

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Application Form

Academic year

2024/25

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**Apply
Now!**

How to complete this application form

- Follow the instructions, we'll tell you what questions you need to answer and what ones you can skip.
- You'll need to have your bank, building society or credit union details to hand.
- Section 8 will ask about your household financial details. Depending on your situation, either your parent(s) or you (and your partner, if you have one) will need to complete this section. Whoever completes this section will need their National Insurance number to hand.
- You need to complete all of the questions you're asked to. Any missing information will delay your application for EMA.
- Where we ask for evidence – we will need it before your application can be accepted. Any missing evidence will delay your application for EMA.



If your household income is £20,501 or more (for households with one dependent child); or £22,501 or more (for households with more than one dependent child) do not complete this application form – you will not be eligible for this allowance. Getting EMA won't affect any benefits you or your family already receive.

Use the notes



Where you see this you should check the notes for specific **information** to help you complete a question or section.



Where you see this you need to send us **evidence** to support your application. Use the notes to find out exactly what you need to send. You should send **photocopies** of your evidence unless otherwise stated. We will return any original documents.

How we process your data

Student Finance NI is the student finance service provided by the Student Loans Company and the Education Authority, on behalf of the Department for the Economy. The information you provide will be used for the processing of EMA by the SLC and any subsequent administration relating to funding.

For more information on the data we collect, use and share read our Information Usage Summary on page 3 of the accompanying notes.

What if I can't send the evidence you need now?

Return your application without the evidence. By doing this we can make a start on your application, but we won't be able to pay you until we see the documents we've asked for. We'll write to you to confirm what documents we still need from you.

2024/25 Calendar

April
2024

Application forms for academic year 2024/25 available for download from www.nidirect.gov.uk

June
2024

Return your application with all required evidence before **30 June 2024** to make sure your EMA application can be processed and ready for the start of your first term.

September
2024

Term starts – to have payments backdated to the start of the term, you must apply before **30 September 2024**. If you apply after **30 September 2024** you may have your payments backdated to the Monday after you return the application.

March
2025

We need to have received your application before **31 March 2025** for you to be eligible for EMA in academic year 2024/25.

August
2025

We need to have received all your information and evidence before **31 August 2025** for you to be eligible for EMA in academic year 2024/25.

Section 1 Agreements and consent

1.1 Tick the statement that applies to you and follow the instruction.



By authorised third party we mean someone who is authorised to act and/or receive payments on the student's behalf.

Evidence is required such as documentation from a Local Authority or a Power of Attorney.

I am the student completing this form myself.	Complete the Student Agreement below.
I am an authorised third party who is both : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completing this form on behalf of the student because they are unable to and • I am authorised to hold funds on behalf of the student. 	Complete the Third Party Agreement A on page 4.
I am an authorised third party who is only : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completing this form on behalf of the student because they are unable to. 	Complete the Third Party Agreement B on page 4.
I am an authorised third party who is only : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • authorised to hold funds on behalf of the student. 	Complete the Third Party Agreement C on page 4.

Student Agreement

By signing this agreement you are confirming that:

- the information you will give on this form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief;
- you will submit supporting evidence in accordance with the accompanying notes;
- you understand that if you have provided details of your UK passport, SLC will verify those details with HM Passport Office;
- you understand that any attempt to dishonestly obtain EMA shall be treated as fraud and will be subject to disciplinary procedures involving the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI);
- you agree that in the event of receiving an overpayment of financial support, you are obligated to repay this in full; and
- where you have provided any personal information in relation to a third party, you have informed them of this.

Student full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Today's date

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Student signature



Now complete Consent to share below

Consent to share

Important information if you live with your parent(s)/guardian(s) or a partner:

It is important that we know if you will let us talk about your application and award with your parent(s)/guardian(s) or partner. We can't give out information about your application or award to anyone without your consent.

