



NHS Bursaries Advice, Information & Funding Service (AIFS)

What is an NHS bursary?

The NHS bursary is financial support provided by NHS Student Bursaries (via NHS Business Services Authority) for students enrolled on eligible health professional training courses.

Eligible courses

BSc Dietetics and Nutrition; Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics and Nutrition. If you're studying for the foundation year of the Sciences Extended Degree in 16/17 prior to commencing the BSc Dietetics and Nutrition, you will not be eligible for a bursary throughout the duration of your course, but should apply to Student Finance England for assistance with tuition fees and living costs. For further information on student support for the extended degree, please consult our information sheet on full-time undergraduate funding at www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets

Residency requirements

- You must have settled status, which means you must be settled in the UK within the meaning of the Immigration Act of 1971.
- You must have been living in the United Kingdom and Islands for the three years immediately before the first day* of the first academic year of your course.
- You must be living in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland on the first day* of the first academic year of your course.

* 1 September for a course starting in the autumn term.

EU students

EU students who have been ordinarily resident in the UK for five years prior to the start of their course, or who have EEA migrant worker status (see our EU and EEA funding information sheet) may be eligible for the full NHS bursary. EU students who do not meet either of these criteria may still be eligible for a "fees only" award.

How do I apply?

After you have received an offer of an NHS funded place from London Met, please consult the NHS Student Bursaries website for information about when to create an online account via the bursary Online Support System (BOSS): www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/4002.aspx

To ensure your funding is in place for the start of your course you should complete your funding application prior to 19 August 2016. All applications for NHS bursary support must be made no later than six months from the first day of the academic year in which your course begins (28 February 2017 for autumn 2016 starters). Continuing students will be sent an email/letter before the start of the next academic year reminding you that you now need to reapply for your bursary.

How much bursary am I entitled to receive, when will I find out, and when is it paid?

All eligible full-time new and continuing students who started on or after September 2012 will

receive a non-means-tested grant of £1000. They will also be assessed for a means-tested (based on the 15/16 financial year) grant of up to £3,191 (living away from home), or up to £2,207 (living in the parental home). These figures may increase if you are eligible for Additional Allowances. Household incomes under £24,279 should receive the full means-tested grant.

The bursary is normally paid in equal monthly instalments via the Bank Automated Credit System (BACS). It is essential that you open a bank account which accepts BACS payments prior to commencing training. On enrolment, new students' first bursary instalment will normally be an advance payment to cover the first two months of training. This will normally be paid 10 days after the NHS bursaries team receives confirmation of your enrolment from London Met. The period the bursary is paid over includes the summer vacation.

Additional Allowances

New students may also be considered for: Extra Weeks Allowance; Childcare Allowance; Dependants Allowance; Parents Learning Allowance; Practice Placement Expenses; Disabled Students Allowance. Continuing students should be able to apply for the same additional allowances as were available to them in previous years.

What happens to my bursary if I repeat a year, interrupt or withdraw from my course?

You must inform NHS Student Bursaries immediately if you have to repeat a year, or terminate or interrupt your studies before the normal completion date. If you have to repeat a year, the bursary may be extended for 12 months to allow you to complete the course, provided the year being repeated was itself eligible for a bursary. You will only be allowed one period of bursary-funded repeat study. If you abandon or suspend your studies, your bursary award will be recalculated based on your actual number of days in attendance in the academic year in question and you may be required to repay any monies received that exceed your actual entitlement.

Fees only awards

In the event your parent/s, spouse, partner or civil partner do not wish to declare their income (or this income figure exceeds the capped amount to be eligible for a means-tested bursary) they may answer 'no' to the income-assessment question on the bursary Online Support System (BOSS). This means the NHS will still pay the standard course tuition fee contribution on your behalf but you will not receive the means-tested bursary and you will not be entitled to claim for any of the additional allowances with the exception of Disabled Students Allowance. Students whose parent/s, spouse, partner or civil partner choose not to declare their income will still receive the £1,000 non-means tested grant.

EU "fees only" students will only ever receive the standard course tuition fee contribution.

What other funding can I receive?

Full-time undergraduate students may be able to get a reduced rate, non-income-assessed student loan – £3,263 (living away from home), £1,744 (living in parental home). The maintenance loan is reduced in the final year of study. You should apply online at www.gov.uk/student-finance/. You will not be eligible for a London Met bursary however. Once enrolled, both undergraduate and postgraduate students may be eligible for hardship fund monies from the University if you are experiencing financial difficulty (please check with your Hub for details).

Changes for 2017/18 entry

From 1 August 2017, new nursing, midwifery and allied health students will no longer receive NHS bursaries. Instead, they will have access to the same student loans system as other students. The change will only affect new students starting their courses from 1 August 2017. There will be no changes for those students already studying and in receipt of an NHS bursary

who started their courses before 1 August 2017. Students who accept a place for 2016 but defer and commence their courses after 1 August 2017 will be funded via the student loans system. Existing students that start before 1 August 2017 who subsequently temporarily suspend their studies will remain on the NHS bursary scheme for the full duration of their course and won't be transferred onto the student loans system.

Further information

www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice

www.gov.uk/student-finance

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

How to contact the Advice, Information & Funding Service

Telephone Student Services reception and ask to speak to a student adviser:

Aldgate campus – 020 7320 2370; Holloway campus – 020 7133 2094

Email: advice.studentservices@londonmet.ac.uk

Website: www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice

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