



THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

Loan, Grant and Fee Rates for Full and Part-Time Higher Education Study in Academic Year 2017/18

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All figures shown are in pounds.

This Memorandum describes the main and supplementary loan and grant rates, the contribution scales and the tuition fee rates for the 2017/18 academic year. Guidance for students will be available online and as hard copy via the Student Finance Wales booklet entitled “Student finance – New full-time students 2017/18” and “Student Finance – New part-time students 2017/18” due to be issued in early 2017 and early summer respectively. The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (“the Student Support Regulations”) are scheduled to be made early in 2017.

The figures shown in this Memorandum relate to students who started their course on or after 1st September 2010.

References to publicly funded institutions is in respect of courses starting on or after 1 September 2017 is to regulated institutions in Wales, Authority funded institutions in England and publicly funded institutions in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The figures shown in this Memorandum are divided into nine sections:

- Section A:** The rates of the **basic** student loans for living costs, which are available to all full-time undergraduate students.
- Section B:** The elements of support that are available to full-time, and full-time distance learner **2012 cohort students** (i.e. students who started courses of higher education in academic year 2012/13 onwards, including those who took a gap year in academic year 2011/12 and will be continuing in 2017/18) including tables setting out illustrative levels of income, the amounts of maintenance loan and grant (or, where appropriate, Special Support Grant) available to different groups of students, and the appropriate household contribution scales.
- Section C:** The elements of support that are available to full-time **2011/12 cohort students**, who will be continuing students in 2017/18 (i.e. students who started their courses in 2011/12, excluding academic year 2010/11 gap year students) and the appropriate household contribution scales.

Section D: The elements of support that are available to full-time **2010/11 cohort students**, who will be continuing students in 2017/18 (i.e. students who started their courses in 2010/11, and also to those eligible gap year students who commenced their courses in 2011/12) and the appropriate household contribution scales.

Section E: The other elements of support that are available to **all** eligible full-time students - Extra Weeks' Loans; Disabled Students' Allowances; Adult Dependants' Grant; Childcare Grant; Parents' Learning Allowance; and the dependants' income thresholds.

Section F: Support available in 2017/18 to all part-time and part-time distance learner students; Disabled Students' Allowances; Fee Grant; Course Grant; Adult Dependants' Grant; Childcare Grant; Parents' Learning Allowance.

Section G: Support available in 2017/18 for NHS courses.

SECTION A: LOANS FOR LIVING COSTS IN 2017/18 (Available to all full-time students)

TABLE A1: BASIC STUDENT LOAN

MAXIMUM RATES OF FULL YEAR LOAN	REDUCED LOANS	MAIN LOANS
Parental	2,544	5,358
London	4,768	9,697
Elsewhere	3,392	6,922
Overseas	4,056	8,253
MAXIMUM RATES OF FINAL YEAR LOAN	REDUCED LOANS	MAIN LOANS
Parental	1,934	4,851
London	3,646	8,830
Elsewhere	2,643	6,412
Overseas	2,965	7,179

For 2010/11 and 2012 cohort students the maximum amount of main maintenance loan will be reduced by 50p for every £1 of maintenance grant received, up to a maximum £2,580 reduction. For 2011/12 cohort students, the maximum reduction is £2,688.

All eligible students who are on full-time courses, including those students starting full-time courses of Initial Teacher Training (ITT) on or after 1 September 2010 and who are continuing their course in 2017/18, are eligible for the appropriate main loan rate, a quarter of which is income-assessed (see table A2 in '2013/14 Assessing Financial Entitlement' guidance chapter which can be found on the following website www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/practitioners/policy-information/guidance-chapters).

Students who started a part-time course of ITT on or after 1 September 2010 and future academic years are eligible for the standard part-time package set out in **Section F** of this Memorandum. However, those who commence a part-time course on or after 1 September 2014 will be eligible to apply for the package including fee loans outlined in the same section.

Note 1: From 1 September 2010 and later academic years, students who start a full-time course of initial teacher education will be eligible for a fully means tested Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs / special support grant, available under the standard full-time student package (as set out in Tables B3 and B4 for 2012 cohort students; Tables C3 and C4 for 2011/12 cohort students; Tables D3 and D4 for 2010/11 cohort students).

The following groups of students are eligible for the reduced, non-income assessed loan rates:

- (i) Eligible students on full-year sandwich course paid placements where the periods of full time study are less than 10 weeks in aggregate;
- (ii) Students who are eligible for means-tested NHS bursaries in Wales or means tested Scottish Health Care allowances (note: Regulation 50 of the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (as amended) states that students on a bursary year who are overseas will receive the elsewhere rate - therefore the full year rate is £3,392 and the final year rate is £2,643 for students in these circumstances).
- (iii) Students who do not provide information needed to calculate household income.

TABLE A2: MAXIMUM LOAN RATES: 25% INCOME ASSESSED AND 75% NON-INCOME ASSESSED ELEMENTS

FULL YEAR STUDENTS	MAIN RATE (100%) (Table A1)	NON-INCOME ASSESSED (75%) (nearest £1)	INCOME ASSESSED (25%) (balance)
Parental	5,358	4,019	1,339
London	9,697	7,273	2,424
Elsewhere	6,922	5,191	1,731
Overseas	8,253	6,190	2,063
FINAL YEAR STUDENTS	MAIN RATE (100%) (Table A1)	NON-INCOME ASSESSED (75%) (nearest £1)	INCOME ASSESSED (25%) (balance)
Parental	4,851	3,638	1,213
London	8,830	6,623	2,207
Elsewhere	6,412	4,809	1,603
Overseas	7,179	5,384	1,795

SECTION B: SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO FULL-TIME 2012 COHORT STUDENTS IN 2017/18

B1: SUPPORT FOR FEES

The level of fee which full-time students who are 2012 cohort students on courses of higher education in 2017/18 will be expected to pay will be dependent on where and what they choose to study. Students who normally live in Wales and study on a designated course where they are charged up to £9,250 will be able to apply for a **non means-tested fee loan of up to £4,296**, to cover all or part of their tuition fee. These students will also be eligible to apply for a **non means-tested fee grant of up to £4,954**. Students who normally live in Wales and study on a designated course where they are charged up to £9,000 will be able to apply for a **non means-tested fee loan of up to £4,046**, to cover all or part of their tuition fee. These students will also be eligible to apply for a **non means-tested fee grant of up to £4,954**. The maximum fee which Higher Education Institutions can charge in 2017/18 is £9,000 (Wales) and up to £9,250 (RUK¹). The non-means tested fee grant does not have to be repaid.