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|--|--------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I consent to the EMA customer services team providing details of the progress of my application and award to the person named as person 1 in section 8 of this application form. | <p>No Yes</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I consent to the EMA customer services team providing details of the progress of my application and award to the person named as person 2 in section 8 of this application form. | <p>No Yes</p> |



Now go to Section 2



Section 1 Agreements and consent (continued)

Third Party Agreement A

By signing this agreement you are confirming that:


- the information you will give on this form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief;
- you will submit supporting evidence in accordance with the accompanying notes;
- you are authorised to act on the student's behalf and have enclosed evidence to prove this;
- the student named in **Section 2** is unable to have a bank, building society or credit union account in his/her own name;
- you agree that in the event of the student receiving an overpayment of financial support, the student is obligated to repay this in full;
- you will provide correct bank, building society or credit union details in your own name, are authorised to hold funds on the student's behalf and have enclosed evidence to prove this;
- you will use EMA payments made as a result of this application in accordance with the student's instructions; and
- you have read and understood these statements.

Authorised third party full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Today's date

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Authorised third party signature

 **Now go to 1.2**

Third Party Agreement B

By signing this agreement you are confirming that:


- the information you will give on this form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief;
- you will submit supporting evidence in accordance with the accompanying notes;
- you are authorised to act on the student's behalf and have enclosed evidence to prove this; and
- you agree that in the event of the student receiving an overpayment of financial support, the student is obligated to repay this in full;
- you have read and understood these statements.

Authorised third party full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Today's date

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Authorised third party signature

 **Now go to 1.2**

Third Party Agreement C

By signing this agreement you are confirming that:


- the student named in **Section 2** is unable to have a bank, building society or credit union account in his/her own name;
- you will provide correct bank, building society or credit union details in your own name;
- you are authorised to hold funds on the student's behalf and have enclosed evidence to prove this;
- you agree that in the event of the student receiving an overpayment of financial support, the student is obligated to repay this in full;
- you will use any EMA payments made as a result of this application in accordance with the student's instructions; and
- you have read and understood these statements.

Authorised third party full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Today's date

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Authorised third party signature

 **Now go to 1.2**

Section 1 Agreements and consent (continued)

1.2 Third party details



You need to send evidence to prove your authorisation, read the notes to find out what you need to send.

You must contact us if the student's contact details change or if the student's nominated third party's details change during the academic year.

All correspondence will continue to be addressed directly to the student.

Forename(s)

Surname

Home address

Postcode

Home phone number

Mobile phone number

Email address

Section 2 Student's details

2.1 Customer Reference Number
(If you don't have one yet, leave this blank.)

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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2.2 Personal details
Complete these details exactly as stated on your birth certificate, passport or deed poll.
If any of your details change during the year you need to let us know.

e You need to send evidence of your identity, such as your original birth certificate. Read the notes for a full list of what you can send.

You must be aged 16, 17, 18 or 19 on or between 2 July 2023 and 1 July 2024 to be eligible.

Title
Mr Mrs Miss Other

Forename(s)

Surname

Gender
Male Female

Date of birth
Day Month Year
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Place of birth (the name of the town or village)

2.3 Contact details
e You need to send evidence, such as a photocopy of your household gas or electricity bill. Read the notes for a full list of what you can send.
The proof can be in your parent's/guardian's/partner's name.

Home address

Postcode

Home phone number

Mobile phone number
(We may contact you by text message.)

Email address

Section 3 Your payment details

- 3.1** Are you completing this section as an **authorised third party** who will hold the student's EMA payments on their behalf?

By authorised third party we mean someone who is authorised to act and/or receive payments on the student's behalf. Evidence is required such as documentation from a Local Authority or a Power of Attorney.

No – I am the student – go to **3.2**

Yes – go to **3.3**

- 3.2** Student payment details

This account must be in your name and be able to accept direct credits.

You must provide your details in full or we won't be able to pay you.

Account holder's name (student)

Sort code

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Account number

- 3.2a** Is this a building society or credit union account?

No – go to **Section 4**

Yes – provide your:

Building society roll/credit union membership number

Now go to Section 4

- 3.3** Third party payment details

This account must be able to accept direct credits.

You must provide your details in full or we won't be able to pay you.

Account holder's name (third party)

Sort code

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Account number

- 3.3a** Is this a building society or credit union account?

No – go to **Section 4**

Yes – provide your:

Building society roll/credit union membership number

Now go to Section 4

Section 4 Student's school or college details

- 4.1** Are you in receipt of, or have you been approved to receive either:
- a Further Education (FE) Award from the Department for the Economy
- or**
- a Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Bursary?

