Funding for Graduate Entry Nursing (GEN)
New home students entering from September 2017/18

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact Financial Support:
t: +44 (0)115 823 2071
e: financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk

Please note, the information on this sheet is only relevant to students with ‘home status’ who usually live in England. Other UK and international students should check with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for details of eligibility – see useful contacts.

Tuition fees
The NHS will pay your tuition fees if you fulfil the criteria for a ‘home’ student, and usually live in England.

Living costs
(Figures shown are for 2016/17. Figures for 2017/18 have not yet been released)

NHS Grants and Bursaries
If you are studying Graduate Entry Nursing you will be eligible to apply for a non-income assessed grant from the NHS of £1,000.

In addition, you may be eligible for an income assessed bursary of up to £4,491. Depending on your circumstances the income of your parents or partner may be taken into account in assessing your eligibility for this bursary. For further information visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students and use the online calculator to determine how much bursary you may receive.

Support for placement costs – the NHS provide help with the cost of travel to placements but only where the cost is more than the usual cost of travel to University. Students must be entitled to at least the £1,000 grant to be eligible.

Additional Allowances

- **Dependents Allowance** – Students with dependents (both children and adult) may be eligible for a means tested allowance of £2,448 for their first dependent and an additional £549 for any other children.
- **Childcare Allowance** – This means-tested allowance is available to students with dependent children aged 15 or under (or 17 and under for children with special educational needs) on the first day of the academic year. This allowance pays up to 85% of actual childcare costs up to a maximum of £128.78 per week for one child and £191.45 per week for two or more children.
- **Parents Learning Allowance** – This means tested allowance, of up to £1,204, is to help with course-related costs such as books, photocopying and materials.
- **Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA)** – Home students who have a disability may be eligible to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred while attending their course which are a result of their disability. Advice is available from the University’s Disability Support team – see University contacts on page 3.
Total package of support for courses over 45 weeks long

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<th>If you are studying and living:</th>
<th>Non means-tested grant</th>
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<td>in England (outside London) in student/rented accommodation or your own home</td>
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Applying for your NHS bursary
Once the University has offered you a training place (either conditionally or unconditionally), we will inform the NHS Business Services Authority and they will send you an email with a link to their online application system, BOSS.

Postgraduate Masters Loan (PGL) from the Student Loans Company - on 25 May 2016 the following announcement from BIS was forwarded to us by the Student Loans Company:

‘In line with Ministerial intent to prevent duplicate public funding, BIS have advised the following policy will apply on bursary funding.

Students are not eligible for PGL where they are eligible to apply for a healthcare bursary or are in receipt of a social work bursary from any of the following:

National Health Service (NHS)
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS) Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)

BIS are aware that there are only a limited number of social work bursaries available and if the student has not been awarded a social work bursary after applying for one, they may apply for PGL. The announcement means that, if you are intending to start the Graduate Entry Nursing course in January 2018 you will not be able to apply for the Postgraduate Loan as you will be eligible to apply for the NHS Bursary.
Council tax – Full-time students are exempt from council tax. Students should inform their local council of their student status. Where this leaves one eligible person in a household a 25% discount may be claimed.

Tax credits and benefits
Please contact the Student Advice Centre for more details on benefits and your entitlement.

- **Lone parents, disabled students, student couples with children** – The Department for Work and Pensions will expect you to apply for all the student support you are entitled to before assessing entitlement to benefits.

- **Child tax credits (CTC)** - Students with children under 16 (or under 18 in certain circumstances) can continue to claim CTC. We advise you to inform the Inland Revenue you are going into full-time education. Maximum CTC will entitle you to free school meals for children, as well as help with NHS costs, such as prescriptions.

Financial Difficulties?

It is expected that the statutory student funding package alongside help from family, work and/or savings, should be sufficient to cover your essential living costs and that prior to commencing your studies you will have carefully considered how you will cover your essential living costs during your time at University. However, we do understand that sometimes things happen unexpectedly that impact on your financial situation; for example unplanned essential costs or an unforeseen change in circumstances.

If this happens the Financial Support Team may be able to help. We offer support and advice to students, can make referrals to other support services and can advise on the availability of support/hardship funds. (For full contact details see Useful Contacts)
Useful contacts

**National contacts**

**NHS Business Services Authority**
Advice on all elements of finance for NHS funded study.
t: +44 (0)300 330 1345
w: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students)

**Student Loans**
Advice and information on all aspects of student finance including eligibility and entitlements

Apply via Student Finance England
t: +44 (0)300 100 0607
w: [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

**Repayment information**
t: +44 (0)300 100 0611
w: [www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk](http://www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk)

**Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC)**
Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.
w: [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

**National Union of Students (NUS)**
Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.
w: [www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk)

**University contacts**

**School of Health Sciences**
The University of Nottingham, B Floor, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, NG7 2HA
t: [shs-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:shs-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk)
w: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing)

**Financial Support, Student Services Centre**
Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.
t: +44 (0)115 823 2071
e: [financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk)
w: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport)

**Academic Support and Disability Support, Student Services Centre**
Study support, support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties and disabilities.
t: +44 (0)115 823 2070 or +44 (0)115 951 3710
e: [dyslexia-support@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:dyslexia-support@nottingham.ac.uk) or [disability-support@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:disability-support@nottingham.ac.uk)
w: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices)

**The University of Nottingham Students’ Union Student Advice Centre**
A confidential service available to all University of Nottingham students, giving advice and information on a range of matters, such as housing, money and academic issues.
t: +44 (0)115 846 8730
e: [SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk)
w: [www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/helpadvice](http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/helpadvice)

All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from Gov.uk, The University of Nottingham, the NHS BSA and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide however it can only give general guidance. We would always advise you to contact the relevant funding bodies referenced in relation to your specific circumstances.

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