Full-time students who will be 2012 cohort students in higher education in 2017/18 studying specifically designated courses at private institutions within the UK will have access to a non means-tested fee loan of up to £6,165 to cover all or part of the costs of their tuition fee.

Maximum Fee Support in Special Cases

The maximum tuition fee support available will be reduced in relation to the final academic years of courses which require reduced levels of study. The tuition fee support available for such courses will be up to **£4,625** for those provided at publicly funded institutions where £9,250 is being charged (non means-tested fee loan of up to **£2,065** and non means-tested fee grant of up to **£2,560**) and a non means-tested fee loan of up to **£3,080** for those provided at private institutions. Where the fee is £9,000 the tuition fee support available for such courses will be **£4,500** for those provided at publicly funded institutions (non means-tested fee loan of up to **£1,940** and non means-tested fee grant of up to **£2,560**).

Students studying at institutions in Wales or England

Students who started their studies on or after 1 September 2012 who undertake a year abroad placement (for either study or work within the ERASMUS scheme, and for a *study* placement outside of the ERASMUS scheme) will be charged a **tuition fee up to 15% of the institution's maximum fee cap** (up to **£1,385**²). Students who normally live in Wales and study on a designated course where they are charged up to £9,250 will be able to apply for a **non means-tested fee loan of up to £710** and **£675** fee grant to cover the £1,385. On courses where £9,000 is being charged a student is able to apply for a **non means-tested fee loan of £675** and **£675** fee grant totalling £1,350. Eligible students will have access to fee support of up to the maximum tuition fee charged. The maximum tuition loan entitlement for courses at **privately funded institutions** in this situation will be up to **£920**³ (no fee grant is payable for courses at private institutions).

¹ Rest of the United Kingdom

² £1,385 is 15% of £9,250 rounded down to the nearest whole £5

³ £920 is 15% of £6,165 rounded down to the nearest whole £5

Students who started their studies on or after 1 September 2012 who undertake a work placement year as part of a sandwich course will be charged a **tuition fee up to 20% of the institution's maximum fee cap** (this would be up to **£1,850** where the £9,250 is being charged and **£1,800** where £9,000 is being charged). The £1,850 is made up of up to **£950** fee loan and **£900** fee grant, and the £1,800 is made up of up to **£900** fee loan and **£900** fee grant. Eligible students will have access to fee support of up to the maximum tuition fee charged. The maximum tuition loan entitlement for courses at **privately funded institutions** in this situation will be up to **£1,230⁴**.

Students studying at institutions in Scotland

Students starting their courses at universities or colleges in Scotland, and who are undertaking a part year abroad placement (for either study or work within the ERASMUS scheme) will be charged a tuition fee up to 15% of the institution's maximum fee cap (this would be up to **£1,385**). Eligible students will have access to fee support of up to the maximum tuition fee charged made up of **£710** fee loan and **£675** fee grant. The maximum tuition loan entitlement for courses at **privately funded institutions** in this situation will be **£920** (no fee grant is payable for courses at private institutions).

Students starting their courses at universities or colleges in Scotland, and who are undertaking a sandwich work placement year or a study or work placement outside of the Erasmus scheme in 2017/18, will continue to be subject to the student support arrangements that applied in 2014/15. The maximum tuition fee support available for students starting courses on or after 1st September 2012 that are provided by an institution in Scotland will be **£4,625**. The £4,625 is made up of **£2,065** fee loan and **£2,560** fee grant. The maximum tuition loan entitlement for courses at **privately funded institutions** in this situation will be **£3,080** (no fee grant is payable for courses at private institutions).

Students studying at institutions in Northern Ireland

Students starting their courses at universities or colleges in Northern Ireland, and who are undertaking a part year abroad placement (for either study or work within the ERASMUS scheme, or a *study or work placement* outside of the ERASMUS scheme) in 2017/18, will continue to be subject to the student support arrangements in 2017/18 that applied in 2014/15. The maximum tuition fee support available for students starting courses on or after 1st September 2012 that are provided by an institution in Northern Ireland will be **£4,625**. The £4,625 is made up of **£2,065** fee loan and **£2,560** fee grant. The maximum tuition loan entitlement for courses at **privately funded institutions** in this situation will be **£3,080** (no fee grant is payable for courses at private institutions).

Students starting their courses at universities or colleges in Northern Ireland, and who are undertaking a sandwich work placement year in 2017/18, will continue to be subject to the student support arrangements in 2017/18 that applied in 2014/15. The maximum tuition fee support available for students starting courses on or after 1st September 2012 that are provided by an institution in Northern Ireland will be **£4,625**. The £4,625 is made up of **£2,065** fee loan and **£2,560** fee grant. The maximum tuition loan entitlement for courses at **privately funded institutions** in this

⁴ £1,230 is 20% of £6,165 rounded down to the nearest whole £5

situation will be **£3,080** (no fee grant is payable for courses at private institutions).

B2: SUPPORT FOR LIVING COSTS

In addition to the fee support detailed in B1, full-time 2012 cohort students will be able to apply for:

- (1) A means-tested Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs of up to **£5,161**;
- (2) The basic student loan for living costs shown in Section A, 75% of which will not be subject to income assessment.
- (3) Certain students will be potentially eligible for a Special Support Grant instead of the Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs. These students include those who (a) have dependent children and do not have a partner; (b) have dependent children and their partner is also a full-time student; or (c) are eligible for certain specified disability benefits.

TABLES B3 & B4 – AMOUNTS OF WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT (OR SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT) AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Table B3 applies to students who are undertaking full-time courses including full-time initial teacher training (ITT) courses, and who are eligible for the Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs. **Table B4** applies to students who are undertaking full-time courses, including full-time initial teacher training (ITT) courses, and who are eligible for the Special Support Grant.

The support available for ITT courses starting on or after 1 September 2010 and future academic years will depend on whether it is undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis. The Welsh Government Learning Grant and Special Support Grant are fully means-tested for **all** students who start their studies on a full-time basis on or after 1 September 2010.

Students who start a part-time course of ITT on or after 1 September 2010 including the flexible provision provided by the Open University in Wales are eligible for the standard part-time student support package set out at section F (part-time support).

TABLE B5 – HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION SCALE

Table B5 sets out the assessed household contribution that full-time entrants will be assessed for in 2017/18, for illustrative levels of household income.

