

# NHS Guidance - Wales

## Higher Education Student Finance in Wales

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#### Summary

This guidance provides details on Student Finance Wales (SFW) support for students undertaking certain National Health Service (NHS) and Allied Health Profession (AHP) healthcare courses in academic year (AY) 26/27.

#### Regulation references

Since academic year (AY) 18/19 there have been two sets of Regulations governing student support in Wales:

- The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/47) as amended
- The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/191) as amended

These are referred to as 'the Regulations' in this guidance. As the Regulations often have mirroring provisions, specific regulation references throughout this guidance are followed by either '(2017)' or '(2018)' to denote which set of Student Support Regulations the regulation is in reference to.

#### Disclaimer

This guidance is designed to assist with the interpretation of the Student Support Regulations as they stand at the time of publication. It does not cover every aspect of student support, nor does it constitute legal advice or a definitive statement of the law. Whilst every endeavour has been made to ensure the information contained is correct at the time of publication, no liability is accepted with regard to the contents, and the Regulations remain the legal basis of the student support arrangements for AY 26/27. In the event of anomalies between this guidance and the Regulations, the Regulations prevail. Please note the Regulations are subject to amendment.

This guidance is for Student Finance Wales (SFW) students only.

## Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Full
AY	Academic year
AHP	Allied Health Profession
DoH	Department of Health
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
FT	Full-time
HCS	Health Care Specialist
HE	Higher Education
HE	Higher Education
NHS	National Health Service
NHSBSA	National Health Service Business Services Authority
NWSSP	NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership
PG	Postgraduate
PT	Part-time
RRML	Reduced-Rate Maintenance Loan (for living costs)
SFW	Student Finance Wales
UG	Undergraduate

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# 1 General

## 1.1 Healthcare bursaries

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From AY 17/18 the availability of income assessed healthcare bursaries from National Health Service (NHS) Wales\* changed. However, the following guidance remains relevant to students on certain courses which lead to a qualification in healthcare roles and where healthcare bursaries from NHS Wales, or Department of Health (DoH), are still available.

\*or similar awards bestowed under Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968, Article 44 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, or Sections 73(f) of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 (as amended).

Healthcare bursaries can either be non-income assessed or income assessed, which impacts the Student Finance Wales (SFW) products that students can apply for:

- Students awarded a non-income assessed healthcare bursary are not eligible to apply for any SFW product.
- Students awarded an income assessed bursary will not be eligible for tuition fee support from SFW (regulation 19(2) (2017)/regulation 39 (exception 2) (2018)), or any grants (regulation 23(3) (2017)/exception 3 of regulations 44, 62 and 69 (2018)).
- From AY 24/25 onwards, new and continuing full-time (FT) students awarded an income assessed bursary can apply to SFW for a non-income assessed maintenance loan for living costs (regulation 52(i) (2017)/regulation 55 (2018)). These students will no longer receive the reduced-rate maintenance loan (RRML).

The amounts of loan for living costs available for AY 26/27 are:

### 2018 Cohort (course commenced on or after 01/08/2018)

Student study location	Maintenance Loan (NHS Bursary Years)
Parental home	£9,665
London	£14,700
Elsewhere	£11,570

**2012 Cohort (course commenced between 01/09/2012 and 31/07/2018)**

<b>Student study location – full-year rate</b>	<b>Maintenance Loan (NHS Bursary Years)</b>
Parental home	£6,565
London	£11,880
Elsewhere	£8,481
Overseas	£10,113
<b>Student study location – final-year rate</b>	<b>Maintenance Loan (NHS Bursary Years)</b>
Parental home	£5,945
London	£10,818
Elsewhere	£7,857
Overseas	£8,795

New entrants to NHS-funded courses receive an income assessed healthcare bursary and a non-income assessed grant of £1,000 from NHS Wales. Eligible Welsh – domiciled FT students can apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan from SFW.

## **2 Nursing, Midwifery, Allied Health Professions (AHP) and Healthcare Science (HCS) students**

### **2.1 Courses starting on or after 1 August 2017**

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#### **Students Studying in Wales**

The healthcare bursary package from National Health Service (NHS)Wales is available to all eligible students studying qualifying pre-registration nursing, midwifery and AHP courses in Wales who commit in advance to work in Wales for up to two years\* post qualification. The bursary eligibility requirement was introduced for courses starting on or after 1 August 2017. Students studying an eligible healthcare course in Wales must sign an agreement committing to work within the profession for which they have been trained in Wales, including the NHS following course completion in order to be eligible for the bursary.

