For all other costs reimbursable under the rules above, the actual receipted cost.

Application for Reimbursement

7.8 Students must submit claims for practice placement expenses, including the appropriate receipts, to their higher education institution. All claims must be checked by the higher education institution before they are sent to the NHS Student Bursaries Unit.

Time Limit

7.9 No reimbursement will be made in respect of claims presented more than six months after the relevant costs were incurred.

Table 13: Limits on Reimbursable Practice Placement Expenses

Cost	Limit
(a) Public transport	Actual cost
(b) Travel in or on the student's own vehicle: Pedal Cycle Motor vehicle up to 125cc Other motor vehicle Additional reimbursement per passenger who is also eligible for a full bursary and travelling to a practice placement Parking, Tolls and Ferries	6.2p per mile 16.2p per mile 23p per mile 2p per mile Actual cost
(c) Temporary Accommodation: Commercial Accommodation (e.g. hotel, bed and breakfast) Non-commercial Accommodation	£55 per night £25 per night

Section 8 Other Allowances

8.1 Students who qualify for a **full bursary** may also qualify for additional allowances. These allowances are:

- (a) A dependants allowance (paragraphs 8.2 to 8.6 below).
- (b) A parents learning allowance (paragraphs 8.7 below).
- (c) A childcare allowance (paragraphs 8.8 to 8.10 below).

Dependants Allowance

8.2 Where a student qualifies for a **full bursary**, a dependants allowance will be added to the student's **maintenance award** in respect of those persons **ordinarily resident** in the **UK** who are wholly or mainly **dependent** on the student, and who are not:

- (a) in receipt of an NHS Bursary or other **publicly funded student support**, or
- (b) a spouse, civil partner or **partner** with whom the student no longer ordinarily lives (whether or not there is a formal separation).

8.3 Subject to paragraph 8.6 below, the amount of dependants allowance to be added to the student's **maintenance award** in each **academic year** will be any positive result determined by the following formula:

$$TDA - TDNI$$

Where TDA is the total of all the dependant's allowances for the student's dependants as set out in table 14 below, and TDNI is the total of his or her dependants' net incomes after income disregards as calculated in paragraph 8.4 below.

8.4 The total of the dependants' net incomes after income disregards for the purposes of determining how much dependants allowance is payable under [paragraph 8.3](#) above is:

- (a) The total **income after tax** of all the dependants in the academic year concerned, after disregarding any pensions, allowances or other benefits paid to them by reason of their disability and not subject to tax under the Income Tax Acts;
- (b) Less so much of the total amount of income disregarded when the income disregards specified for each dependant in [table 14](#) below are added together, as does not exceed the total income after tax calculated under [sub-paragraph 8.4\(a\)](#) above.

8.5 For the avoidance of doubt, any of the following paid to the student in relation to the dependant, are not regarded as part of the dependant's income for the purposes of the calculation in paragraph 8.4:

- (a) any child benefit paid under Part IX of the Social Security Benefits Act 1992; and
- (b) any payments made to the student under an order of a competent court for the maintenance of a child for whom he or she has custody; and
- (c) any payment made by an adoption agency under regulations under section 4 of the Adoption and Children Act; and
- (d) any payment of a guardian's allowance under Section 77 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992; and
- (e) any payment made under section 23 of the Children Act 1989 in respect of a child in the care of a local authority who is boarded out with the student; and
- (f) any payment made under an order made under Section 34 of the Children Act 1975 in respect of a child who is not a child of the student or the student's spouse, civil partner or **partner**; and
- (g) any payment made under Section 15 and Schedule 1 to the Children Act 1989 in respect of a child who is not a child of the student or the student's spouse, civil partner or **partner**; and
- (h) any assistance given by a local authority under Section 24 of the Children Act 1989 in respect of a child who is not a child of the student or the student's spouse, civil partner or **partner**.

8.6 If a dependant is also the dependant of the student's spouse or civil partner, and the spouse or civil partner is receiving **publicly funded student support** which takes account of the requirements of the dependant, then the amount added to the dependants allowance in respect of that dependant is half the amount determined under [paragraph 8.3](#) above.

Table 14: Rates of Dependants Allowances

Dependants Allowance and Income Disregarded in Calculation of Allowance		
Person	Allowance	Income Disregarded
(a) Spouse, civil partner, partner or other dependent adult	2,400	1,000
(b) First child if there are no dependent adults	2,400	1,000
(c) Any other children whose age on the first day of the academic year is under 19	539	1,000

Parent Learning Allowance

8.7 A student who is entitled to receive a dependants allowance under paragraphs 8.2 to 8.6 above in respect of a child under the age of 19 years, will receive the more favourable of the following adjustments:

- (a) The amount of the student's own income which is disregarded for the purposes of the **maintenance award** is increased as specified in entry (a) of table 15 for the parent learning allowance; or
- (b) The dependants allowance is increased by the amount of the parent learning allowance as specified in entry (b) of table 15; or
- (c) A higher amount of their own income is disregarded as specified in entry (c) of table 15.

Table 15: Rates of Parent Learning Allowance

Form Of Parent Learning Allowance	Rate
(a) (i) higher standard income disregard	£2,270
(ii) single independent student disregard	£8,891
(b) Parent learning allowance	£1,180
(c) Parent learning allowance disregard for a first child and for each subsequent child	£3,035 £960

Childcare Allowance

8.8 Where a student qualifies for a **full bursary** and has **parental responsibility** for a child who is under 15 years of age on the first day of the **academic year**, or under 17 years of age if the child is registered with special educational needs, a childcare allowance in relation to childcare of a type set out in [paragraph 8.9](#) below will be added to the student's **maintenance award** in respect of childcare costs up to the maximum amount and at the rate set out in [table 16](#) below, subject to the exclusions set out in [paragraph 8.10](#) below.

8.9 The types of childcare for which a childcare allowance is payable are:

- (a) childcare provided by persons registered under the Childcare Act 2006 and on:
 - (i) the **OFSTED** Early Years Register for children under 5; or
 - (ii) the **OFSTED** compulsory part of the General Childcare Register for children aged 5 to 7; or
 - (iii) the **OFSTED** voluntary part of the General Childcare Register for children aged 8 or over.
- (b) childcare provided by out-of-school clubs run on school premises by a school or a local authority or by a third party provider who is registered with **OFSTED**;
- (c) childcare provided in the child's own home by a care worker or nurse from an agency registered with the Commission for Social Care Inspection under the Care Standards Act who is expected to comply with the Domiciliary Care Agencies Regulations 2002 or the Nurses Agency Regulations 2002 as appropriate.

8.10 No childcare allowance will be payable where the student, spouse, civil partner or **partner** is in receipt of the childcare element of Working Tax Credit, and no childcare allowance will be payable in respect of:

- (a) normal education provided by local authority, religious or private schools;
- (b) free early-years education provided by the local authority;
- (c) childcare where the registered provider is the student's spouse, civil partner or **partner**;

- (d) childcare provided by a **close relative** of the child in the child's own home;
- (e) childcare provided by a **close relative** of the child away from the child's own home where the care is solely for the student's children, or the student's children and the **close relative's** children.

Table16: Rates of Childcare Allowance and Maximum Amounts

Number of Children	Maximum Amount Eligible	Rate	Maximum Amount Payable
(a) For one child of the student	£149 per week	85% of gross actual cost	£126.65
(b) For two or more children of the student	£221 per week	85% of gross actual cost	£187.85

Section 9 Changes in Circumstances

9.1 This section of the rules applies to the following changes in a student's circumstances after an NHS bursary has been awarded for a particular **academic year**:

- (a) withdrawal from training;
- (b) inability to complete the course;
- (c) moving away from or back to home;
- (d) transferring to another course;
- (e) illness, injury or disability;
- (f) maternity;
- (g) paternity/maternity support;
- (h) adoption;
- (i) an extension to a course;
- (j) marriage, civil partnership or living with a **partner**;
- (k) loss of a spouse, civil partner or **partner**;
- (l) loss of a **parent**;
- (m) separation of **parents**;
- (n) loss of an adult dependant;
- (o) loss of a child;
- (p) a change in eligibility for an NHS bursary;
- (q) a material change in the income of the student, student's **parent**, spouse, civil partner or **partner**;
- (r) cases of hardship on medical and dental courses.