For details of other loan and grant support that is available to full-time continuing entrants, see Section E

B3: WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT AND LOAN ENTITLEMENT: ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME – INCLUDING FULL-TIME ITT COURSES.

INCOME (£)	ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION (£)	WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT (£)	MAINTENANCE LOAN (£)	TOTAL GRANT PLUS LOAN (£)
Student living at home		Maximum £5,358(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	2,778	7,939
20,000	0	4,715	3,001	7,716
25,000	0	3,347	3,685	7,032
26,500	0	2,936	3,890	6,826
30,000	0	2,099	4,309	6,408
34,000	0	1,142	4,787	5,929
40,000	0	734	4,991	5,725
45,000	0	393	5,162	5,555
50,020	0	50	5,333	5,383
50,753	0	0	5,358	5,358
55,000	849	0	4,509	4,509
57,452	1,339	0	4,019	4,019
Student studying in London		Maximum £9,697(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	7,117	12,278
20,000	0	4,715	7,340	12,055
25,000	0	3,347	8,024	11,371
26,500	0	2,936	8,229	11,165
30,000	0	2,099	8,648	10,747
34,000	0	1,142	9,126	10,268
40,000	0	734	9,330	10,064
45,000	0	393	9,501	9,894
50,020	0	50	9,672	9,722
50,753	0	0	9,697	9,697
55,000	849	0	8,848	8,848
62,876	2,424	0	7,273	7,273
Student studying outside London		Maximum £6,922(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	4,342	9,503
20,000	0	4,715	4,565	9,280
25,000	0	3,347	5,249	8,596
26,500	0	2,936	5,454	8,390
30,000	0	2,099	5,873	7,972
34,000	0	1,142	6,351	7,493
40,000	0	734	6,555	7,289
45,000	0	393	6,726	7,119
50,020	0	50	6,897	6,947
50,753	0	0	6,922	6,922
55,000	849	0	6,073	6,073
59,408	1,731	0	5,191	5,191

(*) The amount of loan for which students are eligible will be reduced by 50p for every £1 of grant to which they are entitled, up to a maximum of £2,580.

For income between £18,371 and £26,500, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £3.653 by which the income exceeds £18,370. For income between £26,501 and £34,000, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £4.180 by which the income exceeds £26,500. For income between £34,001 and £50,020, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £14.670 by which the income exceeds £34,000.

A student whose income is £50,020 will be eligible for the minimum grant of £50. A student whose income exceeds £50,020 will not be eligible for any grant. Where students' income exceeds £50,753, the amount of loan to which they are entitled is reduced by £1 for every complete £5 by which the income exceeds £50,753 until 75% of the full maintenance loan remains.

B4: SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT AND LOAN ENTITLEMENT FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME – INCLUDING FULL TIME ITT COURSES.

INCOME (£)	ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION (£)	SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT (£)	MAINTENANCE LOAN (£)	TOTAL SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT PLUS LOAN (£)
Student living at home		Maximum £5,358(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	5,358	10,519
20,000	0	4,715	5,358	10,073
25,000	0	3,347	5,358	8,705
26,500	0	2,936	5,358	8,294
30,000	0	2,099	5,358	7,457
34,000	0	1,142	5,358	6,500
40,000	0	734	5,358	6,092
45,000	0	393	5,358	5,751
50,020	0	50	5,358	5,408
50,753	0	0	5,358	5,358
55,000	849	0	4,509	4,509
57,452	1,339	0	4,019	4,019
Student studying in London		Maximum £9,697(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	9,697	14,858
20,000	0	4,715	9,697	14,412
25,000	0	3,347	9,697	13,044
26,500	0	2,936	9,697	12,633
30,000	0	2,099	9,697	11,796
34,000	0	1,142	9,697	10,839
40,000	0	734	9,697	10,431
45,000	0	393	9,697	10,090
50,020	0	50	9,697	9,747
50,753	0	0	9,697	9,697
55,000	849	0	8,848	8,848
62,876	2,424	0	7,273	7,273
Student studying outside London		Maximum £6,922(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	6,922	12,083
20,000	0	4,715	6,922	11,637
25,000	0	3,347	6,922	10,269
26,500	0	2,936	6,922	9,858
30,000	0	2,099	6,922	9,021
34,000	0	1,142	6,922	8,064
40,000	0	734	6,922	7,656
45,000	0	393	6,922	7,315
50,020	0	50	6,922	6,972
50,753	0	0	6,922	6,922
55,000	849	0	6,073	6,073
59,408	1,731	0	5,191	5,191

For income between £18,371 and £26,500, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £3.653 by which the income exceeds £18,370. For income between £26,501 and £34,000, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £4.180 by which the income exceeds £26,500. For income between £34,001 and £50,020, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £14.670 by which the income exceeds £34,000.

A student whose income is £50,020 will be eligible for the minimum grant of £50. A student whose income exceeds £50,020 will not be eligible for any grant. Where students' income exceeds £50,753, the amount of loan to which they are entitled is reduced by £1 for every complete £5 by which the income exceeds £50,753 until 75% of the full maintenance loan remains.

TABLE B5: ASSESSMENT OF HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION FOR FULL-TIME 2012 COHORT STUDENTS

Assessments will be calculated as follows:

Household income of **£50,753 or less**: no contribution

Household income of over **£50,753**: contribution of £1 for each additional £5 of household income

The maximum contribution is £6,208. In calculating the household income, an allowance of **£1,130** may be made for a parent who is an eligible student or who holds a statutory award. The parental income may be reduced by **£1,130** for any child (other than the student) who is wholly or mainly financially dependent upon the parent.

ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME

HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION
50,753	0	61,000	2,049	72,000	4,249
51,000	49	62,000	2,249	73,000	4,449
52,000	249	63,000	2,449	74,000	4,649
53,000	449	64,000	2,649	75,000	4,849
54,000	649	65,000	2,849	76,000	5,049
55,000	849	66,000	3,049	77,000	5,249
56,000	1,049	67,000	3,249	78,000	5,449
57,000	1,249	68,000	3,449	79,000	5,649
58,000	1,449	69,000	3,649	80,000	5,849
59,000	1,649	70,000	3,849	81,000	6,049
60,000	1,849	71,000	4,049	81,793	6,208

For residual incomes of or below **£50,753**, no contribution is assessed.