- 4.2** Give details of where you intend to study from September 2024.

If you don't know where you'll study, give details of the school or college you want to attend.

If these details change you must let us know as soon as possible and no later than before the start of your first term.

No – go to **4.2**

Yes – you are not eligible for this allowance.
Do not continue with this application.



Name of school or college

Campus (if applicable)

School or college address

Postcode

Now go to **Section 5**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details

5.1 Are you a UK national?

If you're a UK passport holder, the easiest way for you to verify your identity is to provide your UK passport details. This means you do not need to send us your passport.

We will share the passport details you give us with HM Passport Office so that we can verify your identity.

If you're an ROI passport holder, you need to send us your original passport. Your passport must be currently valid and not expired.



UK passport expired?

If your UK passport has expired we can't accept this information as proof of your identity. You'll have to send alternative evidence as set out in the accompanying notes.

5.2 Are you an Irish citizen?

5.3 Are you the family member of a UK national or someone with settled status in the UK?

No – go to **5.2**

Yes – do you hold a valid UK passport?

No – you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send then go to **6.1**

Yes – enter these details exactly as stated on your passport

Passport number

Date of issue

Day Month Year

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Date of expiry

Day Month Year

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Forename(s)

Surname

Now continue to 6.1

No – go to **5.3**

Yes – Have you been ordinarily resident in:

- the UK and Islands; or
 - the UK, EEA, Switzerland, and Gibraltar
- for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – go to **5.3**

Yes – you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send then go to **6.1**



No – go to **5.5**

Yes – have you been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – go to **5.4**

Yes – you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send then go to **6.1**



Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.4 Have both you and your UK national family member been ordinarily resident in the UK, EEA, Switzerland and Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – go to **5.5**

Yes – Were both you and your UK national family member:

- living in the UK on 31 December 2020, after moving to the UK from the EEA or Switzerland on or after 1 January 2018; or
- living in the EEA or Switzerland on 31 December 2020?

No – go to **5.5**

Yes – you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send then go to **6.1**



Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.5 Have you or your family member been granted leave under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) or the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS)?

- No** – go to **5.6**
- Yes** – I have been granted leave under the ARAP or ACRS – go to **5.5.1**
- Yes** – My family member has been granted leave under the ARAP or ACRS – go to **5.5.2**

5.5.1 I have been granted leave under the ARAP or ACRS

Provide your:
Home Office reference number

Date latest status granted
Day Month Year

Date this status is due to expire
- if applicable
Day Month Year

go to **5.5.3**

5.5.2 My family member has been granted leave under the ARAP or ACRS. My family member is my:

- parent or step-parent
- husband/wife/civil partner

Provide your family member's:
Home Office reference number

Date latest status granted
Day Month Year

Date this status is due to expire
- if applicable

Day Month Year

go to **5.5.3**

5.5.3 Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

- No** – go to **Section 7**
- Yes** – go to **6.2**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.6 Have you been granted settled status or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme?

No – go to **5.7**

Yes – I have been granted settled status

e Have you been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – Are you an EU national or a family member of an EU National **and** you have been living in the UK, EEA, Switzerland and Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – go to **5.9**

Yes – Please provide your:
Share code

go to **6.1**

Yes – Please provide your:
Share code:

go to **6.1**

Yes – I have been granted pre-settled status

e Are you an EU national or a family member of an EU national **and** you have been living in:
• the UK, EEA, Switzerland, and Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?; **or**

Are you an EU national and you have been living in:

• the UK and Islands

for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – go to **5.9**

Yes – Please provide your:

Expiry date for pre-settled status

Day Month Year
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Share code

go to **6.1**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.7 Are you the child of a Swiss national and both you and your parent/step-parent have been granted a status under the EU Settlement Scheme?

No – go to **5.8**

Yes – Have you been ordinarily resident in the UK, EEA, Switzerland and Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?



No – go to **5.8**

Yes – Please provide your parent or step-parent's:

Date of birth

Day Month Year

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Expiry date for pre-settled status - if applicable

Day Month Year

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Please provide your:

Expiry date for pre-settled status - if applicable

Day Month Year

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Share code

go to **6.1**

5.8 Are you a non-UK or non-Irish family member of:

- an Irish citizen; or
- a Person of Northern Ireland?

