

Living-Costs Grants

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1 **DEPENDANTS' GRANT**

You can claim this income-assessed grant for your husband, wife, civil partner or partner. You can also claim it for any other adult dependant you act as carer for. You cannot claim this grant for another student. If your husband, wife, civil partner, partner or other adult dependent you act as carer for has any income, this may affect your entitlement. We will pay up to **£2,640** to cover the full 52 weeks from the first day of the academic year of your course.

We will take account of any income your husband, wife, civil partner, partner or other adult dependent you act as carer for receives during the year. However, we will not include the first £1,160 of any income they have. The grant you are entitled to is the total of the Dependants' Grant less what is left of their income after we have deducted £1,160. If the income after £1,160 has been deducted is more than the total amount of Dependants' Grant, you will not receive a Dependants' Grant.

We pay the Dependants' Grant provisionally and we will assess your entitlement to the Dependants' Grant again when we receive confirmation at the end of the academic year of the actual income that your husband, wife, civil partner, partner or other adult dependent you act as carer for has received. If we reduce the Dependants' Grant after receiving this information, we will ask you to repay whatever you have received over your entitlement.

This grant covers a period of 52 weeks from the first day of the academic year of your course (this will be 1 August 2016 if your course starts in the autumn). We usually make the first payment at the start of your course, but if this arrangement would cause hardship, please contact us and ask us to pay part of your grant early to cover the period from the first day of your academic year until the start of your course. If you receive an advance payment because of hardship but then do not start your course, you will have to repay the amount you have received.

We will not pay Dependants' Grant for children but you could be entitled to more money through Tax Credits. Anyone who is responsible for at least one child, whether or not they are in paid work, can apply for Child Tax Credit. Child Tax Credit also passport free school meals, provided by your Local Education Authority.

You should contact HMRC on 0345 300 3900 to find out if you are eligible for Child Tax Credits.

2 LONE PARENTS' GRANT

You can claim for this income-assessed grant if you are single, widowed, divorced, separated or your civil partnership has dissolved, and you have at least one dependent child (including children you act as carer for). A dependent child is someone you receive Child Tax Credit for. The Lone Parents' Grant covers 52 weeks of the year from the first day of the academic year of your course.

If you have at least one dependent child, extra support is available in the form of the Lone Parents' Grant of up to £1,305.

To work out your entitlement to the Lone Parents' Grant, we will take into account any unearned income you receive during the current academic session. However, we will not include the first £1,067 of any income you have. The grant you are entitled to is the total of the Lone Parents' Grant less what is left of your income after we have deducted the £1,067. After we have taken off the first £1,067 if the income you have left is more than the total amount of Lone Parents' Grant, you will not receive a Lone Parents' Grant.

This grant covers a period of 52 weeks from the first day of the academic year of your course (this will be 1 August 2016 if your course starts in the autumn). We usually make the first payment at the start of your course, but if this arrangement would cause hardship, please contact us and ask us to pay part of your grant early to cover the period from the first day of your academic year until the start of your course. If you receive an advance payment because of hardship but then do not start your course, you will have to repay the amount you have received.

In addition to this, a Lone Parent Childcare Grant entitlement payment of up to £1,215 per year is available to eligible higher education students who are lone parents and who have formal registered childcare expenses while studying. Students do not apply for this from SAAS but instead must contact their college or university who may pay this from their [Childcare Fund](#).