- 9.2 In any other case where a student's circumstances change in a way which may affect their eligibility for an NHS Bursary, or the payments they are entitled to under an NHS bursary, or the student's ability to meet the conditions attaching to an NHS bursary, the student should seek advice from the BSA as soon as possible.

Withdrawal from Training

- 9.3 Where a student withdraws from a course, the student must notify the BSA as soon as possible and no later than one month after the event.
- 9.4 Where the BSA becomes aware that a student has withdrawn from a course, the NHS Bursary award will be terminated with effect from the date on which they withdraw.

Inability to complete the course

- 9.5 Where a student ceases to be able to complete the course and qualify in the relevant profession the student and the higher education institution should notify the BSA as soon as possible, and no later than one month after the situation becomes clear.
- 9.6 Where the BSA becomes aware that a student will not be able to complete the course and qualify in the relevant profession, the NHS Bursary award will be terminated from a date which the BSA consider appropriate in the circumstances.

Moving Away From or Back to Home

- 9.7 Where a student changes his or her **normal accommodation** away from or to their **parental home** during an **academic year**, the student must notify the BSA.
- 9.8 In these cases the amount of the basic allowance set out in [table 6](#), and the amount of any extra weeks allowance set out in [table 7](#), will be the aggregate of the basic allowance for the different locations for the parts of the year to which they apply. In calculating the amount due the BSA may treat part of the allowance as being in respect of holidays.

Transferring to Another Course

- 9.9 If the higher education institutions concerned agree that a student who is in receipt of an NHS Bursary should transfer to another course, then provided the new course is also eligible for an NHS Bursary under [section 3](#), the student's NHS Bursary award may be transferred to the new course.

9.10 If a transfer is agreed within the first **academic year** of the course the student is transferring from, then the NHS Bursary award will be extended for up to 12 months to allow the student to continue to receive an NHS Bursary for the whole period ordinarily required to complete the new course.

Illness, Injury or disability

9.11 A student will continue to receive their NHS Bursary during periods of authorised absence due to illness or injury of up to 60 days in an **academic year**, including any holidays which intervene between continuous periods of absence due to illness or injury at the end of one term and the beginning of the next.

9.12 If a student's illness or injury requires more than 60 days leave to be taken in an **academic year**, the student must inform the BSA as soon as possible and no later than one month after it is known that more than 60 days leave will be required. An NHS bursary award will be suspended from the 61st day of absence until the student returns to the course, and may be withdrawn if, after consulting the higher education institution concerned, the BSA consider that that the student is unlikely to be able to complete the course and qualify in the relevant profession.

9.13 Where a student becomes disabled during the course they should notify the BSA as soon as possible, to establish whether a disabled students allowance is payable. If an assessment by a person approved by **DSA-QAG** has not already been arranged, such an assessment will be needed to enable the BSA to determine the additional needs of the student.

Maternity

9.14 Subject to paragraphs 9.15 to 9.17 below, a student who is eligible for a **full bursary** is entitled to a **maternity award** of up to 12 months **maintenance award** in respect of maternity leave authorised by the higher education institution providing the course.

9.15 A **maternity award** includes all elements of the **maintenance award** except those relating to actual attendance at the course. These elements are:

- (a) practice placement expenses, and
- (b) childcare allowance, and
- (c) those elements of the disabled students allowance which relate solely to attendance at the course.

- 9.16 A student must apply for a **maternity award** in the form required by the BSA, including confirmation by the higher education institution of the period for which maternity leave has been granted.
- 9.17 The student should inform the BSA when she returns from maternity leave in order to ensure her **maintenance award** continues after the end of her maternity leave, and that any additional allowances in relation to her child can be added to her **maintenance award**.
- 9.18 Only one **maternity award** will be made in relation to a single pregnancy, irrespective of how many children are born. The **maternity award** remains payable irrespective of whether the child or children concerned are still-born or die after birth.

Maternity Support

- 9.19 Subject to the conditions in [paragraphs 9.18 to 9.20](#) below, a **maintenance award** will continue to be paid to a student for up to 4 weeks authorised leave granted to enable the student to provide support to a mother and child during and after childbirth. This is known as a maternity support award.
- 9.20 A student applying for a maternity support award will need to sign a declaration stating that he or she:
- (a) is taking leave to care for the newborn child and mother, and
 - (b) has, or expects to have, responsibility for the upbringing of the child, and
 - (c) is the spouse, civil partner or **partner** of the child's mother or is the biological or adoptive father or nominated carer of the child.
- 9.21 A maternity support award applies to leave taken during and after the birth of the child, but not to leave taken before the birth of a child to support the mother during pregnancy. The leave may be taken at any time within the first year after the birth of the child, either as one 4 week period or in several shorter periods which add up to 4 weeks. The maternity support award remains payable irrespective of whether the child or children concerned are still-born or die after birth.
- 9.22 Only one maternity support award will be made in relation to a single pregnancy, irrespective of how many children are born.

Adoption

- 9.23 When a student who is eligible for a **full bursary** expects to become the primary carer for a child under 18 which they have adopted, they are entitled to an adoption award of up to 12 months **maintenance award** in respect of adoption leave authorised by the higher education institution providing the course.
- 9.24 The adoption award runs from the date of placement of the child and includes all elements of the **maintenance award** except the following:
- (a) practice placement expenses, and
 - (b) childcare allowance, and
 - (c) those elements of the disabled students allowance which relate solely to attendance at the course.
- 9.25 A student must apply for an adoption award in the form required by the BSA, including confirmation by the higher education institution of the period for which adoption leave has been granted.
- 9.26 Only one adoption award will be made in relation to a single adoption event, irrespective of how many children are adopted.

Extending the time normally required to complete the course

- 9.27 If a student cannot complete the course in the time normally required because of maternity, maternity support or adoption leave, the NHS Bursary will be extended for up to 12 months to allow the student to complete the course.
- 9.28 Where the higher education institution, with the prior approval of the commissioner, requires the student to repeat part of the course, the bursary may be extended for 12 months to allow the student to complete the course, provided the year being repeated was itself eligible for a bursary. But if the amount of maintenance award payable exceeds the amount the BSA consider necessary to allow the student to complete the course, the BSA, with approval from the **commissioner**, may reduce the amount payable to that lower level.

9.29 If a student cannot complete the course in the time normally required for any other reason, an NHS Bursary may be extended for up to 12 months to allow the student to complete the course. But in these circumstances an extension will only be granted if the BSA, after consulting the higher education institution and the course **commissioner**, conclude that there is a reasonable prospect of the student qualifying and, where the course has been commissioned by the NHS, that the **commissioner** is content to fund any additional cost of commissioning the additional tuition.

Marriage, Civil Partnership or Living with a Partner

9.30 When a student marries, enters a civil partnership or commences living with a **partner**, they should notify the BSA as soon as possible and no later than one month after the event to establish whether the marriage, civil partnership or **partnership** affects the amount of **maintenance award** to which they are entitled.

9.31 Where the spouse, civil partner or **partner** is required to make a contribution under these rules, the contribution in the **academic year** in which the marriage, civil partnership or **partnership** has started will be reduced in proportion to the part of the year in which the marriage, civil partnership or partnership existed.

Loss of a Spouse, Civil Partner, or Partner

9.32 When a student loses a spouse, civil partner or **partner** through death, divorce, or separation, they should notify the BSA as soon as possible and no later than one month after the event to establish whether the death, divorce or separation affects the amount of **maintenance award** to which they are entitled.