No – go to **5.9**

Yes – Have you been ordinarily resident in the UK, EEA, Switzerland and Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?



No – go to **5.9**

Yes – Please provide your:

Expiry date for Pre-settled status

Day Month Year

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go to **6.1**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.9 Are you an EEA or Swiss national who is working, has worked or is looking for work in the UK, or a family member of such a person?

If you are the family member of the worker, you must be the:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
- child, step-child; or
- parent, step-parent or other ascending or descending line family member (only applicable to EEA worker family members) of the worker.

*If you or a family member are a Frontier worker, check the notes

5.9a I am working, have worked or am looking for work

(If you need additional space for your answer, please see page 36)

No – go to **5.10**

Yes – Have you been ordinarily resident in the UK, EEA, Switzerland, and Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?



No – go to **5.10**

Yes – Is the person who is working, has worked or is looking for work in the UK:



You – go to **5.9a**

Your family member – go to **5.9b**

Provide details – you should also provide details of your previous study.

If you are currently working will you continue to work during your studies? If yes give details.

Expiry date for pre-settled status - if applicable

Day Month Year
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Share code

now go to **6.1**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.9b My family member is working, has worked or is looking for work and I am their:

(If you need additional space for your answer, please see page 36)

husband/wife/civil partner

child or step-child



parent(s)/step-parent(s) or other ascending or descending line family member (only applicable to EEA worker family members)

Provide details of their employment

If they are currently working will they continue to work during your studies? If yes, give details of employment.

Please provide **your**:

Expiry date for pre-settled status - if applicable

Day Month Year
 - -

Share code

Please provide **your family member's**:

Date of birth

Day Month Year
 - -

Status expiry - if applicable

Day Month Year
 - -

Share code

now go to **6.1**

5.10 Do you have settled status in the UK?

By settled status we mean:

- you are a British citizen; or
- you have been granted indefinite leave to enter or remain; or
- you have a right of abode in the UK.
- If you have been granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK as the victim of domestic violence or abuse, tick 'No' here and go to question 5.21
- If you have been granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK as a person who has been a bereaved partner, tick 'No' here and go to question 5.22.

No – go to **5.11**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date granted status

Day Month Year
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Have you been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – you need to send supporting documents. Please check “Break in residency” on page 7 of the notes, then go to **6.1**

Yes – you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send and then go to **6.1**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.11 Are you the family member of an EEA or Swiss national who entered the UK before 31 December 2020, and you joined them after this date?

No – go to **5.12**

Yes – do they have settled/pre-settled status?

No – go to **5.12**

Yes – Have you made an application to the EU Settlement Scheme?

No – go to **5.12**

Yes – please provide your:

e Expiry date for pre-settled status - if applicable

Day Month Year
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Share code

Please provide your family member's:

Date of birth

Day Month Year
[] [] - [] [] - [] [] [] []

Expiry date for pre-settled status - if applicable

Day Month Year
[] [] - [] [] - [] [] [] []

Share code

now go to **6.1**

5.12 Have you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
- parent(s), step-parent

been granted Discretionary Leave to Remain in the UK as a result of a failed asylum application?

No – go to **5.13**

Yes – Home Office reference number

e

Date latest status granted

Day Month Year
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Date this status is due to expire

Day Month Year
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Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

- 5.13** Have you or your:
- husband, wife, civil partner; or
 - parent(s), step-parent
- been granted Discretionary Leave to Remain in the UK and no application for asylum has been made?

No – go to **5.14**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date latest status granted

Day Month Year
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Date this status is due to expire

Day Month Year
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Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

- 5.14** Have you or your:
- husband, wife, civil partner; or
 - parent(s), step-parent
- been granted leave to remain as a Stateless Person?

No – go to **5.15**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date latest status granted

Day Month Year
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Date this status is due to expire

Day Month Year
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Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

- 5.15** Have you or your:
- husband, wife, civil partner; or
 - parent(s), step-parent
- been granted leave to enter or remain under a Ukraine Scheme?
- By Ukraine Scheme we mean:
- the Ukraine Family Scheme;
 - the Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme; or
 - Ukraine Extension Scheme.