\*Note that different timescales can apply for courses longer or shorter than three years duration.

The courses which attract NHS bursary support in Wales are outlined in [Annex B](#).

If a Wales-domiciled full-time (FT) student agrees to the commitment to work in Wales, they will be eligible to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales and a non-income assessed maintenance loan from Student Finance Wales (SFW). Where a Wales-domiciled student does not agree to the commitment to work in Wales, they will not be eligible to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales. However, they can apply for the standard FT or part-time package of support from SFW, subject to previous study rules. Students undertaking an MSc can apply for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degree from SFW.

Students will be informed by their university when they accept a place on the course to visit the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) student awards service website, where they will be asked to confirm their commitment to work in Wales on completion of the course. This will then enable them to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales.

If the student does not want to access the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales and prefers to access a student support from SFW, they will need a unique reference number in order to be able to receive support from SFW, which is only generated by the Welsh Health Education Registration System. This will evidence that the student has not taken up the bursary (i.e. they have opted out), which will allow SFW to assess the student for the standard package of student support.

Students have 10 weeks from the start of the course to change their mind and opt-out of the NHS Wales bursary. After the 10-week deadline, the student will typically not be able to change their funding route. However, in exceptional cases, an application to change their funding route will be considered through the NHS Wales bursary appeals procedure. If students change their funding route and the NHS agrees to the opt-out from the NHS Wales bursary, and subject to when that opt-out takes place after the 10-week deadline, these students can be reassessed by SFW for the full package of support for the remainder of the academic year. Students should first check with SFW before considering opting out of the NHS Wales bursary after the 10 weeks deadline.

SFW are not responsible for students who breach the terms of their agreement with the NHS. The NHS in Wales is responsible for making clear in their terms and conditions how breaching the agreement will impact the student.

A sample check will be carried out retrospectively during the academic year between SFW and NHS Wales to ensure students are not being double funded. Students who have not taken up the healthcare bursary may still be entitled to travel support from NHS Wales.

## Students studying in England

Since AY 17/18, Welsh-domiciled students starting study on pre-registration nursing, midwifery, AHP and healthcare science (HCS) courses in England are not eligible to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS England. However, they can apply for the standard package of support from SFW, subject to previous study rules. For more information on the products available please see the 'Assessing Financial Entitlement' guidance.

Students studying a postgraduate master's degree in England can apply for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees from SFW, subject to them satisfying the usual eligibility and previous study criteria.

In England, the AHP courses that no longer attract a healthcare bursary are chiropody, dietetics and nutrition, occupational therapy, operating department practice, orthoptics and prosthetics, physiotherapy, radiography, and speech and language therapy.

Students studying qualifying healthcare courses in England may also be eligible for the NHS Learning Support Fund from NHS England, via the National Health Service Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). Receipt of the Learning Support Fund does not impact eligibility for support available to Wales-domiciled students studying in England. For more details on the Learning Support Fund, including eligibility requirements and financial support available, please consult the NHSBSA website.

Dental therapy and dental hygiene courses that started in AY 17/18 or earlier continue to attract the income assessed bursary and are subject to the same support arrangements as were previously in place. Students starting dental therapy and dental hygiene courses (with the exception of courses run by certain Health Trusts detailed below) on or after 1 August 2018 are not eligible to apply for the healthcare bursary from NHS England, and therefore they can apply for the standard support package from SFW.

### **Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses at health trusts starting on or after 1 August 2018**

Students who began studying Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses on or after 1 August 2018 but before 1 August 2019 (i.e. students starting these courses in AY 18/19) at the following Health Trusts remain eligible for the healthcare bursary from NHS England:

- Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust (validated by Birmingham University)\*
- Bristol Dental School (validated by University of Bristol)\*
- Greater Manchester DCP School
- King's College Hospital Foundation Trust
- Eastman Dental Hospital

Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses provided by Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust and Bristol Dental School starting after 1 August 2018 are validated by registered HE providers and are therefore designated for student support. Students from Wales attending full-time courses at these trusts and receiving an NHS Bursary can apply for a nonincome assessed maintenance loan from SFW. Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses run by the other trusts starting in AY 18/19 are not designated for support under the Regulations (2017 or 2018, as applicable), due to the nature and structure of the courses, however they continue to attract NHS Bursary support for this cohort only.