9.33 Where the spouse, civil partner or **partner** was required to make a contribution under these rules, the contribution in the **academic year** in which the loss occurs will be reduced in proportion to the part of the year which falls after the death, divorce, or separation.

Loss of a Parent

- 9.34 When a student loses a **parent** through death, they should notify the BSA as soon as possible and no later than one month after the event to establish whether the death affects the amount of **maintenance award** to which they are entitled.
- 9.35 Where a **parent** dies after the parental contribution was assessed but before the **academic year** begins, any parental contribution in the **academic year** will be assessed solely in relation to any surviving **parent**.
- 9.36 Where a **parent** dies during the **academic year**, the parental contribution will be determined by reference to the income of both **parents** for the part of the **academic year** before the death occurred, and by reference to the income of the surviving **parent** in relation to the part of the **academic year** after the death occurred, subject to a maximum of the same proportion of the student's maintenance requirement.

Separation of Parents

- 9.37 When a student's **parents** separate, he or she should notify the BSA as soon as possible and in any event within one month to establish whether the separation affects the amount of **maintenance award** to which they are entitled.
- 9.38 Where a student's **parents** separate after the parental contribution was assessed but before the **academic year** begins, any parental contribution in the **academic year** will be re-assessed by reference to the income of the **parent** the BSA considers to be the more appropriate in the circumstances.
- 9.39 Where a student's **parents** separate after the **academic year** has begun, the parental contribution will be determined on the basis of the income of both **parents** for the part of the **academic year** before the separation. For the part of the year after the separation the parental contribution will be determined by reference to the income of the **parent** the BSA considers to be the more appropriate in the circumstances. But in no case will the single parent be assumed to make a contribution which is higher, as a proportion of the maximum maintenance grant which the student would receive in the absence of a parental contribution, than was the case before the separation.

Changes in the Dependency of Adults or Children

9.40 When an adult or child either becomes **dependent** on the student or ceases to be **dependent** on the student, the student should notify the BSA as soon as possible and no later than one month after the event to establish whether the change in dependants affects the amount of **maintenance award** to which they are entitled.

Changes in Eligibility for a Bursary Part-Way through a Year

9.41 If a student's eligibility for an NHS Bursary changes during the course of an **academic year**, then they should contact the BSA as soon as possible and no later than one month after the event. The rules on personal eligibility are set out in [section 2](#). But examples of events that may change a student's eligibility include:

- (a) The State of which the student is a national accedes to the **EU**;
- (b) The student starts or ceases to work in the UK in one of the categories of workers, employed persons and self employed persons in [Table 1 entries \(i\) to \(l\)](#), or is a **family member** of such a person.
- (c) The person becomes a **family member** of an **EU** national
- (d) The person becomes the **child of a Swiss national**;
- (e) The person becomes the **child of a Turkish worker**;
- (f) The person acquires the **right of permanent residence in the UK**
- (g) The student, or the student's spouse, civil partner or parent is recognised as a **refugee**, or whose refugee status is cancelled, ceases or is withdrawn;
- (h) The student, or the student's spouse, civil partner or parent is granted humanitarian protection, or their humanitarian protection is revoked or is not renewed;

9.42 Where the BSA conclude that the person has become eligible, and a bursary is awarded following a successful application, any **maintenance award** will be paid for that part of the **academic year** falling after the person became eligible, and the amount payable for the year as a whole will be reduced accordingly.

9.43 Where the BSA conclude that the person has ceased to be eligible for an NHS Bursary, and where the NHS Bursary includes a **maintenance award**, the **maintenance award** will cease from the point at which the person ceased to be eligible, and the amount payable for the year as a whole will be reduced accordingly.

A Material Change in the Student's Income, or the Income of the Student's Parent, Spouse, Civil Partner or Partner;

9.44 If there is a material change in a student's own income, or if there is a material change in the income of a **parent**, spouse, civil partner or **partner**, the student should notify the BSA as soon as possible and no later than one month after the event to establish whether the change in income affects the amount of **maintenance award** to which they are entitled.

Cases of Hardship on Medical and Dental Courses

9.45 Because of the length of medical and dental courses the Secretary of State has asked the BSA to make a hardship grant to students who meet the following conditions. To be eligible for a medical and dental hardship grant the student must be:

- (a) on a course leading to registration as a doctor or dentist, and
- (b) eligible for a **full bursary**, and
- (c) in genuine hardship, and
- (d) unable to manage any shortfall between income and expenditure by their own actions.

9.46 An application for a hardship grant must be made in such a form and with such supporting information as the BSA may require in order to assess the application, including details of the student's income and expenditure and whether the application is supported by the higher education institution providing the course.

9.47 Where the BSA agree that a student meets the conditions in [paragraph 9.45](#), a hardship grant of between £100 and £3000 may be made to assist the student.

9.48 In deciding the level of hardship grant to be made, the BSA will not make allowance for :

- (a) making good a default in a contribution by a **parent**, spouse, civil partner or **partner**;
- (b) meeting practice placement expenses originally assessed as able to be met from the student's own income;
- (c) meeting a temporary shortfall in income, such as where the student is awaiting payment of a **maintenance award** or reimbursement of practice placement expenses or requires a loan.

9.49 A hardship grant will only be paid where the student signs an undertaking to repay any sums which are overpaid, or paid in circumstances where it later becomes clear that the student was ineligible for the grant.

Section 10 Conditions Applying to an NHS Bursary Award

10.1 An NHS Bursary is awarded and is payable subject to all of the following conditions. These are that:

- (a) The student continues to attend the course for which the bursary has been awarded, unless granted authorised leave of absence under [paragraphs 9.11, 9.14, 9.19 or 9.23](#), or a transfer to another course is approved under [paragraph 9.9](#) above.
- (b) The student is not expelled from the course or refused permission to complete the course.
- (c) The student completes the course within the **period ordinarily required for completion of the course** unless a repeat year or other extension is approved under [paragraphs 9.27 to 9.29](#).
- (d) The student supplies the BSA with such information it considers necessary to determine eligibility for a **Fees only bursary** or **Full bursary** and any payment pursuant to it within 1 month of the request being made.
- (e) The student informs the BSA as soon as possible and in any event no later than one month after:
 - (i) he or she abandons or withdraws from the course; or
 - (ii) he or she is expelled from the course; or
 - (iii) he or she ceases to attend the course and does not intend or is not permitted to return; or
 - (iv) he or she transfers to another course, whether or not the new course is an eligible course and whether or not it is at the same institution; or
 - (v) he or she interrupts training temporarily for reasons of pregnancy, childbirth, maternity support or adoption; or
 - (vi) he or she is absent from the course for more than 60 days because of illness or injury; or
 - (vii) he or she is absent from the course without the prior agreement of the higher education institution for any period for any other reason; or
 - (viii) there is any change in the date for starting or completing the course; or

- (ix) it becomes clear that the student cannot complete the course and qualify in the relevant healthcare profession; or
 - (x) there is any change in his or her contact details; or
 - (xi) there is any change in the bank or building society account into which NHS Bursary payments are to be made.
- (f) The student has not knowingly or recklessly supplied the BSA with information which is false in a material particular.
 - (g) The student promptly repays any overpayment of an NHS Bursary when requested to do so by the BSA.
 - (h) The student has not fraudulently obtained or fraudulently attempted to obtain an NHS bursary or a payment under an NHS Bursary.
 - (i) The student has not in any other way shown by their conduct that it would be inappropriate to grant them an NHS Bursary award.

10.2 The BSA may suspend, reduce or terminate an NHS Bursary award if, after consulting the **academic authority** and the **commissioner** of the course as appropriate, it appears to them that the student is in breach of the conditions in [paragraph 10.1](#). The BSA may also suspend payment if requested to do so by NHS Protect pending enquiries concerning possible fraud in relation to the payment of an NHS Bursary.