For residual incomes above **£81,793** the assessed contribution is **£6,208**.

For details of other loan and grant support that is available to full-time continuing students, see Section E.

SECTION C: SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO WILL BE CONTINUING 2011/12 COHORT STUDENTS IN 2017/18

Note: This section applies to all full time students in this category.

C1: SUPPORT FOR FEES

The level of fee which full-time 2011/12 cohort students who will be continuing students on designated higher education courses in 2017/18 will be expected to pay will be dependent on where and what they choose to study. Students continuing to study in Wales or England will be able to apply for a **non means-tested loan** of up to £3,465 depending on the actual fee charged by their institution. Students continuing to study in Northern Ireland will be able to apply for a **non means-tested loan** of up to £4,030 depending on the actual fee charged by their institution.

Students who normally live in Wales and study on a designated course at an institution in the United Kingdom which is charging variable tuition fees, will be able to take out a non-income assessed tuition fee loan to cover some or all of these fees (depending on how much they are charged and how much they wish to borrow). For students who normally live in Wales and are studying at an English or Northern Ireland university or college that is not charging variable tuition fees, the tuition fee chargeable could be any amount up to a maximum of £1,380 and £1,555 respectively and students can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover some or all of this cost.

Students who normally live in Wales and study in Scotland will be charged £1,820 a year for most courses, except medicine where the fee is £2,895 a year). The charges will apply to all four years of Scottish degree courses. Students can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover some or all of this cost.

Maximum Fee Support in Special Cases

The maximum tuition charge payable, and therefore the maximum tuition loan entitlement, for courses, including sandwich courses, where a student spends a significant time during the year away from his or her institution will be **£1,725 where the student attends an institution in Wales, Scotland or England, and £2,005 where the student attends an institution in Northern Ireland.**

C2: SUPPORT FOR LIVING COSTS

In addition to the fee loan, continuing full-time 2011/12 cohort students will be able to apply for:

- (1) A means-tested Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs of up to **£5,780**;
- (2) The basic student loan for living costs shown in Section A, 75% of which will not be subject to income assessment.
- (3) Certain students will be potentially eligible for a Special Support Grant instead of the Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs. These students include those who (a) have dependent children and do not have a partner; (b) have dependent children and their partner is also a full-time student; or (c) are eligible for certain specified disability benefits.

For new entrants in academic year 2011/12, the Welsh National Bursary was integrated into the HE statutory support system as an integral part of the Welsh Government Learning and Special Support Grants. The Welsh Government's statutory student support arrangements for living costs are for Welsh domiciled students only (namely students who are ordinarily resident in Wales). Institutions are no longer required to pay a minimum national bursary to **new entrants from 2011/12** but can continue to make their own institutional awards.

TABLES C3 & C4 – AMOUNTS OF WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT (OR SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT) AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Table C3 applies to students who are undertaking full time courses including full-time initial teacher training (ITT) courses, and who are eligible for the Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs. **Table C4** applies to students who are undertaking full time courses, including full-time initial teacher training (ITT) courses, and who are eligible for the Special Support Grant;

The support available for ITT courses starting on or after 1 September 2010 and future academic years will depend on whether it is undertaken on a full time or part-time basis. The Welsh Government Learning Grant and Special Support Grant are fully means-tested for **all** students who start their studies on or after 1 September 2010 and future academic years.

Students who start a part-time course of ITT on or after 1 September 2010 and future academic years including the flexible provision provided by the Open University in Wales are eligible for the standard part-time student support package set out at section F (part-time support).

TABLE C5 – HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION SCALE

Table C5 sets out the assessed household contribution that continuing full-time 2011/12 cohort students will be assessed for in 2017/18, for illustrative levels of household income.

For details of other loan and grant support that is available to full-time continuing entrants, see Section E.

**C3: WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT AND LOAN ENTITLEMENT:
ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME – INCLUDING FULL-TIME ITT COURSES.**

INCOME (£)	ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION (£)	WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT (£)	MAINTENANCE LOAN (£)	TOTAL GRANT PLUS LOAN (£)
Student living at home		Maximum £5,358(*)		
18,370	0	5,780	2,670	8,450
20,000	0	5,334	2,691	8,025
25,000	0	3,966	3,375	7,341
26,500	0	3,555	3,581	7,136
30,000	0	2,718	3,999	6,717
34,000	0	1,761	4,478	6,239
40,000	0	1,120	4,798	5,918
45,000	0	586	5,065	5,651
50,020	0	50	5,333	5,383
50,488	0	0	5,358	5,358
55,000	902	0	4,456	4,456
57,187	1,339	0	4,019	4,019
Student studying in London		Maximum £9,697(*)		
18,370	0	5,780	7,009	12,789
20,000	0	5,334	7,030	12,364
25,000	0	3,966	7,714	11,680
26,500	0	3,555	7,920	11,475
30,000	0	2,718	8,338	11,056
34,000	0	1,761	8,817	10,578
40,000	0	1,120	9,137	10,257
45,000	0	586	9,404	9,990
50,020	0	50	9,672	9,722
50,488	0	0	9,697	9,697
55,000	902	0	8,795	8,795
62,611	2,424	0	7,273	7,273
Student studying outside London		Maximum £6,922(*)		
18,370	0	5,780	4,234	10,014
20,000	0	5,334	4,255	9,589
25,000	0	3,966	4,939	8,905
26,500	0	3,555	5,145	8,700
30,000	0	2,718	5,563	8,281
34,000	0	1,761	6,042	7,803
40,000	0	1,120	6,362	7,482
45,000	0	586	6,629	7,215
50,020	0	50	6,897	6,947
50,488	0	0	6,922	6,922
55,000	902	0	6,020	6,020
59,143	1,731	0	5,191	5,192

(*) The amount of loan for which students are eligible will be reduced by 50p for every £1 of grant to which they are entitled, up to a maximum of £2,688.

For income between £18,371 and £26,500, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £3.653 by which the income exceeds £18,370. For income between £26,501 and £34,000, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £4.180 by which the income exceeds £26,500. For income between £34,001 and £50,020, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £9.360 by which the income exceeds £34,000.

A student whose income is £50,020 will be eligible for the minimum grant of £50. A student whose income exceeds £50,020 will not be eligible for any grant. Where students' income exceeds £50,488, the amount of loan to which they are entitled is reduced by £1 for every complete £5 by which the income exceeds £50,488 until 75% of the full maintenance loan remains.