From AY 19/20 onwards, new students studying at the Health Trusts listed above are no longer eligible to apply for the NHS Bursary. Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses starting on or after 1 August 2019 provided by the Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust, Bristol Dental School and Greater Manchester DCP School are validated by Birmingham University, University of Bristol and Manchester University respectively. Students who began their course at these HE providers from AY 19/20 can apply for the standard package of support from SFW, subject to previous study rules. King's College Hospital Foundation Trust and Eastman Dental Hospital's Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene courses have not been validated by an approved HE provider, and students who began a dental therapy or dental health course with these trusts from AY 19/20 are not eligible to apply for the NHS bursary or SFW funding.

### **Students studying in Scotland**

From AY 17/18, Wales-domiciled students studying on pre-registration nursing, midwifery, AHP and HCS courses in Scotland ceased to be eligible for any of the previously available healthcare bursaries. These students can apply for the standard package of support from SFW only, subject to previous study rules.

### **Students studying in Northern Ireland**

Since AY 17/18, bursaries for Wales-domiciled students studying on pre-registration nursing, midwifery, AHP and HCS courses in Northern Ireland ceased to be available.

## **2.2 Courses that started before 1 August 2017**

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For details on healthcare bursary support available to students who started their course before 1 August 2017 please refer to the [AY 21/22 SFW NHS guidance chapter](#).



### 3 Medicine and Dentistry students

#### 3.1 Undergraduate students

Students undertaking a standard full-time (FT) five or six-year undergraduate (UG) medical or dental course as their first degree can apply for support on the same terms as other FT students for the first four years of their course, subject to previous study rules. For the fifth and subsequent years of their course they apply to the NHS for tuition support and an income assessed healthcare bursary from National Health Service NHS Wales, and to Student Finance Wales (SFW) for a non-income assessed maintenance loan.

However, there are some exceptions to this rule. Students who intercalate on to another Higher Education (HE) qualification during the first four years of their course, will only be in the fourth year of their medical or dental course when they reach their fifth year of study but will still be eligible for the NHS bursary (as it is their fifth year of progressed study overall).

Similarly, any students who undertake a foundation year as an integral part of their medical, or dental, degree course will be eligible for the NHS Bursary in the fifth year of study. This will often be referred to as year four of the course (as the foundation year would be year zero) but will be the fifth year of progressed study overall.

However, students who repeat a year will not be eligible for an NHS Bursary until the fifth year of their course, as prior to that they will only be considered as in the fourth year of progressed study overall.

These exceptions are in line with the NHS Wales Bursary scheme, linked in [Annex A: Related documents](#). When these students become eligible for the NHS Wales Bursary (which is defined as a 'bursary year'), a non-income assessed maintenance loan is available for the remainder of their medical or dental course.

Illustrative example:

5 year Medicine course with an intercalated year		
Year of study	SFW funding	NHS funding
Year 1	Standard support package	N/A
Year 2	Standard support package	N/A
Year 3	Standard support package	N/A
UG intercalation	Standard support package	N/A

Year 4	Maintenance loan only	NHS bursary
Year 5	Maintenance loan only	NHS bursary

Students can access NHS Wales bursary support for eligible medicine or dentistry courses anywhere in the UK. There is no requirement for the course to be undertaken in Wales. Students undertaking medicine or dentistry courses are not currently required to commit to working in Wales in order to qualify for the NHS Wales bursary.

Graduates undertaking an UG five or six-year medical or dental course as a FT second or subsequent UG degree do not qualify for tuition fee support (regulation 7(1), (2017)/regulation 24(1), (2018)).

However, as an exception course, regulation 7(5)(a) (2017)/regulation 24(2), Case 2(a) (2018) provides that, the student can apply for a maintenance loan from SFW, supplementary grants (where applicable).

### 3.2 Intercalation on a Medicine or Dentistry course

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Certain courses which are not higher than first-degree level and that lead to more than one qualification, either as an optional or integral part of the course, will be considered to be single courses (regulation 5(6) and (7) (2017)/regulation 6(1) Condition 6(3) and (4) (2018)). These include medical and dental courses which include an intercalated UG first degree, such as a BSc.