5.15.1 I have been granted leave under a Ukraine Scheme

- No** – go to **5.16**
- Yes** – I have been granted leave under a Ukraine Scheme – go to **5.15.1**
- Yes** – My family member has been granted leave under a Ukraine scheme – go to **5.15.2**

Provide your:
Share code (if you have one)

If you don't have a share code provide your:
Home Office reference number

Date latest status granted
Day Month Year

Date this status is due to expire
- if applicable
Day Month Year

Now go to 5.15.3

5.15.2 My family member has been granted leave under a Ukraine Scheme

parent or step-parent

husband/wife/civil partner

Provide your family member's:
Share code (if they have one)

If they don't have a share code provide their:
Home Office reference number

Date latest status granted
Day Month Year

Date this status is due to expire
- if applicable
Day Month Year

Now go to 5.15.3

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.15.3 Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

- No** – go to **Section 7**
- Yes** – go to **6.2**

5.16 Have you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
 - parent(s), step-parent
- been granted Refugee Status?

No – go to **5.17**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date latest status granted

Day Month Year
 - -

Date this status is due to expire

Day Month Year
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Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

5.17 Have you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
 - parent(s), step-parent
- been granted Humanitarian Protection?

No – go to **5.18**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date latest status granted

Day Month Year
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Date this status is due to expire

Day Month Year
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Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.18 Are you the child of a Turkish Worker who is working in the UK?

No – go to **5.19**

Yes – has your Turkish worker parent/step-parent been granted extended leave to remain in the UK after 31 December 2020 by the Home Office?



No – go to **5.19**

Yes – Were you and your Turkish worker parent/ step-parent living in the UK by the 31st of December 2020?

No – go to **5.19**

Yes – Have you been ordinarily resident in the UK, EEA, Turkey, Switzerland and Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

No – go to **5.19**

Yes – go to **6.1**

5.19 Have you been granted leave to remain in the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016, or have you been granted leave in line as the dependent child of someone who has?

No – go to **5.20**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date status granted

Day Month Year
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Date this status is due to expire

Day Month Year
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Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.20 Have you been granted Calais leave in the UK, or have you been granted leave in line as the dependent child of someone who has?

No – go to **5.21**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date status granted

Day Month Year

Date this status is due to expire

Day Month Year

Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

5.21 Have you been granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK as the victim of domestic violence or abuse?

No – go to **5.22**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date status granted

Day Month Year

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Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

5.22 Have you been granted indefinite leave to remain as a person who has been a bereaved partner?

No – go to **5.23**

Yes – Home Office reference number



Date status granted

Day Month Year

Have you lived outside the UK and Islands since your latest status was granted?

No – go to **Section 7**

Yes – go to **6.2**

Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.23 On the first day of the first academic year of your course will you be under 18 and will you have been living in the UK and Islands for seven years?

No – go to **5.24**

Yes – go to **6.1**



5.24 On the first day of the first academic year of your course will you be over 18 and will you have lived in the UK for at least 20 years, or at least half of your life?

No – go to **5.25**

Yes – go to **6.1**



5.25 Are you:

- an EU national; or
- the family member of an EU national; or
- the family member of a UK national who is resident in Gibraltar?

No – go to **5.26**

Yes – have you been ordinarily resident in the UK, EEA, Switzerland and Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?



No – go to **5.26**

Yes – Have you been awarded resident status in Gibraltar under the Withdrawal Agreement by the Government of Gibraltar?

No – go to **5.26**

Yes – go to **6.1**

5.26 Tick the box which applies to you

I have answered 'Yes' to at least one question in this section.

You need to go back to the question you answered 'Yes' to and follow the instruction given there.

I have answered 'No' to all the questions in this section.

If you think you may be eligible but have answered 'No' to all the questions, please contact our helpline on **0300 200 7089**.

Section 6 Student's residence history

6.1 Tell us your address details for the last three years before the start of the first academic year of your course.

For example – if your course starts in September 2024, we need to know where you lived between 01/09/2021 and 01/09/2024. There should be no gap in the dates you give us.

Now go to **Section 7**

(If you need additional space for your answer, please see page 36)

Home address

Postcode

From

Day Month Year

- -

To

Day Month Year

- -

Why were you there?

