

Education Maintenance Allowance

Para 1 - General

Students aged 16+ and staying on in school may be eligible for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). EMA is a payment of £30 per week to assist students with the costs of staying in education for 5th and 6th year. That's up to £1200 for the academic year! Awards are based on taxable household income, and you must be following a minimum 21 hour per week guided learning programme. Full guidelines can be found on the Aberdeenshire Council website at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/assistance/ema or you can contact the EMA Team by email ema@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or call 01224 665577. Alternatively, ask your Guidance Teacher or school office for more information.

Para2 – General (alternative version)

Education Maintenance Allowance: a financial scheme applicable to students aged between 16 and 19 whose household income does not exceed a certain amount, and who attend school regularly for a minimum of 21 hours guided learning per week. Students that meet all the criteria could get £30 per week paid directly to their bank account. Terms and conditions apply, for more information visit www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/assistance/ema or contact the EMA Team by email ema@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or call 01224 665577. Alternatively, ask your Guidance Teacher or school office for more information.

Para 3 – For Students

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Para 4 – For Parents/Guardians

If your taxable household income is less than £24,421 (1 dependent child in the household) or £26,884 (more than 1 dependent child in the household) and you have a child aged 16+ staying on at School, your child could be eligible for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). This is a payment of £30 per week paid directly into your child's bank account, providing they meet the requirements of the EMA. This does not affect any benefits you currently receive. For more information visit www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/assistance/ema or contact the EMA Team by email ema@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or call 01224 665577. Alternatively, ask your Guidance Teacher or school office for more information.