10.3 The BSA may also disqualify a student from future eligibility for a bursary if, after consulting the **academic authority** and the **commissioner** of the course as appropriate, they conclude that any breach of the conditions set out in [paragraph 10.1](#) is such, or if any other misconduct by the student while receiving a bursary is such, as to show that it would be inappropriate to grant them an NHS Bursary Award.

- 10.4 Where the BSA suspends or reduces an NHS Bursary award because of the student's unauthorised absence, or the student's suspension by the higher education institution, the suspension or reduction of the bursary may only be in relation to the period, including any holidays, between the start of the unauthorised absence or suspension and the student's return to the course.
- 10.5 Where an award is terminated, the BSA will decide the date of termination, and this date may be different to the date on which the student abandoned, withdrew or was expelled from the course.

Section 11 Exceptions

11.1 The following table sets out a number of exceptions which the Secretary of State has authorised the BSA to make to the normal rules. For a student in the circumstances described in the first column of [table 17](#) below, the exception listed in the second column will apply.

Table 17 Exceptions to Rules

Rule	Circumstance	Exception
Paragraph 2.1(a)	Where a student who is enrolled as a second-level nurse (formerly known as State Enrolled Nurses), and is on a course leading to registration as a first-level nurse, and a conversion is not appropriate.	The rule that a student must not already be registered in the same field of healthcare is waived.
Paragraph 2.1(a)	Where a student has been registered in that profession in the past, but that registration has lapsed and the Nursing and Midwifery Council will not allow re-registration via a short “return to practice” course.	The rule that a student must not already be registered in the same field of healthcare is waived.
Table 1	Where an area which was not previously part of the EU or EEA becomes part of one or both of these areas.	The area concerned is considered to have always been a part of the EU or EEA for the purpose of satisfying the residence and nationality requirements in table 1.
Paragraph 5.17(a)	Where no recent accounts are available for the business or profession.	The BSA will accept a self- assessment used for tax purposes or an equivalent assessment.

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Rule	Circumstance	Exception
Paragraph 8.2	Where a student is maintaining a dependant who is ordinarily resident outside the UK .	The BSA may add an allowance for that dependant at a rate which they consider reasonable in all the circumstances, provided the amount does not exceed the amount that would have been allowed had the dependant been ordinarily resident in the UK .
Paragraph 8.4(a)	Where a dependant who is paid a pension, allowance or other benefit by reason of their disability, and that payment is taxable under the tax legislation of an EU state other than the UK but would not be taxable if that legislation made equivalent provision to UK Tax legislation.	The dependant's pension, allowance or other benefit paid by reason of their disability is disregarded in the calculation of the dependant's income.
Paragraph 9.11	Where a disabled student is absent from the course due to illness or injury for more than 60 days.	The BSA will consider whether in the circumstances of the student's disability it would be reasonable to extend the 60 day limit.
Paragraph 9.14	Where a student on maternity leave is suffering from post-natal depression or another pregnancy related illness, or is coping with the serious illness or loss of a baby.	The BSA may extend the maximum 12 month period for a maternity award , subject to medical evidence.

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Rule	Circumstance	Exception
Paragraph 9.15	Where a student was in receipt of a childcare allowance before going on maternity leave, and has on-going contractual commitments to pay childcare costs.	The BSA may continue to pay a childcare allowance in respect of those costs while the commitment continues, provided they are satisfied that the commitment was reasonably incurred.
Paragraph 9.23	Where a student on adoption leave is coping with the serious illness or loss of the adopted child.	The BSA may extend the maximum 12 month period for an adoption award, subject to medical evidence.
Paragraph 12.5(a)	Where a student was born in the UK but his or her birth was not registered and no adoption certificate is available.	The student may provide alternative documentation after consulting the office of national statistics, but nothing in this exception requires the BSA to accept alternative documentation which they consider unsatisfactory.

Section 12 Applying for an NHS Bursary

- 12.1 A student must apply to NHS Student Bursaries for each **academic year** in which the course runs, as required by the BSA.
- 12.2 The application for a new NHS Bursary, or a re-application for another year's funding under an existing NHS Bursary, must be made in the form prescribed by the BSA and within any deadlines which are published by the BSA.
- 12.3 The applicant must give a written undertaking that the particulars given are correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, and that he or she will notify the BSA promptly of any change which might affect his or her eligibility for an NHS bursary or the payments which he or she receives under an NHS bursary.
- 12.4 The applicant, or if he or she is under the age of 18 a person with **parental responsibility** for them, must give a written undertaking that, where any payment under an NHS Bursary exceeds the amount payable under these rules for the **academic year** concerned, the person signing the undertaking will, if called on to do so, repay the excess amount.
- 12.5 The applicant must provide such evidence as the BSA may require to demonstrate his or her eligibility for a bursary, including either:
- (a) if the student was born in the **UK**, his or her birth certificate, or, if adopted, the adoption certificate; or
 - (b) if the student was born outside the **UK**, including in the **Islands**, his or her passport and a letter or other document (which could be the student's birth certificate) signed by a consular officer, a minister of religion, a medical or legal practitioner, an established civil servant, a teacher or a police officer, giving details of his or her place and country of birth and of his or her name at birth; or
 - (c) if the student believes they have **refugee** status, or **leave to enter or remain** in the **UK**, the official letter of recognition from the home office or one of its agencies and a letter or other document (which could be the student's birth certificate) signed by a consular officer, a minister of religion, a medical or legal practitioner, an established civil servant, a teacher or a police officer giving details of his or her place and country of birth and of his or her name at birth; or

- (d) an “Assessment of Eligibility for Financial Support for Higher Education” for the **academic year** concerned, issued by Student Finance England in the **UK** provided the BSA are satisfied that the evidence referred to in [paragraph 12.5\(a\) or \(b\) or \(c\)](#) has been produced in support of a previous application for **publicly funded student support**.

12.6 The normal procedure is as follows:

- (a) For students on courses leading to professional registration as a doctor or dentist, the higher education institution will notify the BSA of any students who will be starting a year of the course which is eligible for an NHS Bursary. The BSA will then contact the student with information on how to apply.
- (b) For students who have been offered places on other courses which are eligible for an NHS Bursary, the higher education institution will notify the BSA of any students who will be starting a course which is eligible for an NHS Bursary. The BSA will then contact the student with information on how to apply.
- (c) For students already in receipt of an NHS Bursary who are not in their final year, the BSA will contact the student with information on how to apply for a further year’s funding.

12.7 A student who has an offer of a place on a course, or is expecting to attend another year of a course, which he or she believes to be eligible for an NHS Bursary, but has not been contacted by the BSA with application details before the course starts should contact the BSA.

Section 13 Complaints and Appeals

Complaints

- 13.1 If a student is concerned about the way in which an NHS Bursary application, bursary payment or any other matter in relation to an NHS Bursary is being dealt with, the student should first contact the NHS Bursary Helpline on 0845 358 6655. This is likely to be the fastest way to resolve any issues about a current payment or application.
- 13.2 If a student remains dissatisfied with the way in which an NHS Bursary application, bursary payment or any other matter in relation to an NHS Bursary has been dealt with, the student may make a formal complaint in writing at bursarycomplaint@nhspa.gov.uk
- 13.3 The Secretary of State for Health has asked the BSA to treat all complaints in a fair, objective and consistent manner; to take corrective and remedial action where possible; and to identify any areas for improvement in the operation of the **NHS Bursary Scheme**.
- 13.4 If a student believes a formal complaint has been inappropriately or unfairly dealt with by the BSA, the student may complain to the Department of Health in writing to:

NHS Bursary Complaint
External Relations Directorate
Quarry House
Quarry Hill
Leeds
LS2 7UE

Reviews

- 13.5 Where a student believes a decision made by the BSA in relation to an NHS Bursary is incorrect, they may ask for the decision to be reviewed. Such a review can include, but is not limited to, the following matters:
- (a) the outcome of a bursary application,
 - (b) a decision on the amount of bursary payable,
 - (c) suspension, reduction or termination of a bursary.