Home address

Postcode

From

Day Month Year

- -

To

Day Month Year

- -

Why were you there?

Section 6 Student's residence history (continued)

6.2 Give details of your residency from the date you received your last status from the Home Office to the first day of the first academic year of your course.
You only need to provide up to a maximum of 3 years information. There should be no gaps in the dates you give us.

Now go to **Section 7**

(If you need additional space for your answer, please see page 36)

Home address

Postcode

From

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

To

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Why were you there?

Home address

Postcode

From

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

To

Day	Month	Year
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Why were you there?

Section 7 Student's independence details

7.1 Tick one of the following statements that apply to you and follow the instructions.

I have lived under the care of the Department of Health or foster parent(s) throughout any three-month period ending on or after I reached the age of 16 and before 1 September 2024 – go to **7.3**

I receive Income Support or income-related Employment and Support Allowance in my own name – go to **7.3**

I am responsible for a child – go to **7.3**

None of the above – go to **7.2**

7.2 Do you live apart from your parent(s)/ guardian(s)?



No – you are a **dependent** student.
Your parent(s) or guardian(s) need(s) to complete Section 8.

Yes – you are an **independent** student.
You (and your partner, if applicable) need to complete Section 8.

7.3 **You are an independent student.**



You need to send supporting documents to prove the statement ticked. Read the notes to see what you need to send, then **go to Section 11**.

Section 8 Financial details (continued)

Part B

Financial information for tax year 2022-23


How to complete Part B

- Answer every question.
- Where you answer 'Yes' to a question you must give gross income amounts.
- Any amounts given must be for the tax year starting **6 April 2022** and ending **5 April 2023**.
- If you leave any question blank in **Part B** we will not be able to process this application.
- If you don't receive a specific type of income listed in a question, write 'n/a'.

Do I need to send any evidence of financial details with this application?

No, you don't need to send any evidence of your financial details now, but we may write to request this at a later date.

What if my income has dropped since 2022-23?

-  If your household income has permanently changed since tax year **2022-23**, read page 24 of the notes for more information.

8.1 Were you in receipt of Income Support or income-related Employment and Support Allowance?

Person 1

Tax year 2022-23

No
Yes

Person 2

Tax year 2022-23

No
Yes

8.2 Did you receive any income from salary, wages, taxable state benefits or from occupational or private pensions?

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.3**
Yes – give details


Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.3**
Yes – give details

 Total income from salary/wages

£

£

 Total income from taxable state benefits

£

£

Total income from occupational pension(s)

£

£

If you receive a lump sum pension, only declare the amount you received that you paid tax on.

Total income from private pension(s)

£

£

If you receive a lump sum pension, only declare the amount you received that you paid tax on.

Section 8 Financial details (continued)

8.3 Did you receive any income from a state retirement pension?

Total non-lump sum amount received

Total lump sum amount received

Person 1

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.4**

Yes – give details

£

£

Person 2

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.4**

Yes – give details

£

£

8.4 Did you receive any income from savings and investments?



Total interest from UK banks, building societies and unit trusts



Total income from UK life insurance gains, securities and partnerships



Total income from UK investments and dividends



Total income from foreign investment and dividends

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.5**

Yes – give details

£

£

£

£

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.5**

Yes – give details

£

£

£

£

8.5 Did you receive any taxable benefits in kind?



Total income from taxable benefits in kind

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.6**

Yes – give details

£

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.6**

Yes – give details

£

8.6 Did you receive any other income during tax year 2022-23 that you have not told us about in **Part B**?

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **Part D**

Yes – go to **Part C**

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **Part D**

Yes – go to **Part C**



Section 8 Financial details (continued)

Part C

Any other income

How to complete Part C

- Answer every question.
- Where you answer 'Yes' to a question you must give **gross** income amounts.
- Any amounts given must be for the tax year starting **6 April 2022** and ending **5 April 2023**.
- If you leave any question blank in **Part C** we will not be able to process this application.
- If you don't receive a specific type of income listed in a question, write 'n/a'.

