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The hardship grant has been made available to medical and dental students only, due to the length of the courses and the other funding that is available. A grant of between £100 and £3,000 can be made to assist a student in genuine financial hardship.

Please note, students are only eligible to claim for an NHS Hardship Grant once their NHS funding has commenced.



# To be eligible for a medical and dental hardship grant a student must be:

- On a course leading to registration as a doctor or dentist
- Eligible for a full bursary (both tuition fees and basic bursary)
- In genuine hardship
- Unable to manage any shortfall between income and expenditure by their own actions.

### An application for hardship funding must include:

- A detailed breakdown of income and necessary expenses.
- 3 months bank statements, tenancy agreement or mortgage statement, utility bills etc. to support evidence of necessary expenses.
- Evidence that the student has applied for University Hardship funds with details of the outcome and any amount received.
- A letter from the students university supporting the hardship claim from the NHS.
- Evidence that the student has applied for all other available funding including their full Student Finance letter for the same academic year as NHS Funding.

## How to submit NHS Hardship fund application including evidence

Email direct to: <u>nhsbsa.bursarycomplaints@nhs.net</u>

Or

#### Post to:

The Operations Manager, NHS Student Bursaries, Hesketh House, 200-220 Broadway, Fleetwood, Lancashire, FY7 8SS



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## Example of Hardship Fund calculation

INCOME	
Net Bursary Payable	£2,333.30
Parental / Spouse Contribution	£1,545.00
Student Finance	£1,811.00
University Hardship Funds	£600.00
Total Income	£6,289.30
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	
Rent	£6,000.00
Gas	£360.00
Electricity	£360.00
Council Tax	£900.00
Water Rates	£240.00
OTHER EXPENSES	
Food	£800.00
Daily travel to and from university	£240.00
Essential Books / course equipment	£200.00
Total Expenses	£9,100.00
Shortfall (Income less expenses)	£2,810.70
Half of shortfall payable by NHS Hardship Grant (Minimum £100.00 Maximum £3,000.00)	£1,405.35

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## **Any questions?**

