

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)



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With EMA **you could**
get £30 per week
to help with the costs
of your education



This leaflet will tell you if you could get
EMA and how to apply.



Keep an eye on **www.nidirect.gov.uk**
for updates and more information.



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Could I get EMA?

You could get EMA if your answer is yes to **all** of the following questions:

- Will you be 16, 17, 18 or 19 on or between 2 July 2017 and 1 July 2018?
- Will you attend a post-compulsory further education course, either full-time at school or for more than 15 guided hours per week at college?
- Will you be studying in Northern Ireland?
- Is your annual household income £20,500 or less, **or** between £20,501 and £22,500 **and** there's at least one other young person in your household who qualifies for child benefit, other than you?

What could I get?

You could get £30 per week, paid directly into your bank account every 2 weeks. This is based on your attendance at school or college.

As well as your weekly EMA entitlement, you **could** also get bonus payments of £100 in January and June. This is based on your performance at school or college.

When can I apply?

Application forms will be available in spring 2018. You can get one from your school or college or download a copy from **www.nidirect.gov.uk**

Keep an eye on the website for updates about EMA and when the application forms will be available.

You can apply before you get your GCSE results or before you've decided where you'll study.