No UG student funding is provided during a year that a master's/postgraduate level course is intercalated into a UG degree. Eligible students are able to apply for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees from SFW, if the intercalated year is to study a full PG master's degree. It should be noted however that if the student is awarded a PG master's qualification, they will only be eligible to apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan and supplementary grants (where applicable) from SFW when they return to their medicine or dentistry course before the fifth year of study. If, during the fifth year of study, a healthcare bursary from NHS Wales is available, the student can apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan only.

### 3.3 Graduate Entry Medicine and Dentistry

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The Regulations (2017 or 2018, as applicable) provide that eligible graduate-entry medical and dental students who are funded by SFW and who are undertaking an eligible course in Wales or elsewhere in the UK can apply for the following funding:

- **Year 1:** Students are required to self-fund the first £3,465 of the tuition fee charged. A partial tuition fee loan of up to £6,325 (where the tuition fee charged is £9,790) is available to cover the remainder of the tuition fee charged.

Eligible students can apply for a maintenance loan and income assessed supplementary grants (where applicable) from SFW. They cannot apply for a base grant or maintenance grant.

- **Years 2 to 4:** Students can access a contribution of £4,000 towards their tuition fees as part of the income assessed healthcare bursary from NHS Wales. A partial tuition fee loan of up to £5,790 is available to cover the remainder of the tuition fee charged.

As students can apply for income assessed healthcare bursaries from NHS Wales in years two to four, they become eligible to apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan only from SFW in years two to four inclusive. Students can access NHS Wales bursary support for eligible medicine or dentistry courses anywhere in the UK. There is no requirement for the course to be undertaken in Wales. Students undertaking medicine or dentistry courses are not currently required to commit to working in Wales in order to qualify for the NHS Wales bursary.

## 4 Other Courses and Exceptions

### 4.1 Foundation years on NHS courses (Year 0)

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Students studying 'year zero', or the 'foundation year', of an National Health Service (NHS) course (both degree and diploma level) do not receive a healthcare bursary from NHS Wales. Therefore, students can apply to Student Finance Wales (SFW) for full undergraduate (UG) support. The foundation year must be an integrated part of an eligible designated HE course.

Once the student progresses into year one of their diploma or degree, which is defined as a 'bursary year', they will become eligible for the income assessed healthcare bursary from NHS Wales (subject to the requirement to commit to a period working within Wales following course completion). As a result, they are able to apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan only from SFW for the remainder of their course.

## 4.2 Students who need to repeat year of their healthcare course

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If a student needs to repeat a year of their healthcare course, they may not be eligible for the NHS Wales bursary for the repeat year of study. However, the student can apply for tuition fee and living costs support from SFW during the repeat year, subject to previous study rules.

If a student receives NHS DSA, they must notify SFW at the time of applying for tuition fee and living costs support from SFW to ensure that their support needs are transferred for SFW funding. This will maintain continuity of support under SFW DSA. The student will need to share their NHS DSA award letter with SFW for eligible support to be transferred. In the event a student requires support not previously identified during their repeat year, the student will be referred to a SFW contracted study needs assessor for new needs to be confirmed. It is expected that the student continues to use the equipment and software already provided by the NHS Bursary; new/replacement equipment will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and with evidence that the NHS Bursary cannot provide aftercare. The student will be responsible for advising any agreed non-medical help that their funding arrangements have changed and invoices must be sent to SFW.

On completion of the repeated year the student will need to apply for the NHS Wales bursary and NHS DSA to complete the remaining years of their course. During the remaining years of the course the student can apply for the full rate maintenance loan from SFW if awarded the NHS Bursary.

## 4.3 Students studying paramedic programmes in England

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Students studying paramedic science courses at an English HE provider are not able to apply to the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for support on similar terms to those students on other qualifying healthcare courses. However, they may be eligible to receive funding from different parts of the NHS (for example, Local Ambulance Service Trusts (LASTs) or Local Education and Training Boards (LETBs)/Strategic Health Authority).