13.6 The request for a review should be made within 28 days of notification of the decision.

13.7 Any application for a review must be made in writing to:

The Review Section
NHS Student Bursaries
Room 225 Hesketh House
200-220 Broadway
Fleetwood
FY7 8SS

Appeals

13.8 If after being informed of the result of a review a student continues to believe that a decision made by the BSA in relation to an NHS Bursary is incorrect the student may appeal to the Department of Health.

13.9 The request for an appeal should be made within 28 days of notification of the decision of the review.

13.10 Any application for an appeal to the Department of Health must be made only after the review process has been completed by the NHS BSA and be made in writing to:

NHS Bursary Appeal
External Relations Directorate
Quarry House
Quarry Hill
Leeds
LS2 7UE

Section 14 Glossary.

Words and Phrases With Special Meanings	Special Meaning in These Rules
Academic authority	The institution of Higher Education which is providing the course for which a particular NHS Bursary has been awarded, including a person acting with the authority of such an institution.
Academic year	The Academic year is the period of 12 months starting on either 1 September (for courses starting between 1 September and 31 December), or 1 January (for courses starting between 1 January and 31 March), or 1 April (for courses starting between 1 April and 30 June), or 1 July (for courses starting between 1 July and 31 August).
Access to Learning funds	Funds provided by the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills for the purpose of providing financial help to students where access to higher education may be inhibited by financial considerations or who face difficulties with living costs, for example because of disability.
Care leaver	A person who, as a result of an order of a competent court, was in care for at least 3 months up to or after their 16 th birthday and has not since been returned to the care of their parents . In this context “in-care” means in the custody or care, or provided accommodation by a state authority, or national, or regional or local authority, or a voluntary or charitable organisation, or any other person who is not their parent.
Child of a refugee	A person who is the natural, adopted or step-child or ward of a Refugee and who was under 18 years of age when the refugee made their asylum application or, if no such application was made, under 18 years of age when leave to enter or remain was granted.

Child of a Swiss national	A person who is the natural, adopted or step-child or ward of a Swiss National and who is either under 21 years of age or dependent on the Swiss National.
Child of a Turkish worker	A person who is the natural, adopted or step-child or ward of a Turkish national who is ordinarily resident in the UK, Islands and is or was lawfully employed in the UK , provided the child is under 21 years of age or dependent on that Turkish national.
Close relative	A parent, step-parent, foster-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, uncle, aunt, brother or sister.
Commissioner	The NHS organisation which has commissioned the course for which an NHS Bursary has been awarded, or a person acting with the authority of such an institution in relation to the commissioning of the course.
Dependent	A person is dependent if they wholly or mainly rely on the other person for their day-to-day needs, whether or not that support is provided in money or in kind. But a person is not dependent if they are wholly or mainly supported by state benefits.
Directive 2004/38	Directive 2004/38 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 th April 2004 of the rights of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely in the territory of the Member States.
DSA-QAG	The Disabled Students Allowance Quality Assurance Group
EEA	The area comprised by the European Economic Area states, which includes the member states of the EU , plus Iceland, Norway (including Svalbard) and Lichtenstein.
EEA frontier self-employed person	An EEA national who is a self-employed person in the UK and resides in Switzerland or the territory of an EEA state other than the UK , and returns to his or her residence in Switzerland or that EEA state, as the case may be, daily or at least once a week.
EEA frontier worker	An EEA national who is a worker in the UK but resides in Switzerland or an EEA state other than the UK and returns to his or her residence in Switzerland or that EEA state, as the case may be, daily or at least once a week.
EEA migrant worker	An EEA national who is a worker, other than an EEA frontier worker , in the UK .

	<p>(c) In relation to an EU national who falls within article 7(1)(c) of Directive 2004/38:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that person's spouse or civil partner; or, (ii) direct descendants of the person or of the person's spouse or civil partner who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (aa) under the age of 21, or (bb) dependants of the person or the person's spouse or civil partner. <p>(d) In relation to an EU national who falls within article 7(1)(b) of Directive 2004/38:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that person's spouse or civil partner; or (ii) direct descendants of the person or of the person's spouse or civil partner who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (aa) under 21, or (bb) dependants of the person or of the person's spouse or civil partner; or (iii) dependent direct relatives in the person's ascending line or that of the person's spouse or civil partner.
Fees only bursary	A bursary which only includes help with tuition fees.

Full bursary	A bursary which includes eligibility for a maintenance award .
Full-time	In relation to an eligible course, a course in which the student is required to attend the course for at least 30 weeks in each academic year except the final year of multi-year courses, and at least 8 weeks in the final academic year of multi-year courses; and to undertake in each academic year an average of at least 21 hours a week in study or practice placement or other work experience required by the course. In relation to a student, a student attending such a course.
Healthcare profession	A healthcare profession for the purpose of these rules is one of the professions listed in section 3 table 2.
Income after tax	All income, including overseas income, after deduction of income tax and national insurance contributions or equivalent taxes overseas. Where the income is in a currency other than sterling, the sterling equivalent will be used in any calculations on the basis of the actual sum in sterling received by the student or, where this is not known, the amount in sterling which the income would purchase using the rate for the month it is received, as published by the Office for National Statistics in the publication <i>Financial Statistics</i> .
Income before tax	All income, including overseas income, before deduction of tax or national insurance payments, including any sums exempt from tax. Where the income is in a currency other than sterling, the sterling equivalent will be used in any calculations on the basis of the actual sum in sterling received by the student or, where this is not known, the amount in sterling which the income would purchase using the rate for the month it is received, as published by the Office for National Statistics in the publication <i>Financial Statistics</i> .
Independent student	A student who can demonstrate that he or she is independent of their parents under the rules in paragraph 5.18 above.
International course	A first degree course provided by a publicly funded institution in England in conjunction with an overseas institution, where part of the course takes place abroad.

Irreconcilably estranged	The student has not communicated with either of his or her parents for a period of at least one year, or otherwise demonstrated to the satisfaction of the BSA that he or she has no association with either parent and that this situation cannot reasonably be expected to change.
Islands	The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
Leave to enter or remain	An unexpired grant of leave to enter or remain in the UK given on behalf of the Secretary of State to a person recognised as a refugee , or given humanitarian protection; or to a family member of a person granted recognition as a refugee or given humanitarian protection.
London	The area comprising the City of London and the Metropolitan Police District as defined by section 76 of the Greater London Act 1963 prior to its substitution by section 323(1) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.
Maintenance award	The collective term for that part of the NHS Bursary which is paid to a student to help support them while attending the course. The types of support provided, and the overall amount payable, will depend on the nature of the course and on the student's circumstances as set out in section 5 . But the types of support that may be included are a basic allowance, an extra weeks allowance, a disabled students allowance, a dependants allowance, a childcare allowance or a parents learning allowance and reimbursement of practice placement expenses.
Maternity award	The continued payment of an NHS Bursary during authorised absence on maternity leave.
NHS Bursary Scheme	The arrangements established by the Secretary of State to pay allowances to students under section 63(6) of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968.
Normal accommodation	A student's accommodation in term time, whether at the parental home or away from the parental home .
OFSTED	The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills

