

Q. I have qualified with a degree and would like to study a course in the Allied Health Professions. Will I be eligible for support?

A. You may qualify for tuition fees, an income-assessed Scottish Executive Health Department Bursary, a loan and supplementary grants for the first 2 years from the time you enter the course. We will restrict funding for any other years to the non income-assessed loan only and we will not pay any bursary, supplementary grants or tuition fees.

Q. I have qualified with a degree and plan to study medicine as a second degree?

A. In the **first four years of study** you are eligible to apply for the loan for living-costs and supplementary grants only. You can apply to us to pay £1,570 towards your fees.

In the **fifth year of study onwards** you may be eligible to have your fees paid, a Scottish Executive Health Department Bursary, a loan and supplementary grants.

This concession does not apply to students whose first degree and/or postgraduate qualification clearly qualifies them with a profession.

Please contact us for further information on 0845 111 1711 or www.saas.gov.uk/contact.htm

Hardship

If you have financial difficulties you can apply to your college or university's hardship fund. Contact the student support services team at your college or university.

Additional advice

The rules about support are complicated. If you are in any doubt about your entitlement, you should contact us at www.saas.gov.uk/contact.htm. We can confirm whether we can pay your tuition fees for your new course.

How to apply

You can apply for support (fees, loans, bursary and grants) from April each year.

The easiest way to apply is to visit our website (www.saas.gov.uk) and apply on-line! If you can't apply online you can download the forms, or pick up forms and guidance notes from schools, universities and colleges, or contact us.

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Previous funding



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How previous assistance from public funds affects your support.

We generally provide support for eligible students undertaking approved courses at HNC plus an HND, degree or equivalent level, for the **first** time only. Where a student has had assistance from public funds, we are generally unable to offer full assistance for a course of study at the same or lower level. We will not usually pay your tuition fees, the bursary or the additional loan if you have to repeat or extend your studies. However, you can still apply for the student loan for living-costs and any supplementary grants that may apply to you, including travel expenses.

False start

On one occasion only we can allow a *'false start'* for students who do no more than one year of an HND, Degree or equivalent level course as long as they don't progress to the second year. We will ignore the support we gave you for this year but you will have to pay back the loan at the end of your studies. We will give you the full support package again to start another HND, degree or equivalent level course. A false start is not available for an HNC or similar level course.

Change of course

If you change course after having received more than one year's assistance, we will limit your entitlement to payments. We can pay full support (tuition fees, bursary, student loan for living-costs and any supplementary grants) for the minimum length of either the old course or the new course, whichever is the longer, less the period of support already received. Fees, bursary and the additional loan will only be available for the later years of the course.

In the years we are not paying your fees you can apply for a student loan for living-costs and supplementary grants

Repeating a year

We will not normally pay fees, bursary or the additional loan for periods of study you have to repeat or for any extension to the minimum length of the course. However, we will consider individual requests for medical or strong compassionate reasons, such as the death or serious illness of a close relative.

Break in study

If you are studying in Scotland, and you are returning after a break in study of one year or more, you may be eligible to apply for some of your fees. If your college or university are charging you more than the standard £1,255 fee you can apply to us to pay the difference between the normal standard tuition fee of £1,255 and the higher tuition fee of £1,775 (£2,825 for medicine).

Frequently asked questions

Q. I want to do a second HNC or HND. Will I be eligible to receive support from public funds again?

A. We will not pay your fees, the bursary or the additional loan for a course of study at the same or lower level. However you can apply for a student loan for living-costs and supplementary grants.

Q. I want to do a second degree. Will I be eligible to receive support from public funds again?

A. We will not pay all of your fees, the bursary or the additional loan if you have already received support for your first degree. If you have had a break in study of a year or more you can apply to us to pay £520 (£1,570 for medicine) towards your fees. You can apply for a student loan for living-costs and supplementary grants.

Q. I have qualified with an Advanced Diploma and now want to do a four year degree course. Will I be eligible for funding in each year?

A. If you've had a break in study of a year or more, you can apply in years one to three for £520 towards your fees, a student loan for living-costs and supplementary grants. We will not pay the bursary or the additional loan. In year 4 you can apply for the full support package.

Q. I have completed an HND and now plan to do a degree course. Will I be eligible for support?

A. You will be eligible to apply for full funding from year two. However, in year 1 we will not pay the normal standard tuition fee of £1,255, the bursary or the additional loan. You can apply for a student loan for living-costs and supplementary grants. If you have had a break in study of a year or more you can apply to us to pay £520 (£1,570 for medicine) towards your fees.

Q. I have done the 1st year of a HND/degree and it's the wrong course for me. What happens if I start another course?

A. If you do not progress into the second year, we will ignore the support we gave you for the first year and give you the full support package again to start another HND, degree or equivalent level course.

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