See below for funding information:

- If the student is awarded non-income assessed funding under Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968, then it is equivalent to a non-income assessed healthcare bursary and therefore the student is ineligible for SFW support.
- If the student is studying at an English HE provider and is awarded income assessed funding under Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968, then it is

equivalent to an income assessed NHS Bursary and the student is entitled to a nonincome assessed maintenance loan only from SFW.

- If the student is awarded funding outside of the above regulation, they can apply to SFW for support. However, the student's tuition fee may still be paid for them by another body.
- If the student is not eligible to apply for any funding from a LAST or LETB/Strategic Health Authority they can apply for the full SFW support package.

#### **4.4 NHS Secondees**

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The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has confirmed that healthcare students who are employed by NHS Trusts and seconded onto healthcare courses are not eligible for healthcare bursaries from NHS Wales.

These students continue to receive their salary and have their tuition fees paid by the NHS. The payment of their tuition fees is outside of the NHS Bursary scheme or Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968. As such, these students are not excluded from the student support provisions in the Regulations (2017 or 2018, as applicable) and can therefore apply for maintenance support and supplementary grants (where applicable), on the same basis as other students. Additionally, students can also apply for tuition fee support if their tuition fees will not be paid by the NHS and the student has provided evidence of this to SFW.

#### **4.5 Social Work courses**

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Social work courses do not attract a healthcare bursary. Instead, they attract the Social Work Bursary.

Students receiving the Social Work Bursary for an undergraduate (UG) degree can apply for the full support package from SFW, subject to previous study rules. Students receiving a Social Work Bursary for a postgraduate master's degree are not eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees from SFW.

Where students study a joint honours course in nursing and social work and are eligible for an income assessed healthcare bursary from NHS Wales, they can apply for a non-income assessed maintenance loan only from SFW. If the student is not eligible for the healthcare bursary from NHS Wales, they can apply for the standard package of support from SFW, subject to previous study rules.

## 4.6 Postgraduate

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Students studying qualifying postgraduate (PG) pre-registration programmes in Wales may be eligible to apply for healthcare bursaries from NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) and are subject to the requirement to commit to working in Wales detailed in section [2.1 Students studying in Wales](#). Students who are not in receipt of a healthcare bursary from NWSSP, can apply to SFW for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees, subject to them studying a full master's degree and satisfying the usual eligibility and previous study criteria. However, there is no PG support available from SFW if the PG preregistration programme is a PG Dip/Cert.

Note that since AY 18/19, healthcare bursaries from the NHSBSA are no longer available to new students starting courses in nursing, midwifery or Allied Health Profession (AHP) subjects at HE providers based in England. Wales-domiciled students studying these courses as a full PG master's course may be entitled to apply to SFW for a Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees, subject to them satisfying the usual eligibility and previous study criteria.

## 4.7 General information

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Most of the information required for dealing with applications from students who are eligible to apply for a healthcare bursary from NHS Wales in AY 26/27 is covered by the questions set out in the student finance application form. The majority of that information will be relevant to a student's eligibility.

SFW will need to determine, in particular, the course subject, qualification and start date. This is in order to determine whether it is:

- a pre-registration course,
- a medical or dental course,
- subject to the new or revised healthcare bursary from NHS Wales arrangements.

SFW will also need to note the year of the course, in the case of a medical or dental course. Students who are eligible to apply for an NHS or DHSC income assessed bursary should send the letter which confirms this to SFW. SFW may ask the student for supplementary information about the bursary (such as a letter from the appropriate NHS grants unit) before determining their eligibility for the non-income assessed maintenance loan outlined in section [1.1 Healthcare bursaries](#). Such students will be subject to the same eligibility criteria for loans as other students and will therefore need to be under 60 on the relevant date.

In respect of a pre-registration nursing, midwifery, AHP or Health Care Specialist (HCS) course, responsibility for handling student applications for bursaries is dependent on where

the student studies. However, the student should apply to SFW for a non-income assessed maintenance loan. For example, a student ordinarily resident in Wales who is studying at an HE provider in England would apply to England for an NHS Bursary and to SFW for a loan. Further information on NHS eligibility rules for students studying in England can be found on the NHS website at <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students>

Please note, Welsh medicine and dentistry students should apply to the NHS in Wales for the bursary and to SFW for their non-income assessed maintenance loan.

## 5 Previous Study

For detailed guidance on students with previous study please refer to the 'Assessing Eligibility' guidance.