<p>Ordinarily resident</p>	<p>Lawful and habitual residence through choice and for a settled purpose throughout the period concerned.</p> <p>A person is to be treated as ordinarily resident in the area in question if the person would have been so resident but for the fact that person, their spouse or civil partner, their parent, or (in the case of a dependent direct relative in the ascending line) their child or child's spouse or civil partner is or was temporarily employed outside the area in question.</p> <p>For the purposes of this definition, temporary employment includes:</p> <p>(a) in the case of members of the regular naval, military or air forces of the crown, any period in which they serve outside the UK as members of such forces; and</p> <p>(b) in the case of members of the regular armed forces of an EEA State or Switzerland, any period in which they serve outside the territory comprising the EEA and Switzerland as members of such forces; and</p> <p>(c) in the case of members of the regular armed forces of Turkey, any period in which they serve outside the territory comprising the EEA, Switzerland and Turkey as members of such forces.</p>
<p>Parent/Parents</p>	<p>A parent or parents by nature or legal adoption. But not a guardian or a step-parent (unless they have legally adopted the student concerned).</p>
<p>Parental home</p>	<p>The home of a parent or guardian of the student or, for members of a religious order, a house belonging to that religious order.</p>
<p>Parental responsibility</p>	<p>Exists where a person has the same legal rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority as a parent for a child and for the child's property.</p>
<p>Partner</p>	<p>A person who is ordinarily living with the student as if they were the student's spouse or civil partner.</p>
<p>Part-time</p>	<p>In relation to a course, any course that does not satisfy the definition of a full-time course above. In relation to a student, any student attending a course that does not satisfy the definition of a full-time course above.</p>
<p>Period ordinarily required to complete the Course</p>	<p>The period ordinarily required to complete the course by a student who is not excused part of the course on account of his or her having attended a previous course.</p>

<p>Person granted humanitarian protection</p>	<p>A person who on the grounds of humanitarian protection has been granted leave to remain under the immigration rules as defined in s33(1) of the Immigration Act 1971, whose leave to remain is extant, or in respect of whose leave to remain an appeal is pending within s104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002, and who has been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the period since the person was granted such leave to remain.</p>
<p>Pre-registration student</p>	<p>A student on a course leading to professional registration who is not already registered in the same field of healthcare.</p>
<p>Publicly funded student support</p>	<p>Any award bestowed, grant paid or other support provided by virtue of the Education Act 1962 or the Teacher and Higher Education Act 1998 or any comparable award, grant, or other support paid out of moneys provided by Parliament including an NHS Bursary, a bursary awarded under the Nursing and Midwifery Student Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 1992, or a Social Work Bursary.</p>
<p>Recognised Institution of Higher Education</p>	<p>Institution of higher education that is recognised by the Department of Health and the NHS as offering a course for which an NHS bursary may be payable.</p>

Refugee	A person recognised by Her Majesty's government as a refugee within the meaning of the United Nations Convention relating to the status of refugees done at Geneva on 28 th July 1951 as extended by the protocol thereto which entered force on 4 th October 1967.
Residual income	For a parent is the amount determined in accordance with paragraph 5.11 in these rules, and for a spouse, civil partner or partner is the amount determined in accordance with paragraph 5.14 in these rules.
Right of permanent residence	A right arising under Directive 2004/38 to reside in the UK permanently without restriction
Right of residence	A right of residence under article 7 of Directive 2004/38 , or an equivalent right granted under the EEA Agreement or the Swiss agreement .
Secondment	A secondment is where a student remains employed by an organisation but is relieved of his or her normal duties or is given leave of absence to enable them to attend the course.
Self-employed person	In relation to an EEA national, a person who is self-employed within the meaning of article 7 of Directive 2004/38 or the EEA agreement as the case may be. In relation to a Swiss national, a person who is self-employed within the meaning of annex 1 to the Swiss agreement .

Settled in the UK	Settled within the meaning of section 33(2A) of the Immigration Act 1971 – that is ordinarily resident in the UK without being subject under the immigration laws to any restriction on the period for which the person may remain in the UK . (This will apply to UK nationals born in the UK and who have always lived in the UK).
Settled in the UK and has exercised a right of residence elsewhere	A UK national, a family member of a UK national for the purposes of article 7 of Directive 2004/38 (or corresponding purposes under the EEA agreement or Swiss agreement), or a person who has a right of permanent residence , who has exercised a right under Article 7 of Directive 2004/38 or any equivalent right under the EEA Agreement or Swiss agreement in a State other than the UK , or, in the case of a person who is settled in the UK and has a right of permanent residence, if the person goes to the state within the territory comprising the EEA and Switzerland of which the person is a national or of which the person in relation to whom the person is a family member is a national.
Single parent	A person with parental responsibility for a child who does not ordinarily live with a spouse or civil partner or partner .
Sponsorship income	Any scholarship, studentship, exhibition, award, grant, allowance or benefit however described, payable in connection with the student's attendance on the course, or any earnings from employment in respect of any period in which the student has leave of absence for the purpose of attending the course.
State authority	A State authority or Agency whether national, regional or local.
State studentship	Funding provided by the State to support a postgraduate student undertaking research as well as study - normally arranged through various UK research councils.
Student loan	A loan made under the Student Loan Scheme .

Student Loan Scheme	The scheme introduced by the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990 by which government supported loans are made available to students, and which is administered by the Student Loans Company.
Swiss agreement	The agreement between the EU and its member states, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the Free Movement of Persons signed at Luxembourg on 21 June 1999 and which came into force on 1 June 2002.
Swiss employed person	A Swiss national who is an employed person other than a Swiss frontier employed person , in the UK .
Swiss frontier employed person	A Swiss national who is an employed person in the UK ; and resides in Switzerland or in the territory of an EEA state other than the UK and returns to the national's residence in Switzerland or that EEA State as the case may be, daily or at least once a week.
Swiss frontier self-employed person	A Swiss national who is a self-employed person in the UK and resides in Switzerland or in the territory of an EEA State, other than the UK , and returns to the national's residence in Switzerland or that EEA state, as the case may be daily or at least once a week.
Swiss self-employed person	A Swiss national who is a self-employed person other than a Swiss frontier self-employed person , in the UK
Temporary accommodation	The temporary accommodation taken by a student while attending a practice placement which forms part of his or her course.
Turkish worker	A Turkish national who is ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands and is, or has been, lawfully employed in the UK .

UK	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, comprising England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland but not the Islands .
UK nationals	British citizens and persons who are British subjects by virtue of Part IV of the British Nationality Act 1981, or who have the right of abode in the UK and are therefore exempt from UK immigration control, and British Dependent Territories citizens who acquire their citizenship from a connection with Gibraltar.
Worker	Means a person who is a worker within the meaning of Article 7 of Directive 2004/38 and who is not removed from the definition of “qualified person” in regulation 6 of the immigration (EEA) Regulations 2006 by the Accession (Immigration and Worker Authorisation) Regulations 2006 or a worker within the meaning of the EEA agreement or Swiss agreement as the case may be.

Appendix I: Summary of Changes

1. The NHS Bursary Scheme New Rules is the 1st edition of the new rules which apply to students starting their courses on or after 1 September 2012. They include a number of significant changes from the twelfth edition of the NHS Bursary Scheme Rules published in 2011.
2. There are a number of changes to [section 2](#) on personal eligibility for an NHS Bursary. These include:
 - a. Changes in layout and wording to make it easier to compare personal eligibility for an NHS Bursary with eligibility for other forms of student support available under the Education (Student Support) Regulations, which are made from time to time by the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS);
 - b. Adding persons who have been granted humanitarian protection as a separate category of persons eligible for a bursary;
 - c. Removing the category of persons with leave to remain in the **UK** from the list of persons eligible for an NHS Bursary. This means that students with leave to remain in the **UK** who are starting courses on or after September 1st 2012 will not be eligible for an NHS Bursary unless they qualify in another category of persons who are eligible for a bursary. (Persons with leave to remain in the **UK** who are already in receipt of an NHS Bursary will continue to be eligible under The NHS Bursary Scheme Old Rules which apply to students who started their courses before 1 September 2012).
 - d. Removing the categories of spouses, civil partners or family members of persons with leave to remain in the **UK** from the list of persons eligible for an NHS Bursary. This means that students who are in these categories who are starting courses on or after September 1st 2012 will not be eligible for an NHS Bursary unless they qualify in another category of persons who are eligible for a bursary. (Such persons who are already in receipt of an NHS Bursary will continue to be eligible under The NHS Bursary Scheme Old Rules which apply to students who started their courses before 1 September 2012).
 - e. Adding a requirement that EU nationals must have been EU nationals on the first day of the first academic year of the course, which is a similar requirement to that for UK nationals in relation to the UK.

