

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

The 2021/22 academic year will see the introduction of a new funding scheme for students undertaking a Paramedic Science degree at a Scottish university. This new support package will be available to new and continuing students and will mirror that of the existing Nursing and Midwifery Student Bursary scheme (NMSB). This new funding scheme will be called the Paramedic, Nursing and Midwifery Student Bursary (PNMSB).

Eligibility

1. Who is eligible for the PNSMB Eligibility for support depends on three conditions:

- that you are a new or continuing student on a full time Paramedic Science degree at a Scottish university in 2021/2022;
- that you have not had previous NMSB funding (as an exception this does not apply to those on a paramedic course in 21/22).; and
- that you meet our residence eligibility conditions.

2. Do previous study rules apply to the PNMSB?

If you are on a Paramedic degree course in 21/22 you can receive the PNMSB even if you have studied before. If you plan on starting a Paramedic degree in 22/23 or later then please contact us for advice.

3. How much is the PNMSB?

You will receive a bursary of £10,000 in each year of your 3 year degree course.

4. Can students apply for the Young Students' Bursary or Independent Student Bursary and living cost loan, alongside the PNMSB?

No. If you are studying a Paramedic Science degree course at a Scottish university, from 2021/2022 you can apply for the paramedic bursary of £10,000. As this new bursary (PNMSB) replaces the previous income assessed undergraduate support package of living cost grants and loans, you are no longer eligible to apply for the undergraduate support package.

5. What other student funding is available to paramedic degree students, in addition to the £10,000 bursary (PNMSB) ?

Students studying a Paramedic Science degree course, can also apply for the following additional allowances, if eligible:

- Dependant's allowance (£3,640 for an adult dependent or first child plus £557 for every additional child);
- Single parents' allowance (£2,302);
- Childcare allowance for parents (up to £2,466);
- Disabled Student's Allowance; and
- Clinical placement expenses.

Eligible students studying a Paramedic science degree course will also have their tuition fees paid, direct to their institution, if they are studying at a Scottish university for the first time.

6. Why are other AHP courses not eligible for the new PNMSB?

The Scottish Government is currently conducting a review of Allied Health Professional education and financial support for students will be considered as part of this.

Funding

1. What funding will I receive?

If you are studying a Paramedic science degree course at a Scottish university you will be eligible to apply for a bursary of £10,000 and tuition fees of £1,820 each year, as well as any other allowances (detailed above) that you are entitled to.

If you are studying a Paramedic science course at a university elsewhere in the UK you will be eligible to apply for a tuition fee loan and the standard undergraduate support package

2. I'm in year 2 or 3 of my course. Will the PNMSB package of support be backdated to the start of my course?

The new PNMSB bursary is being introduced from the 2021/2022 academic session and will not be backdated for any previous years.

All eligible new and continuing students undertaking a Paramedic degree course in Scotland will be eligible for the new bursary package from the 2021/2122 academic year.

3. How and when will the PNMSB be paid?

The PNMSB will be paid in 13 instalments over the full 12 months of the year. Students will receive their first payment on the first day of their course, and payments will be made over the full year, which will normally be paid in 13 instalments. If you are 3rd year student you will also continue to be paid over the full 12 month period, even if your course ends before this. Students will receive an award notice which will detail exactly how and when your payments will be made.

4. I'm in year 2 or 3 of my course. Will SAAS forgive the student funding I have already taken out?

The new PNMSB bursary is being introduced from the 2021/2022 academic session and students will not receive forgiveness on any loans they have taken out in previous years.

5. Will my household income affect the amount of bursary I receive?

The PNMSB is not means tested so all eligible students will receive £10,000 per year. Any other allowances that you are entitled to may be affected by the level of your household income.

Application

1. I'm a new student, how do I apply for the Paramedic bursary?

We are currently in the process of upgrading our systems to enable paramedic students to apply for the new bursary.

If you intend to return to continue with your Paramedic degree in the 2021/2022 Academic Year **you can apply from Friday 2 July 2021.**

You can apply for the bursary, even if you have a conditional offer, submit your application as soon as possible at www.saas.gov.uk

2. I am doing a Paramedic course and have already applied for undergraduate funding and have received my Award Notice, how do I apply for the bursary?

If you have **already** submitted your application to SAAS and had your funding confirmed **you do not need to do anything else.**

If you are entitled to the bursary SAAS will update your application and you will receive a new award letter on your online SAAS Account before the start of your course.

You do not need to contact SAAS, or do anything else, SAAS will take care of it for you.

3. Do I need to have accepted a place on a Paramedic course before I can apply?

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