C4: SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT AND LOAN ENTITLEMENT FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME – INCLUDING FULL-TIME ITT COURSES.

INCOME (£)	ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION (£)	SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT (£)	MAINTENANCE LOAN (£)	TOTAL SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT PLUS LOAN (£)
Student living at home		Maximum £5,358(*)		
18,370	0	5,780	5,358	11,138
20,000	0	5,334	5,358	10,692
25,000	0	3,966	5,358	9,324
26,500	0	3,555	5,358	8,913
30,000	0	2,718	5,358	8,076
34,000	0	1,761	5,358	7,119
40,000	0	1,120	5,358	6,478
45,000	0	586	5,358	5,944
50,020	0	50	5,358	5,408
50,488	0	0	5,358	5,358
55,000	902	0	4,456	4,456
57,187	1,339	0	4,019	4,019
Student studying in London		Maximum £9,697(*)		
18,370	0	5,780	9,697	15,477
20,000	0	5,334	9,697	15,031
25,000	0	3,966	9,697	13,663
26,500	0	3,555	9,697	13,252
30,000	0	2,718	9,697	12,415
34,000	0	1,761	9,697	11,458
40,000	0	1,120	9,697	10,817
45,000	0	586	9,697	10,283
50,020	0	50	9,697	9,747
50,488	0	0	9,697	9,697
55,000	902	0	8,795	8,795
62,611	2,424	0	7,273	7,273
Student studying outside London		Maximum £6,922(*)		
18,370	0	5,780	6,922	12,702
20,000	0	5,334	6,922	12,256
25,000	0	3,966	6,922	10,888
26,500	0	3,555	6,922	10,477
30,000	0	2,718	6,922	9,640
34,000	0	1,761	6,922	8,683
40,000	0	1,120	6,922	8,042
45,000	0	586	6,922	7,508
50,020	0	50	6,922	6,972
50,488	0	0	6,922	6,922
55,000	902	0	6,020	6,020
59,143	1,731	0	5,191	5,192

For income between £18,371 and £26,500, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £3.653 by which the income exceeds £18,370. For income between £26,501 and £34,000, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £4.180 by which the income exceeds £26,500. For income between £34,001 and £50,020, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £9.360 by which the income exceeds £34,000.

A student whose income is £50,020 will be eligible for the minimum grant of £50. A student whose income exceeds £50,020 will not be eligible for any grant. Where students' income exceeds £50,488, the amount of loan to which they are entitled is reduced by £1 for every complete £5 by which the income exceeds £50,488 until 75% of the full maintenance loan remains.

TABLE C5: ASSESSMENT OF HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION FOR CONTINUING FULL-TIME 2011/12 COHORT STUDENTS

Assessments will be calculated as follows:

Household income of **£50,488 or less**: no contribution

Household income of over **£50,488**: contribution of £1 for each additional £5 of household income

The maximum contribution is £6,208. In calculating the household income, an allowance of **£1,130** may be made for a parent who is an eligible student or who holds a statutory award. The parental income may be reduced by **£1,130** for any child (other than the student) who is wholly or mainly financially dependent upon the parent.

ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME

HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION
50,488	0	61,000	2,102	72,000	4,302
51,000	102	62,000	2,302	73,000	4,502
52,000	302	63,000	2,502	74,000	4,702
53,000	502	64,000	2,702	75,000	4,902
54,000	702	65,000	2,902	76,000	5,102
55,000	902	66,000	3,102	77,000	5,302
56,000	1,102	67,000	3,302	78,000	5,502
57,000	1,302	68,000	3,502	79,000	5,702
58,000	1,502	69,000	3,702	80,000	5,902
59,000	1,702	70,000	3,902	81,000	6,102
60,000	1,902	71,000	4,102	81,528	6,208

For residual incomes of or below **£50,488**, no contribution is assessed.

For residual incomes above **£81,528** the assessed contribution is **£6,208**.

For details of other loan and grant support that is available to full-time continuing students, see Section E.

SECTION D: SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO WILL BE CONTINUING 2010/11 COHORT STUDENTS IN 2017/18

Note: This section applies to all full-time entrants.

D1: SUPPORT FOR FEES

The level of fee which full-time 2010/11 cohort students who will be continuing students to higher education in 2017/18 will be expected to pay will be dependent on where and what they choose to study. Students continuing to study in Wales or England will be able to apply for a **non means-tested loan** of up to £3,465 depending on the actual fee charged by their institution. Students continuing to study in Northern Ireland will be able to apply for a **non means-tested loan** of up to £4,030 depending on the actual fee charged by their institution.

Students who normally live in Wales and study on a designated course at an institution in the United Kingdom which is charging variable tuition fees, will be able to take out a non-income assessed tuition fee loan to cover some or all of these fees (depending on how much they are charged and how much they wish to borrow). For students who normally live in Wales and are studying on a designated course at an institution in England or Northern Ireland that is not charging variable tuition fees, the tuition fee chargeable could be any amount up to a maximum of £1,380 and £1,555 respectively and students can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover some or all of this cost.

Students who normally live in Wales and study in Scotland will be charged £1,820 a year for most courses, except medicine where the fee is £2,895 a year. The charges will apply to all four years of Scottish degree courses. Students can apply for a tuition fee loan to cover some or all of this cost.

Maximum Fee Rates in Special Cases

The maximum tuition charge payable, and therefore the maximum tuition loan entitlement, for courses, including sandwich courses, where a student spends a significant time during the year away from his or her institution will be **£1,725** where the student attends an institution in Wales or England, and £2,005 where the student attends an institution in Northern Ireland, and £640* where the student attends an institution in Scotland.

*This figure may be subject to change.

D2: SUPPORT FOR LIVING COSTS

In addition to the fee loan, continuing full-time 2010/11 cohort students will be able to apply for:

- (1) A means-tested Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs of up to **£5,161**;
- (2) A means-tested bursary. Students with a household income of £18,370 or less, on a designated course at an institution in Wales could apply for a minimum **bursary** of £347 from their institution. Students who are eligible for the full £5,161 Welsh Government Learning Grant or Special Support Grant for living costs, who are attending a university or college in **Northern Ireland**, and who are being charged the maximum £4,030 fee, may be entitled to a **bursary** from their institution.
- (3) The basic student loan for living costs shown in Section A, 75% of which will not be subject to income assessment.
- (4) Certain students will be potentially eligible for a Special Support Grant instead of the Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs. These students include those who (a) have dependent children and do not have a partner; (b) have dependent children and their partner is also a full-time student; or (c) are eligible for certain specified disability benefits.