3. Two changes have been made to [section 3](#) on the courses eligible for an NHS Bursary. These are:
 - a. Audiology has been removed from the list in [table 2](#) of healthcare professions eligible for a bursary. This reflects the fact that Audiology will be a Practitioner Training Programme developed as part of Modernising Scientific Careers and as such will not be commissioned directly by the NHS. Students already on NHS commissioned audiology courses will remain eligible for a bursary under the separate rules applicable to students who started their course before September 2012.
 - b. Provisions have been added to make clear what happens when professions are either added to or removed from the list of professions in [table 2](#), under the procedure being put in place by the Department of Health to keep that list under review.
4. [Section 4](#) has been amended to allow some medical students access to a higher level of assistance with tuition fees, in line with the policy announced by the Secretary of State in his letter of 28 June 2011 to the President of Universities UK, The Chairman of the British Medical Association Council and the Chief Executive of the British Dental Association.
5. [Section 5](#) on maintenance awards has been substantially amended following the Review of NHS Student Support which concluded in 2011, and the decision by the Department of Health to publish the new rules which apply for students starting on or after 1 September 2012 separately from the rules for existing students. The main changes are:
 - a. The introduction of a £1,000 non-means tested grant for all students eligible for a full bursary;
 - b. The removal of the distinction in previous rules between diploma students and mainstream students, with a consequent extension in the availability of a means tested bursary and the extra weeks allowance to all students eligible for a full bursary;
 - c. The removal of the initial expenses allowance;
 - d. Ending the means testing of practice placement expenses;
 - e. The removal of references to allowances and rates of allowance which apply only to students starting their course before 1 September 2012;
 - f. Removing the upper limit on parental contributions.

6. **Section 7** on practice placement expenses has been amended in line with the changes to practice placement expenses for new students announced by the Department of Health in 2011. These changes include:
 - a. Deducting the cost of daily travel between the students normal term time accommodation and their university from the amount payable for daily travel to a practice placement;
 - b. Simplifying the calculation of reimbursement of accommodation costs while on practice placement;
 - c. Adding to the costs that are reimbursable the cost of travel while on practice placement (if these are not provided free of charge);
 - d. Tightening the rules on the use of a car in place of public transport;
 - e. Clarifying the processes and documentation required in making claims.
7. **Section 8** on other allowances has been amended to harmonise the rates of allowance and/or income disregards previously at different rates for mainstream and diploma students. A number of allowances only applicable to students who started their course before 1 September 2007 have also been removed, as they are not relevant to the students to whom the new rules apply. The formula for calculating the dependants allowance has also been revised to make clear how the dependants calculation works when there are multiple dependants.
8. Provisions have been added to **section 9** on changes in circumstances to deal with the case where a student is no longer able to complete their course and to give examples of cases where a student may either become eligible or cease to be eligible for an NHS Bursary part-way through an academic year.
9. A new exception has been added to **section 11** to deal with the case where a State accedes to the **EU** or **EEA** and nationals of those states might otherwise be excluded from an NHS Bursary by the fact that they have not been resident in the **EU** or **EEA** for the full period required.
10. A number of changes have been made in the glossary in **section 14** to bring the wording of definitions more closely into line with those in the Education (Student Support) Regulations which are made from time to time by the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).
11. A number of minor and inconsequential changes have been made throughout the rest of the text including changes in paragraph and table numbers compared to the earlier published rules.

Appendix II: Organisations That May be Able to Help.

NHS Bursary Enquiries:

England:

NHS BSA Student Bursaries
Hesketh House
200-220 Broadway
Fleetwood
FY7 8SS
Tel: 0845 358 6655 (Student Help Line)
Fax No: 01253 774491
Website: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

Wales:

NHS Wales Student Awards Unit (Third Floor)
14 Cathedral Road
Cardiff
CF11 9LJ
Tel: 029 2019 6167 (Bursary Enquiries)
Tel: 029 2019 6168 (Childcare Enquiries)
Website: www.wales.nhs.uk

Scotland:

The Student Awards Agency for Scotland
Gyleview House
3 Redheughs Rigg
South Gyle
Edinburgh
EH12 9HH
Tel: 0300 555 0505
Website: <http://www.saas.gov.uk>

Northern Ireland:

The Department for Employment and Learning
Training and Employment Student Support Branch
Fourth Floor
Adelaide House
39-49 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8FD
Tel: 028 9025 7777
Fax: 028 9025 7778
Website: www.delni.gov.uk

DSA-QAG Central Administration Unit

Centrum House, Sixth Floor
38 Queen Street
Glasgow
G1 3DX
Tel: 0141 548 8006
Website: www.dsa-qag.org.uk

BIS Student Support:

Department for Education
Castle View House
East Lane
Runcorn
Cheshire
WA7 2GJ
Tel: 0370 000 2288
Fax: 01928 738248
Website: <http://www.bis.gov.uk/studentfinance>

Independent Organisations Representing Health Professions:

Allied Health Professionals Federation:

2 White Hart Yard
London SE1 1NX
Tel: 0207 378 3022
Website: www.ahpf.org.uk

British Academy of Audiology
Chester House, 68 Chestergate
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK11 6DY
Tel: 01625 664 545
Fax: 01625 664510
Website: www.baaudiology.org

British and Irish Orthoptic Society

62 Wilson Street
London
EC2A 2BU
Tel: 01353 66 55 41
Website: www.orthoptics.org.uk

British Association of Dental Therapists
Providence House
11 The Broadway
Sandhurst
Berkshire
GU47 9AB
Tel: 07800 728 082
Website: www.badt.org.uk

British Association of Occupational Therapists
Tel: 0207 357 6480
Website: www.cot.co.uk

British Association of Prosthetists and Orthotists
Sir James Clark Building
Abbey Mill Business Centre
Paisley
Renfrewshire
PA1 1TJ
Tel: 0141 561 7217
Website: www.bapo.com

British Dental Association
64 Wimpole Street,
London
W1G8YS
Fax: 020 7487 5232
Tel: 0207 935 0875
Website: www.bda.org

British Dietetic Association
5th Floor, Charles House,
148/9 Great Charles Street Queensway,
Birmingham,
B3 3HT
Tel: 0121 200 8080
Fax 0121 200 8081
Website: www.bda.uk.com

British Medical Association
Tel: 0300 123 1233 (Members Only)
Website: www.bma.org.uk

British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy (formerly the BDHA)
3 Kestrel Court
Waterwells Drive
Waterwells Business Park
Gloucester
GL2 2AT
Tel: 01452 886 365
Fax: 01452 886468
Website: www.bsdht.org.uk

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
14 Bedford Row,
London,
WC1R 4ED
Tel: 020 7306 6666
Website: www.csp.org.uk

College of Occupational Therapists (also the BAOT)
106 - 114 Borough High Street
Southwark, London SE1 1LB
Tel: 0207 357 6480
Website: www.cot.co.uk

College of Operating Department Practitioners
130 Euston Road
London
NW1 2AY
Tel: 0870 746 0984
Fax: 0870 746 0985
Website: www.codp.org.uk

National Union of Students
NUS HQ,
4th Floor 184-192 Drummond Street,
London
NW1 3HP
Tel: 0845 5210 262
Website: www.nus.org.uk

Nursing and Midwifery Council
Tel: 020 7637 7181
Website: www.nmc-uk.org

Royal College of Midwives
15 Mansfield Street
London
W1G 9NH
Tel: 0207 312 3535
Fax: 0 20 7312 3536
Website: www.rcm.org.uk

Royal College of Nursing
20 Cavendish Square
London
W1G 0RN
Tel: 0207 409 3333
Website: www.rcn.org.uk

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
RCSLT,
2 White Hart Yard,
London,
SE1 1NX
Tel: 0207 378 1200
Website: www.rcslt.org

The Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists
1 Fellmonger's Path
Tower Bridge Road
London
SE1 3LY
Tel: 020 7234 8620
Fax: 0845 450 3721
Website: www.feetforlife.org

The Society of Radiographers
207 Providence Square
Mill Street
London
SE1 2EW
Tel: 020 7740 7200
Fax: 020 7740 7233
Website: www.sor.org

UNISON
UNISON Centre,
130 Euston Road,
London
NW1 2AY
Tel: 0845 355 0845
Website: www.unison.org.uk

Appendix III Guidance on Maternity, Adoption and Associated Awards

Students who Become Pregnant

1. If a student who has already been granted a place on a pre-registration course becomes pregnant before the course begins she should contact the university for advice as to whether it would be better to start her training as planned or to defer starting her course until a later date.
2. If a student becomes pregnant after she has started her course, she should let her tutor know as soon as possible and provide the university with information concerning the baby's estimated date of arrival. This is important because the university will need to make provision for the student's antenatal needs prior to her period of maternity leave and to assess the health and safety risks of her undertaking any scheduled placements during that time.