## 6 Annexes

### 6.1 Annex A: Related documents

The National Health Service (NHS) Wales Bursary:

<https://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/student-awards-services/>

<https://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/student-awards-services/student-awards-servicesdocuments/faqs/medical-dental-bursary-fags-english-docx-324-kb/>

All Student Finance Wales (SFW) guidance chapters:

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/practitioners/guidance-chapters/>

### 6.2 Annex B: Courses which attract an NHS bursary in Wales

Course	Course Type	Current Provider
<b>ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS</b>		
<b>Dietetics</b>	BSc – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University Wrexham University
	*PG Dip – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University

<b>Occupational Therapy</b>	BSc – Full time	Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University
	BSc – Part time	Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
	*PG Dip/MSc – Full time	Cardiff University
<b>Paramedic Science</b>	BSc – Full time	Wrexham University Swansea University
<b>Physiotherapy</b>	BSc – Full time	Cardiff University Wrexham University
	*BSc – Part time	University of South Wales
	*PG Dip/MSc – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University

<b>Podiatry</b>	BSc – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University
<b>Speech and Language Therapy</b>	BSc – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University Wrexham University
<b>HEALTH SCIENCE</b>		
<b>Audiology</b>	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
<b>Cardiac Physiology</b>	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
<b>Clinical Engineering (Rehabilitation and Medical Engineering)</b>	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
<b>Diagnostic Radiotherapy</b>	BSc- Full Time	Bangor University Cardiff University
<b>Life Science – Blood, Infection, Cellular and Genetics</b>	BSc – Full time	Cardiff Metropolitan University
<b>Neurophysiology</b>	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
<b>Nuclear Medicine</b>	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
<b>Radiotherapy Physics</b>	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
<b>Operating Department Practice</b>	BSc – Full time	Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales

<b>Radiotherapy and Oncology</b>	BSc – Full time	Cardiff University
<b>Respiratory &amp; Sleep Science</b>	BSc – Full time	Swansea University
<b>NURSING AND MIDWIFERY</b>		
<b>Adult</b>	BSc/BN – Full time	Aberystwyth University Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
	BSc/BN – Part time (Part time Bursary available however most students are NHS employed with salary backfill funding)	Aberystwyth University Bangor University Swansea University University of South Wales Wrexham University
	*MSc/PG Dip – Full time	Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
<b>Child</b>	BSc/BN – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
	*MSc/PG Dip – Full time	Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
<b>Mental Health</b>	BSc/BN – Full time	Aberystwyth University Bangor University Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
	BSc/BN – Part time (Part-time bursary available, however most students are NHS employed and will be secondees)	Aberystwyth University Bangor University Swansea University Wrexham University

	*MSc/PG Dip – Full time	Cardiff University Wrexham University Swansea University University of South Wales
<b>Midwifery</b>	BSc/BN – Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University Swansea University University of South Wales
<b>Learning Disability</b>	BSc/BN – Full time	Bangor University Swansea University University of South Wales
<b>Dispersed Nursing</b>	BSc – Full time (Some students are NHS employed with salary backfill funding)	Bangor University Swansea University
<b>Distance Nursing</b>	BSc – Full time	Bangor University
<b>OTHER</b>		
<b>Dental Hygiene and Therapy</b>	BSc – Full time	Cardiff University
<b>Dental Hygiene</b>	HE Cert- Full time	Bangor University Cardiff University

\* Individuals undertaking a MSc/PG Dip level course or a part-time course will have access to the NHS bursary package, but no access to the undergraduate (UG) maintenance loan or Postgraduate Loan for Master's Degrees from SFW.

It is important to note that New Physician Associate courses at Swansea University and Bangor University have been currently paused for 2026/27.

### 6.3 Annex C: Funding authorities

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<p><b><u>Northern Ireland</u></b>  Department for the Economy (DfE NI)  Student Support Branch  Adelaide House  39-49 Adelaide Street  Belfast  BT2 8FD    Tel: 028 9025 7498  Website: <a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/</a></p>	<p><b><u>Scotland</u></b>  Student Awards Agency for Scotland  Saughton House  Broomhouse Drive  Edinburgh  EH11 3UT      Tel: 0300 555 0505  Website: <a href="http://www.saas.gov.uk">www.saas.gov.uk</a></p>

### 6.4 Annex D: Updates Log

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