TABLES D3 & D4 – AMOUNTS OF WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT (OR SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT) AVAILABLE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Table D3 applies to students who are undertaking full-time courses including full-time initial teacher training (ITT) courses, and who are eligible for the Welsh Government Learning Grant for living costs. **Table D4** applies to students who are undertaking full-time courses, including full-time initial teacher training (ITT) courses, and who are eligible for the Special Support Grant;

The support available for ITT courses starting on or after 1 September 2010 and future academic years will depend on whether it is undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis. The Welsh Government Learning Grant and Special Support Grant are fully means-tested for **all** students who start their studies on or after 1 September 2010 and future academic years.

Students who start a part-time course of ITT on or after 1 September 2010 including the flexible provision provided by the Open University in Wales are eligible for the standard part-time student support package set out at section F (part-time support).

TABLE D5 – HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION SCALE

Table D5 sets out the assessed household contribution that continuing full-time 2010/11 cohort students will be assessed for in 2017/18, for illustrative levels of household income.

For details of other loan and grant support that is available to full-time continuing entrants, see Section E.

**D3: WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT AND LOAN ENTITLEMENT:
ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME – INCLUDING FULL TIME ITT COURSES.**

INCOME (£)	ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION (£)	WELSH GOVERNMENT LEARNING GRANT (£)	MAINTENANCE LOAN (£)	TOTAL GRANT PLUS LOAN (£)
Student living at home		Maximum £5,358(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	2,778	7,939
20,000	0	4,715	3,001	7,716
25,000	0	3,347	3,685	7,032
26,500	0	2,936	3,890	6,826
30,000	0	2,099	4,309	6,408
34,000	0	1,142	4,787	5,929
40,000	0	734	4,991	5,725
45,000	0	393	5,162	5,555
50,020	0	50	5,333	5,383
50,753	0	0	5,358	5,358
55,000	849	0	4,509	4,509
57,452	1,339	0	4,019	4,019
Student studying in London		Maximum £9,697(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	7,117	12,278
20,000	0	4,715	7,340	12,055
25,000	0	3,347	8,024	11,371
26,500	0	2,936	8,229	11,165
30,000	0	2,099	8,648	10,747
34,000	0	1,142	9,126	10,268
40,000	0	734	9,330	10,064
45,000	0	393	9,501	9,894
50,020	0	50	9,672	9,722
50,753	0	0	9,697	9,697
55,000	849	0	8,848	8,848
62,876	2,424	0	7,273	7,273
Student studying outside London		Maximum £6,922(*)		
18,370	0	5,161	4,342	9,503
20,000	0	4,715	4,565	9,280
25,000	0	3,347	5,249	8,596
26,500	0	2,936	5,454	8,390
30,000	0	2,099	5,873	7,972
34,000	0	1,142	6,351	7,493
40,000	0	734	6,555	7,289
45,000	0	393	6,726	7,119
50,020	0	50	6,897	6,947
50,753	0	0	6,922	6,922
55,000	849	0	6,073	6,073
59,408	1,731	0	5,191	5,192

(*) The amount of loan for which students are eligible will be reduced by 50p for every £1 of grant to which they are entitled, up to a maximum of £2,580.

For income between £18,371 and £26,500, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £3.653 by which the income exceeds £18,370. For income between £26,501 and £34,000, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £4.180 by which the income exceeds £26,500. For income between £34,001 and £50,020, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £14.670 by which the income exceeds £34,000.

A student whose income is £50,020 will be eligible for the minimum grant of £50. A student whose income exceeds £50,020 will not be eligible for any grant. Where students' income exceeds £50,753, the amount of loan to which they are entitled is reduced by £1 for every complete £5 by which the income exceeds £50,753 until 75% of the full maintenance loan remains.

D4: SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT AND LOAN ENTITLEMENT FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME – INCLUDING FULL TIME ITT COURSES.

INCOME (£)	ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION (£)	SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT (£)	MAINTENANCE LOAN (£)	TOTAL SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANT PLUS LOAN (£)
Student living at home				
Maximum £5,358(*)				
18,370	0	5,161	5,358	10,519
20,000	0	4,715	5,358	10,073
25,000	0	3,347	5,358	8,705
26,500	0	2,936	5,358	8,294
30,000	0	2,099	5,358	7,457
34,000	0	1,142	5,358	6,500
40,000	0	734	5,358	6,092
45,000	0	393	5,358	5,751
50,020	0	50	5,358	5,408
50,753	0	0	5,358	5,358
55,000	849	0	4,509	4,509
57,452	1,339	0	4,019	4,019
Student studying in London				
Maximum £9,697(*)				
18,370	0	5,161	9,697	14,858
20,000	0	4,715	9,697	14,412
25,000	0	3,347	9,697	13,044
26,500	0	2,936	9,697	12,633
30,000	0	2,099	9,697	11,796
34,000	0	1,142	9,697	10,839
40,000	0	734	9,697	10,431
45,000	0	393	9,697	10,090
50,020	0	50	9,697	9,747
50,753	0	0	9,697	9,697
55,000	849	0	8,848	8,848
62,876	2,424	0	7,273	7,273
Student studying outside London				
Maximum £6,922(*)				
18,370	0	5,161	6,922	12,083
20,000	0	4,715	6,922	11,637
25,000	0	3,347	6,922	10,269
26,500	0	2,936	6,922	9,858
30,000	0	2,099	6,922	9,021
34,000	0	1,142	6,922	8,064
40,000	0	734	6,922	7,656
45,000	0	393	6,922	7,315
50,020	0	50	6,922	6,972
50,753	0	0	6,922	6,922
55,000	849	0	6,073	6,073
59,408	1,731	0	5,191	5,192

For income between £18,371 and £26,500, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £3.653 by which the income exceeds £18,370. For income between £26,501 and £34,000, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £4.180 by which the income exceeds £26,500. For income between £34,001 and £50,020, the grant is reduced by £1 for every complete £14.670 by which the income exceeds £34,000.

A student whose income is £50,020 will be eligible for the minimum grant of £50. A student whose income exceeds £50,020 will not be eligible for any grant. Where students' income exceeds £50,753, the amount of loan to which they are entitled is reduced by £1 for every complete £5 by which the income exceeds £50,753 until 75% of the full maintenance loan remains.

