

Career Extras

Money Matters

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EMA

Stop Press
October 2010: EMA to close to new applicants from January 2011.

Care to Learn

What financial help can you get when working, training or studying 16-18?

Pay Rates

Benefits

Learner Support Fund

Residential Support Scheme

Dance and Drama Awards



Finance 16-18

Apprentices

Most apprentices are employed and paid a wage. The minimum pay is £2.50 an hour but the majority of employers pay a lot more than this.

Non-employed apprentices (to 5 April 2011)

Do not get a wage but may be eligible for an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) - no new EMA claims can be made from January 2011. Parents of non-employed apprentices can still claim Child Benefit and any other benefits they have received for their son/daughter. From 6 April 2011 apprentices must be employed.

In a job (excluding apprenticeships)

There is a **minimum** rate of **£3.64** an hour for 16 and 17 year olds (who are over compulsory school leaving age).

You'll be paid weekly or monthly, depending on company policy. Don't forget that your wage will be paid 'in arrears', that is, for weeks you have already worked.

Unemployed

Your parent or guardian may continue to receive Child Benefit. **You can only claim Jobseeker's Allowance in exceptional circumstances. Claims for Jobseekers Allowance at 16-17 years are made through Connexions.**

W: www.direct.gov.uk/benefits

Benefits Advice:

Jobcentre Plus	0845 604 3719
Child Tax Credit Helpline	0845 300 3900
Child Benefit Helpline	0845 302 1444
South Kirklees Benefits Advice	01924 326010
North Kirklees Benefits Advice or Citizens Advice	01484 223950
	W: www.adviceguide.org.uk
	T: 0844 848 7970 (Kirklees)
	T: 01422 842 848 (Calderdale)

School and college students

Foundation Learners and full-time college students 16-18 currently on courses can apply for an Education Maintenance Allowance until January 2011. EMA is a weekly (term time only) payment of up to £30 for those whose household income is under £30,800. EMA will continue for current students until the end of the academic year. Application forms available from Connexions Centres, colleges and training providers. From September 2011, a discretionary learner support fund is being introduced. Ask your PA for details.

Other financial help

These awards may **also** change for September 2011, ask your PA for the latest information.

Care to Learn

Do you need help with the cost of childcare?

Care to Learn helps young parents under 20 to pay for the cost of childcare while they are in learning (this includes Foundation Learning, full-time study, non-employed apprenticeships or courses in the community).

Learner Support Helpline: 0800 121 8989

www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn

Dance and Drama Awards

These are for students over the age of 16 who want to work in performing arts. The award is to help students to go to some of the leading private dance schools at 16 and drama schools at 18+. They are awarded to the most talented students and are only available for courses at 21 dance and drama schools. For more information visit:

www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn (Click on 'Dance and Drama'.)

To apply for a course contact the schools directly.

Need to attend a college out of the area?

Residential Support Scheme (RSS)

If the course you want is not available within travelling distance, check out the Residential Support Scheme (RSS). Application forms can be downloaded from the web address below.

Learner Support Helpline: 0800 121 8989 for help

www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn Click on 'extra help'.

Residential Bursaries for Specialist Courses

Fifty one specialist colleges (mainly art and design, horticulture or agriculture) offer residential bursaries for students wanting to study particular courses that are not available in their local area.



For a list of courses go to www.direct.gov.uk/moneytolearn (Click on 'Extra Help'.)

You apply directly to the college you want to go to.

Working part-time while studying

Finding a job while you're studying provides useful experience as well as cash - but don't forget you'll need to find enough time to complete your course work!

For further information and advice:

- contact the  learningline (0800 5 979 979 free to UK landlines)
E: learningline@ckcareers.org.uk
- look at  www.workabout.org.uk
- or visit one of our **Centres** - details from the Learningline and on Workabout

Equal Opportunities

We are committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all. If you feel you have been discriminated against because of race, gender, disability, religion, age, ethnic origin or sexual orientation please speak to your Connexions Personal Adviser.