	Person 1 Tax year 2022-23	Person 2 Tax year 2022-23
8.7 Did you receive any income from self-employment? 	No – go to 8.8 Yes – give details	No – go to 8.8 Yes – give details
 Total adjusted profit from businesses	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
 Total adjusted profit from partnerships	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
8.8 Did you receive any income as a Minister of religion? 	Tax year 2022-23 No – go to 8.9 Yes – give details	Tax year 2022-23 No – go to 8.9 Yes – give details
Total taxable income minus expenses that are not included on your P60 or P11D	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
8.9 Did you receive any other taxable income or lump sums? 	Tax year 2022-23 No – go to 8.10 Yes – give details	Tax year 2022-23 No – go to 8.10 Yes – give details
Total income received	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
8.10 Did you receive any income from property lettings? 	Tax year 2022-23 No – go to 8.11 Yes – give details	Tax year 2022-23 No – go to 8.11 Yes – give details
Total income received	£ <input type="text"/>	£ <input type="text"/>

Section 8 Financial details (continued)

8.11 Did you receive any income from UK trusts?



Total income received

Person 1

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.12**

Yes – give details

£

Person 2

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.12**

Yes – give details

£

8.12 Did you receive any foreign income?



Total income received

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.13**

Yes – give details

£

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.13**

Yes – give details

£

8.13 Did you receive any income from an overseas pension?



Total income received

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.14**

Yes – give details

£

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.14**

Yes – give details

£

8.14 Did you receive any other overseas income and gains?



Total income received

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **Part D**

Yes – give details

£

go to **Part D**

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **Part D**

Yes – give details

£

go to **Part D**

Section 8 Financial details (continued)

Part D

Income deductions

How to complete Part D

- Answer every question.
- Where you answer 'Yes' to a question you must give **gross** deduction amounts.
- Any amounts given must be for the tax year starting **6 April 2022** and ending **5 April 2023**.
- If you leave any question blank in **Part D** we will not be able to process this application.
- If you don't receive a specific type of deduction listed in a question, write 'n/a'.

8.15 Did you pay any private pension contributions?

Don't include any payments to a workplace pension.

Total amount you paid

Person 1

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.16**

Yes – give details

£

Person 2

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.16**

Yes – give details

£

8.16 Did you pay any Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)?

Total amount you paid

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.17**

Yes – give details

£

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **8.17**

Yes – give details

£

8.17 Did you have any allowable expenses on which you claimed tax relief?



Total amount on which you claimed tax relief

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **Section 9**

Yes – give details

£

go to **Section 9**

Tax year 2022-23

No – go to **Section 9**

Yes – give details

£

go to **Section 9**

Section 9 Student's family details


9.1 Is your total household income £20,500 or less per year?

No – go to **9.2**

Yes – go to **Section 10**

9.2 Is your household income £22,500 or less per year?

No – the applicant is not eligible for this allowance.

 Do not continue with this application.

Yes – are there any other young people in your household who are:

- under the age of 16 and qualify for Child Benefit
- or**
- aged 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 on 1 September 2024, are in full-time further education and qualify for Child Benefit?

No – the applicant is not eligible for this allowance. Do not continue with this application.


Yes – go to **9.3**

9.3 Give details of any young people in your household who are:

- under the age of 16 and qualify for Child Benefit

or

- aged 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 on 1 September 2024, in full-time further education and qualify for Child Benefit

 You need to send evidence for each young person you state. Read the notes to see what you need to send.

(If you need additional space for your answer, please see page 36)

Full name

Date of birth

Day Month Year
 - -

Full name

Date of birth

Day Month Year
 - -

Full name

Date of birth

Day Month Year
 - -

Section 10 Parent(s)/guardian(s)/partner agreement

How to complete this section

If you are a single parent/guardian of the student

Read and understand the agreement below then sign and date as Person 1, leave Person 2 blank.

If there are two parents/guardians in the student's household

Read and understand the agreement below then sign and date both Person 1 and Person 2.

If you're an independent student with a partner

The partner needs to read and understand the agreement below then sign and date as Person 2, leave Person 1 blank.

If you're an independent student without a partner

Don't complete this section – you've already signed your agreement in **Section 1**, continue on to **Section 11**.

