

NHS funding for Dentistry

Students starting in 2007 or later

(Notes are overleaf)



Who is eligible? See Note 1

Students can apply for NHS funding in the 5th Year (final year) of the course. If you did a Pre-lim Year you can apply in the 4th Year & 5th Year*.

Support for tuition fees

The NHS pays tuition fees regardless of family income.

Support for Placement costs

Support for travel costs to attend placements is income assessed against 'household income'.

See Note 2

Support for living costs See Note 2

The maximum Basic NHS Bursary is £2,810 per year. This is assessed against 'household income' which usually means parental income or the income of a spouse/partner. £82 per week is added to the Basic Bursary for each extra week of attendance. For example the 5th Year attracts 10 or 11 extra weeks. The 4th Year usually has fewer extra weeks*.

Total Bursary for living costs

Household Income	5 th Year of the course
£24,279 or less	£3,712
£30,000	£3,065
£35,000	£2,539
£40,000	£2,013
£45,000	£1,486
£50,000	£960
£55,000	£434
£60,000	NIL
£67,500	NIL

Note: If you live in the parental home your total Bursary entitlement will be reduced by approx. £1,000 in the 4th Year and £750 in the 5th Year.

Support for living costs

The maximum loan is reduced to £1,811 in the final year i.e. the 5th Year of Dentistry (2010/11 rates).

Entitlement to the loan is not affected by household income.

See Note 1

Extra Allowances See Note 3

Via the NHS Bursary if you have –

- Children,
- An adult dependant,
- Registered childcare costs
- Learning support needs

OR

- If you were aged 26 or over at the start of the course

Note 1

Students who have been funded by their 'Student Finance' Service or LEA in previous years are usually eligible to apply for NHS Funding. Eligibility for the NHS Bursary scheme and the reduced Student Loan is not affected by previous study including second degree students. A preliminary year counts towards years of study. A repeat year of study does not count.

Even if you estimate that you won't qualify for any Bursary support for living costs you would still need to apply for the NHS Bursary so that your tuition fees are paid by the NHS. The fees are paid direct to the University by the NHS.

Note 2

This guide is for students who started Dentistry in September 2007 or later. The NHS Bursary rates in the guide are applicable to 2010/11 and usually change in line with inflation only. If you started Dentistry prior to September 2007 please refer to our guide for 'Pre 2007 starters' at www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentsupport/ under Advice & Guidance and 'Funding'.

'Household income' is gross taxable income. Usually your income as a student isn't included unless you have taxable income other than student support & part-time earnings. The income of your parents will not be assessed if you are treated as 'independent' i.e. you are married or in a Civil Partnership OR you have care of children OR you are estranged from your parents or your parents cannot be traced OR you have been financially self-supporting for 3 years prior to the start of your course.

Any reduction in the Bursary because of 'household income' is made against support for living costs in the first instance and then against help with placement costs. If you receive any amount of NHS Bursary for living costs you should also get help with placement costs. Help with placement costs is likely to be reduced where 'household income' results in a NIL Bursary for living costs.

Note 3

If you have children or an adult dependant you can apply for income assessed 'extra allowances'. For further information see our funding guide '**Extra Allowances for all NHS Funded students**' available at www.studentsupportcentre.ac.uk under 'Advice' and 'Funding'.

If you currently receive 'Disabled Students Allowances' (DSA) related to your studies and a disability or dyslexia you will need to re-apply for the DSA via the NHS as early as possible. It is recommended that you contact the Student Support Centre and ask a member of the Disability or Dyslexia team for information about how to apply for the DSA via the NHS.

How to apply for the NHS Bursary

Step 1 – The Dental School Undergraduate Office will compile a list of students who will be eligible for the NHS Bursary and send this to the appropriate funding authority. This notification must be received by the funding office in order for an application to be processed. This process usually starts from April onwards. If you haven't received anything about the NHS Bursary it is recommended that you check with the School Undergraduate Office that you are on the list of students eligible for the NHS Bursary.

Step 2 – When confirmation of your eligibility for the NHS Bursary is received the funding authority will send an application to you. The authority you deal with is based on where you were living prior to the start of your course.

Students living in Wales prior to the start of the course -
NHS (Wales) Student Awards Unit
Tel. (029) 2019 6167 (Between 9 and 12 Monday to Friday)

Students living in England prior to the start of the course -
NHS Business Services Authority www.nhspa.gov.uk/sgu/

Students living in Scotland or N Ireland prior to the course -
Contact your respective funding authorities via
www.saas.org.uk or www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

Step 3 – The relevant funding authority will assess your application and notify the University and you of the award. If you qualify for a Bursary for living costs the University Finance Office will pay it into your bank account.

Applying for the reduced Student Loan for living costs

You will still need to complete the PR1 form for the reduced Student Loan for living costs and send this to your Local Education Authority or 'Student Finance Service' as appropriate. This loan is not income assessed so you don't need to complete the income related sections. State on the form that you are applying for the **income assessed NHS Bursary** for the coming year of your course, even if you don't expect to receive any Bursary for living costs.

This guide has been produced by the Student Support Centre, Cardiff University

If you have any queries about the NHS Bursary scheme contact –

A Student Adviser at the Student Support Centre
Telephone (029) 2074 2070 (Heath) or 2087 4844 (50 Park Place)
Or Email studentsupportcentre@cardiff.ac.uk

Or contact the relevant funding authority