

# Education Maintenance Allowance - Academic Year 2021/2022

## £30 a week could be yours

If you are approaching school leaving age, you need to know about EMA.

### AGE ELIGIBILITY

Were you born between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2002 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006?

If so, you may be eligible for £30 a week

Date of Birth	Payment Backdating Application Deadline	Eligible from	First Payment
Between 01/03/2002 and 30/09/2005	30/09/2021	16/08/2021	10/09/2021
Between 01/10/2005 and 28/02/2006	28/02/2022	05/01/2022	28/01/2022

### HOUSEHOLD INCOME (2020/2021 Financial Year)

Household Income	Number of *dependant children in the household	Weekly Payment
£0 – £24,421	1 ( <i>just the EMA applicant</i> )	£30
£0 – £26,884	2+ ( <i>the EMA applicant plus others</i> )	£30

\*the term "dependent children" are 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 further or higher education.

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