Parent/Guardian/Partner Agreement

By signing this agreement you are confirming that:

- the information you have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief;
- you understand that any attempt to dishonestly obtain EMA shall be treated as fraud and will be subject to disciplinary procedures involving the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI); and
- you have read and understood these statements.

Person 1	Person 2
Full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)	Full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)
Signature	Signature
Today's date	Today's date
Day Month Year	Day Month Year
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

 **Now pass this form back to the student**

Section 11 Finalising your application



This must be completed by the student

11.1 Have you signed and dated your agreement in **Section 1**?

No – you must sign the agreement, we can't process your application without it.

Yes

11.2 Have you answered all the questions that apply to you?

No – if you don't complete a section or question you've been asked to, this could delay your EMA payments.

Yes

11.3 Did your parent(s)/guardian(s) or your partner complete **Sections 8, 9** and **10**?
Remember – **Section 7** told you if you needed to do this or not.

No – if you have been instructed that these sections are to be completed, and you forget to do this, it will delay any EMA payments you could get.

Yes

11.4 Have you included **all** the evidence we've asked for?

All students need to send evidence of their identity and home address for **Sections 2** and **5**.

Some students will also need to send evidence of their independence details for **Section 7**.

Your parent(s)/guardian(s) or your partner will need to send evidence of any young people they mentioned in **Section 9**.

Use the notes to check you've included the right evidence for each section.

No – if there's some supporting evidence you can't give us right now, you can send your application back without it.

This means we can make a start on your application and we'll contact you for the evidence later but we won't be able to confirm if you can get EMA payments until you've sent all your evidence.

Yes – read the '3 things to remember' information on the next page before returning your application form.

3 things to remember

1

Get paid on time!

Send us your completed application form as soon as you can and as far in advance of your course start date as possible so that there is plenty of time for us to contact you to finalise your EMA application before you start your studies.

Don't worry if you don't have all your supporting documentation right now, still send us your completed form so we can start to process it. Just send in your evidence as soon as you can after this in order to avoid any delay.

Make sure you send us your completed application form with all appropriate evidence by 30 June 2024 at the latest if you want to have your EMA application assessed and ready for the start of your course.

2

Check the postage

Make sure that you've included all evidence with your completed application, had it weighed and paid the correct postage costs.

Remember to ask for proof of postage!

3

Send the form

Return your completed form and supporting evidence to the address below:

**EMA Customer Services
PO Box 5591
Glasgow
G52 9BJ**

Please use this address to send us your application and evidence. Returning these to any other address may result in delays with your application.



Additional notes

If you are providing extra information please clearly mark what section and question the information is about.

Confidential Equal opportunities questionnaire

Please read the Equal Opportunities Monitoring information note on page 38 before completing this questionnaire. Tick all the boxes that apply to you.

Your answers are voluntary and will not affect your application for student finance.

A What is your religious affiliation?

I am a member of the Protestant Community
I am a member of the Catholic Community
I am a member of neither the Protestant nor Catholic Community

B What is your gender?

Male Female Transgender Other

C Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual/Straight Bisexual
Gay Lesbian
Prefer to self-describe – give details below Prefer not to say

D What is your marital status?

Single Married
Separated Divorced
Widowed Cohabiting
Other – give details below

E What is your carer status?

No caring responsibilities Care for own children
Care for other relative Other – give details below

F Do you consider yourself to have/have had a disability?

No Yes – give details below

Confidential Equal opportunities questionnaire

G What is your ethnic origin?

Chinese
Black/African Caribbean
Pakistani
Asian other – give details below

Irish Traveller
Indian
White

Other – give details below

H How old are you?

16 17 18 19

Equal Opportunities Monitoring

Under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act (1998), the Department for the Economy shall, in carrying out all their functions, powers and duties, have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity

- (a) between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
- (b) between men and women generally;
- (c) between persons with a disability and persons without; and
- (d) between persons with dependants and persons without.

In order to monitor the uptake of services provided by the Department for the Economy and the impact of policies, applicants are requested to provide information in relation to the above categories.

Access to Section 75 monitoring information will be strictly controlled and will not be available to those considering your application. Monitoring will involve the use of statistical summaries of information in which the identities of individuals will not appear. This information will not be available for any purposes other than for Section 75 monitoring.