

Education Maintenance Allowance Update January 2016

Did you know that from the 1st January 2016 the Scottish Government increased the income thresholds to the following amounts? You now may be eligible for an Education Maintenance Allowance!!!

Total Household Income	No. of dependent children in household	Award (weekly)
£0 - £24,421	1	£30
£0 - £26,884	2+	£30

* Dependent children are all those up to the age of 16 and those over the age of 16 and up to the age of 25 if they are in full-time education and training.

Still unsure if you should apply...

What age do I have to be?

- EMAs are available to eligible 16-19 year olds.
- You cannot get an EMA until you have reached your school leaving age.
- If you reach your 20th birthday whilst receiving an EMA, payments will stop from the week after your 20th birthday.
- EMAs can be paid for up to 3 years and up to 4 years for students with additional support needs.

If you meet the above criteria or even think you do then apply **now!**

Where do I apply?

You should have previously received an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) application form from us. However, if you need another application form then please contact the EMA Team on the contact information below and we will arrange for an application form to be sent to you.

EMA Team

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