Arranging for Maternity Leave

3. It is for the student and the university to agree when her authorised absence for maternity leave should begin, taking into account her own health and the health of her baby, and the point in the course when it would be best to begin the break.
4. The student should provide the university with confirmation of the pregnancy before commencing maternity leave (usually the official form MAT B1 available from her GP or midwife after she has been pregnant for 20 weeks).

How to Apply for Maternity Awards and Additional Benefits

5. To apply for an award, students and their tutors will need to complete form BUR101W(MAT) for the university to submit to the NHS Student Bursaries. The form must be completed by both the university and the student and the student given a copy of the completed form. The form should give an estimated return date to ensure payment of the award during the period of leave, but the date may be re-negotiated between the student and the university at a later stage.
6. A student on maternity leave should also inform the NHS Student Bursaries of the birth of her child as she may be entitled to additional allowances as a result. Further information on these allowances and the relevant application forms can be found on the Student Bursaries website.

7. The student should also contact the university to confirm when she will be returning to her course. If she fails to do this, she will receive a letter from the university confirming the return date as originally given on form BUR101W(MAT) and the bursary administrators will stop making bursary payments on that day.

Students Returning to the Course after Giving Birth

8. Students on maternity leave are encouraged to take at least 12 weeks paid absence before returning to their training after giving birth, and must not return to the course for at least two weeks after giving birth.

Students Who Wish to Defer their Return to Training

9. Students on maternity leave who wish to extend the period of absence beyond that originally agreed with the university will need to request an extension and specify a reason for it. Any student wishing to do this must contact the university, and a member of staff (usually a tutor) will then meet with the student at the university (or, in the case of difficult circumstances, at the student's home) to fill out Appendix 2 of form BUR101W(MAT).

Additional Factors to Consider When Arranging Maternity Leave

10. Students should check whether it is a requirement of the course or relevant professional bodies that they complete their training within a set period of time so that they can take this information into account when arranging, or requesting to extend, a period of maternity leave with their university.
11. Students should not assume that the NHS Bursary rules concerning Maternity Awards will still be in force when planning for subsequent **academic years** as they may be subject to change in the future. Further information concerning any updates or changes to the current rules will be posted on the NHS Student Bursaries website.

Arranging for Maternity (Paternity) Support Leave

12. Students who are about to become biological fathers, adoptive fathers or nominated carers of a newborn or newly-adopted child, or whose spouse, civil partner or **partner** is scheduled to give birth to a child, should provide the university with some form of confirmation of the impending birth or arrival of the

child such as a copy of form MAT B1, or, in the case of adoption, the relevant documents issued by the adoption agency.

13. It is for the student and the university to agree when his or her four weeks of authorised absence for maternity support leave should begin and end, and whether it will be taken as one period of absence or split severally. Students will need to arrange time-off for antenatal appointments separately with the university and this will not affect their ordinary bursary payments.
14. A **full bursary** student applying for a maternity support award will need to sign a declaration to be sent to his or her course tutor (see also item 9.17 of the NHS Bursary Rules) in order for to be able to receive a maternity support award and for the continuation of the **maintenance award** when they return to the course.
15. The university should also send NHS Bursaries the completed form BUR101W(MAT) when the student goes on leave.

Extending Bursary Payments After Taking Maternity Support Leave

16. The NHS expects that students receiving a maternity support award will need to extend maintenance payments of their NHS Bursary after their return to training for up to four weeks at the end of the **academic year**, depending on the length of time that they have been absent from the course. This extension payment will be paid in one sum regardless of whether the student's period of authorised leave has been taken in one go or split. However, students may not need an extension payment if they have caught up with their training by the end of the **academic year** or the end of the course.
17. Universities should send a completed NHS Bursaries form BUR102 if the student receives extended payments of his or her **maintenance award** as a result of taking maternity support leave.

Additional Factors to Consider When Arranging Maternity Support Leave

18. Students requiring maternity support leave should check whether it is a requirement of the course or relevant professional bodies that they complete their training within a set period of time so that they can take this information into account when arranging periods of leave with their university.
19. Students should not assume that these NHS Bursary rules concerning maternity support leave will still be in force when planning for subsequent **academic years** as they may be subject to change in the future. Further information concerning any updates or changes to the current rules will be posted on the NHS Student Bursaries Unit website.

Arranging for Adoption Support Leave

20. Students who have already been selected for a pre-registration course, but have not yet begun their training should also inform the university of their plans to adopt at the earliest opportunity in order to discuss with them whether it would be better for them to start the course as planned or to defer their studies until the adoption process is complete.
21. Students who have already started their training should inform tutors that they will be adopting children at the earliest opportunity. This is important as the university will need to arrange for such students to take time-off in order to attend official meetings as part of the usual proceedings for adoption.
22. Students should inform their tutors of the week that the child or children will be placed with them and when they would like to start and end their period of leave. They should also provide the university with confirmation of the impending adoption from the relevant adoption agency before beginning their leave period. This could take the form of official documents specifying:
 - (a) the name and address of the agency;
 - (b) the name and date of birth of the child/children;
 - (c) the date on which the student received notice that he/she had been matched with the child/children;
 - (d) the date on which the agency expects the child/children to be placed with the student;
 - (e) any other relevant confirmation from the adoption agency.
23. The student and the university should discuss when the period of authorised absence for adoption support leave should begin. The final decision as to when the leave should be taken rests with the university.

How to Apply for an Adoption Support Award

24. To apply for an award, students and their tutors will need to complete form BUR101W(MAT) for the university to submit to NHS Student Bursaries. The form must be completed by both the university and the student and the student given a copy of the completed form.
25. The form should give an estimated return date to ensure payment of the award during the period of leave, but the date may be re-negotiated between the student and the university at a later stage.
26. Students on Adoption Support Leave should also inform the NHS Student Bursaries when their adopted children are placed in their care as they may be entitled to additional allowances as a result. Further information on these allowances and the relevant application forms can be found on the Student Bursaries website.
27. Students on adoption support leave are responsible for maintaining contact with the university while they are on adoption support leave and they should contact the university to confirm when they will be returning to their courses. If they fail to do this, they will receive a letter from the university confirming the return date as originally given on form BUR101R(MAT) and the bursary administrators will stop making bursary payments on that day.

Additional Factors to Consider

28. Students should check whether it is a requirement of the course or relevant professional bodies that they complete their training within a set period of time so that they can take this information into account when arranging, or requesting to extend, a period of adoption support leave with their university.
29. Students should not assume that these NHS Bursary rules concerning adoption support awards will still be in force when planning for subsequent academic years as they may be subject to change in the future. Further information concerning any updates or changes to the current rules will be posted on the NHS Student Bursaries Unit Website.

ⁱ This power is given to the Secretary of State in Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968.

ⁱⁱ The Secretary of State has done this through the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) Directions 2006, as amended by the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) (Amendment) Directions 2007.