TABLE D5: ASSESSMENT OF HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION FOR CONTINUING FULL-TIME 2010/11 COHORT STUDENTS

Assessments will be calculated as follows:

Household income **£50,753 or less:** no contribution

Household income of over **£50,753:** contribution of £1 for each additional £5 of household income

The maximum contribution is £6,208. In calculating the household income, an allowance of **£1,130** may be made for a parent who is an eligible student or who holds a statutory award. The parental income may be reduced by **£1,130** for any child (other than the student) who is wholly or mainly financially dependent upon the parent.

ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION FOR ILLUSTRATIVE LEVELS OF INCOME

HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION	HOUSEHOLD INCOME	ASSESSMENT CONTRIBUTION
50,753	0	61,000	2,049	72,000	4,249
51,000	49	62,000	2,249	73,000	4,449
52,000	249	63,000	2,449	74,000	4,649
53,000	449	64,000	2,649	75,000	4,849
54,000	649	65,000	2,849	76,000	5,049
55,000	849	66,000	3,049	77,000	5,249
56,000	1,049	67,000	3,249	78,000	5,449
57,000	1,249	68,000	3,449	79,000	5,649
58,000	1,449	69,000	3,649	80,000	5,849
59,000	1,649	70,000	3,849	81,000	6,049
60,000	1,849	71,000	4,049	81,793	6,208

For residual incomes of or below **£50,753**, no contribution is assessed.
 For residual incomes above **£81,793** the assessed contribution is **£6,208**.

For details of other loan and grant support that is available to full-time continuing students, see Section E.

SECTION E: OTHER LOANS AND GRANTS FOR LIVING COSTS IN 2017/18 (Available to all full-time students)

E1: LOANS FOR EXTRA ATTENDANCE IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR

STUDY LOCATION	AMOUNT
Parental	£80
London	£153
Elsewhere	£120
Overseas	£166

The rates shown are weekly amounts. Students eligible for the reduced rate of loan are not eligible for additional amounts for periods of extra attendance.

E2: DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE (Not means-tested)

ALLOWANCE	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
Non-medical personal helper	£21,181
Major items of specialist equipment	£5,332
Other disability-related expenditure	£1,785

The equipment allowance is for the duration of the course. The other two allowances are annual amounts.

Students attending an academic year of a course of initial teacher training in which periods of full-time attendance, including teaching practice, aggregate to less than 6 weeks are eligible for DSA at the part-time rates.

The maximum DSAs for **part-time students** are shown in Table F5.

The maximum grant for **disabled postgraduate students** is **£10,590**.

E3: GRANT IN RESPECT OF AN ADULT DEPENDANT

Where applicable, the maximum grant in 2017/18 in respect of a spouse will be **£2,732**.

“Partner” is defined in the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017. A student’s spouse or civil partner would fall within the definition. In certain cases, a person living with the student as if he/she were the student’s spouse or civil partner will also be covered.

Where the student does not have a partner within the meaning of the regulations, a student may be eligible for this grant in respect of one adult dependant whose net income does not exceed **£3,923**.

E4: GRANT TOWARDS CHILDCARE COSTS ("CHILDCARE GRANT") (where applicable)

The amount of childcare grant payable will be based on 85% of actual childcare costs, subject to a maximum grant of **£161.50** per week for one child only or **£274.55** per week for two or more children.

Where a childcare provider has not been identified, the amount of childcare grant payable in 2017/18 will be based on 85% of actual childcare costs, subject to a maximum grant of **£115** per week. This lower rate payment will be made until details of the childcare provider have been submitted but subject to a maximum of one academic quarter (usually a term).

E5: THE PARENTS' LEARNING ALLOWANCE (where applicable)

The maximum amount of Parents Learning Allowance payable in 2017/18 will be **£1,557** and the minimum **£50**.

E6: TRAVEL GRANTS

The amount to be disregarded in any assessment of claims will be **£303**.

E7: DEPENDANTS INCOME THRESHOLDS

DEPENDANTS	THRESHOLD
Eligible student has no dependent child	£1,159
Eligible student is <u>not</u> a lone parent and has one dependent child	£3,473
Eligible student is <u>not</u> a lone parent and has more than one dependent child	£4,632
Eligible student is a lone parent and has one dependent child	£4,632
Eligible student is a lone parent and has more than one dependent child	£5,797

SECTION F: SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO PART-TIME AND DISTANCE LEARNER STUDENTS IN 2017/18

F1: FEE SUPPORT FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS WHO COMMENCED THEIR STUDIES ON OR AFTER 1 SEPTEMBER 2014

Fee loan (or the fees charged by the college, whichever is lower):

- Maximum loan for Welsh students in Welsh HEIs - £2,625
- Maximum loan for Welsh students at Open University - £2,625
- Maximum loan for Welsh students in Other UK HEIs - £6,935 (£4,625 for designated courses at non-publically funded Other UK HEIs)
- Maximum loan for EU students in Welsh HEIs - £2,625

F2: FEE SUPPORT FOR FULL-TIME 2017/18 DISTANCE LEARNER STUDENTS WHO COMMENCED THEIR STUDIES ON OR AFTER 1 SEPTEMBER 2012

The level of fee which full-time distance learner students (who commenced their studies on or after 1 September 2012) will be expected to pay will be dependent on where and what they choose to study. Students who normally live in Wales and choose to study a designated full time distance learning course at a UK institution, will be able to apply for a **non means-tested fee loan** of up to £4,046, to cover all or the first part of their tuition fee. These students will also be eligible to apply for a **non means-tested fee grant of up to £4,954**. Additional fee loan will be awarded to those students studying at a UK University where fees are above £9,000. The maximum fee which Higher Education Institutions can charge in 2017/18 is £9,000 (Wales) and £9,250 (RUK). The non-means tested fee grant does not have to be repaid.

Full-time distance learner students who started their course on or after 1 September 2012 and are studying specifically designated courses at private institutions within the UK in 2017/18 will have access to a non means-tested fee loan of up to £6,165 to cover all or part of the costs of their tuition fee.

