



NHS Bursaries Student Money and Accommodation Advice

What is an NHS bursary?

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

Changes for 2017/18 entry

From 1 August 2017, new students enrolling on BSc Dietetics and Nutrition will no longer receive NHS bursaries; instead, they will have access to the same student loans system as other students: www.gov.uk/studentfinance

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 accepted a place for 2016 but deferred and commence their courses after 1 August 2017 will be funded via the student loans system. Existing students that started before 1 August 2017 who subsequently temporarily suspended 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.

If you studied the foundation year of the Sciences Extended Degree in 16/17 prior to commencing the BSc Dietetics and Nutrition programme, 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

Eligible courses

Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics and Nutrition.

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 21 August 2017. 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 2018 for autumn 2017 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 and when is it paid?

All eligible students will receive a non-means-tested grant of £1,000. They will also be assessed for a means-tested (based on the 16/17 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). The period the bursary is paid over includes the summer vacation.

Additional Allowances

These are extra payments which may be paid in addition to the non-means-tested grant and any basic bursary you may be entitled to. They are subject to means-testing.

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.

What other funding can I receive?

Once enrolled, you may be eligible for hardship fund monies from the University if you are experiencing financial difficulty (please check with your Student Hub for details).

Further information

www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice

www.gov.uk/student-finance

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

How to contact us

Telephone your Student Hub and ask to book a phone or face-to-face appointment with a Student Money and Accommodation Adviser:

Aldgate – 020 7133 7002; Holloway – 020 7133 7001; Moorgate – 020 7133 7003

Email: SMAA@londonmet.ac.uk

Website: www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice

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