F3: FEE SUPPORT FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS WHO COMMENCED THEIR STUDIES BEFORE 1 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND CONTINUING DISTANCE LEARNER STUDENTS WHO COMMENCED THEIR STUDIES BEFORE 1 SEPTEMBER 2012

Single student, no dependent children	
Income	Entitlement
Below £16,865	Full fee grant (or the fees charged by the college whichever is lower). Amount of fee grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course equivalent of less than 60% of a full-time course – £690. • Course equivalent to 60% to 74% of a full-time course – £820. • Course equivalent to 75% or more of a full-time course – £1,025.
£16,865	The fee grant is reduced by £50. Amount of fee grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course equivalent of less than 60% of a full-time course – £640. • Course equivalent to 60% to 74% of a full-time course – £770. • Course equivalent to 75% or more of a full-time course – £975.
£16,865 to £25,434	Fee grant as follows (or the fees charged by the college whichever is lower). Amount of fee grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course equivalent of less than 60% of a full-time course – £640 less £1 for every £14.52 of income (before tax) over £16,865. • Course equivalent to 60% to 74% of a full-time course – £770 less £1 for every £11.90 of income (before tax) over £16,865. • Course equivalent to 75% or more of a full-time course – £975 less £1 for every £9.26 of income (before tax) over £16,865.
£25,435	£50 fee grant. (This applies no matter how intensive the course is)
£25,436 and over	No fee grant

The income disregards for students with partners and dependent children are £2,000 for a partner (where counted), £2,000 for the first dependent child, and £1,000 for each subsequent child.

Note: Continuing Distance Learner students – No intensity of study calculations are required to determine the fee grant payable. In all cases this will be the lesser of (a) the fees actually payable by the student; and (b) £1,025. The means-test is however identical to the part-time means test.

Where a disabled student is undertaking a course by distance learning because they are unable to attend for reasons which relate to their disability then such students are treated as being in attendance and are eligible under the full-time provisions.

F4: COURSE GRANT

Part-time students (studying at an intensity of 50% or more) and continuing distance learner students who started their course before 1 September 2012 are eligible for a grant of up to **£1,155** for books, travel and other expenditure relating to their course. This grant is income assessed, using the same thresholds as above, with the amount of grant decreasing by £1 for every £1.886 of reckonable income above £26,095.

Single student, no dependent children	
Income	Entitlement
£26,095 and below	Full course grant of £1,155.
£26,096 to £28,179	Course grant of £1,155 less £1 for every £1.886 of income (before tax) over £26,095 (This applies no matter how intensive the course is)
£28,180	£50 course grant.
£28,181 and over	No support

Full-time distance learning students who were new entrants to higher education on or after 1 September 2012 are no longer eligible for this course grant, but instead are eligible for the full-time fee support package.

F5: DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE FOR PART-TIME (Not means-tested)

ALLOWANCE	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
Non-medical personal helper	15,885
Major items of specialist equipment	5,332
Other disability-related expenditure	1,338

The equipment allowance is for the duration of the course. The other two allowances are annual amounts.

F6: GRANT IN RESPECT OF AN ADULT DEPENDANT

Where applicable, the maximum grant in 2017/18 in respect of an adult dependant will be **£2,732 (subject to intensity of study calculations)**.

F7: GRANT TOWARDS CHILDCARE COSTS ("CHILDCARE GRANT") (where applicable)

The amount of childcare grant payable will be based on 85% of actual childcare costs, subject to a maximum grant of **£161.50** per week for one child only or **£274.55** per week for two or more children (**subject to intensity of study calculations**).

Where a childcare provider has not been identified, the amount of childcare grant payable in 2017/18 will be based on 85% of actual childcare costs, subject to a maximum grant of **£115** per week (**subject to intensity of study calculations**). This

lower rate payment will be made until details of the childcare provider have been submitted but subject to a maximum of one academic quarter (usually a term).

Full-time and part-time students are not entitled to apply to Student Finance Wales for a Childcare Grant if they have a partner on an NHS funded course and are claiming support for childcare costs through the NHS bursary scheme.

F8: PARENTS' LEARNING ALLOWANCE (where applicable)

The maximum amount of Parents' Learning Allowance payable in 2017/18 will be **£1,557 (subject to intensity of study calculations)** and the minimum **£50**.

SECTION G: SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO GRADUATE ENTRY MEDICAL AND DENTAL STUDENTS IN 2017/18

SUPPORT FOR NHS COURSES

G1: MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY (4 year compressed graduate entry course)

Year of Study	Current position for students from 2012/13				
	NHS pay tuition fees	Tuition fees	Maintenance Loan -Student Finance Wales (SFW)	Means tested NHS bursary	Non means tested NHS bursary £1,000
1	No	Self fund up to £3,465; SFW Loan for remainder	Full rate	No	No
2	Yes – up to £3,465	SFW Loan available for up to £5,785	Reduced rate	Yes	Yes
3	Yes – up to £3,465	SFW Loan available for up to £5,785	Reduced rate	Yes	Yes
4	Yes – up to £3,465	SFW Loan available for up to £5,785	Reduced rate	Yes	Yes

G2: NURSES AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (OHPs) (see below for list)

From 2017/18 no NHS Bursary will be available in England, meaning eligible students ordinarily resident in Wales but pursuing these courses in England will be eligible to apply for the full support package.

From 2017/18, eligible students pursuing these courses in Wales will be eligible to apply for a NHS Bursary. This will be based upon individuals committing in advance to take up the opportunity to work in Wales post qualification for a period of two years. Eligible students who do not commit to the two year period will be eligible to apply for the full support package.

	Current position for students from 2012/13		
	Means tested NHS bursary	Maintenance Loan - SFW	Non means tested NHS bursary
Nursing/ Midwifery	Up to £4,491*	Reduced rate	£1,000
OHP	Up to £4,491*	Reduced rate	£1,000

* This figure yet to be confirmed for AY 2017/18

Other health professionals (OHP) include:

Chiropodists (including Podiatrists)	Dieticians	Radiographers	Speech and Language Therapists
Dental hygienists	Healthcare scientists	Paramedics	
Dental therapists	Occupational therapists	Physiotherapists	

G3: MEDICINE / DENTISTRY (5 year course)

	Current position for undergraduate students from 2012/13				
Year of Study	NHS pay tuition fees	Fee Grant & Tuition Fee Loan - Student Finance Wales (SFW)	Maintenance Loan -SFW	Means tested NHS bursary	Non means tested NHS bursary £1,000
1	No	Yes	Full rate	No	No
2	No	Yes	Full rate	No	No
3	No	Yes	Full rate	No	No
4	No	Yes	Full rate	No	No
5	Yes	No	Reduced rate	Yes	Yes, for the 12/13 cohort