

Your entitlements

From 1st June 2019

Living Allowances

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You will receive a Personal Allowance that will continue for up to 4 weeks after your 18th birthday to allow for any benefits you may be claiming to be processed (this will be adjusted if you are in employment.) The allowance will be paid at £40.00 per week.

For those who are in Employment, Education or Training (EET) or fully engaged in actively seeking EET opportunities a full allowance of £60.00 per week will be paid.

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Education Top Up and Tenancy Premium

If you are over 18 and in full time Further or Higher Education you will receive a Living Allowance £30.00 Education Top Up and £10.00 Tenancy Premium if you are in rented accommodation. The Education Top Up is paid one week in arrears and will not be paid during holidays or if you do not attend your course.

You will have your accommodation costs fully met whilst in Higher Education.

If the course requires you to have a laptop we will contribute up to £250.00 towards the purchase price once you have established regular attendance for 3 months.

Suitable Accommodation costs

Rent for accommodation will be paid for those aged under 18 or over 19 years, in fulltime education and are unable to claim housing allowance including those in Higher Education. This will be agreed as part of their Pathway Plan.

Tenancy Top Up and College Bursary

If you are aged 16 to 17 living independently and in full time education for 12 hours or more per week, you will receive £10.00 per week tenancy top up. You will also be eligible for a £30.00 per week bursary paid by the college.

Tenancy Top Up and Apprenticeship allowance

If you are 16 to 20 years old, and on an apprenticeship, you will receive £20.00 per week top up allowance and if you are living independently an additional £10.00 tenancy top up.

Education

Degree or equivalent level course bursary

If you are studying a degree or equivalent course you will receive a total bursary of £2,000; £150.00 paid each academic year and £1,550.00 on completion of your degree

Birthday and festival allowance

Birthday and festival allowance aged 16 to 18 years

If you are aged 16 to 18 years you and will receive £150 birthday and festival allowance per event. Payments will be made to foster carers for young people under 18 years of age and directly to young people 18 and above. If the young person is aged between 16 and 17 and living independently the payment will be made directly to them.

A Birthday allowance for young people aged 19 to 21 years

You will receive £50 birthday allowance and the payment will be made directly to you.

Aged 19: £50

Aged 20: £50

Aged 21 £50

Clothing Allowance

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If you are 16 or 17 years old and living independently you will receive a clothing allowance of £100 every 3 months until you reach 18 years old – the first instalment is usually paid after 3 months from coming to Pathways Service.

Thereafter you will be expected to budget for replacement clothing you're your allowances, benefits or earnings and only in exceptional circumstances, will clothes/shoes be bought for you.

Other allowances

If you are eligible for a service and on remand or were cared for, prior to receiving a custodial sentence you will receive a small allowance whilst you are 16 or 17 years old

Each young person will be able to access up to a total maximum of £500 to support the following if required; this will be agreed with the Pathway Advisor as part of their Pathway Plan and will be reviewed on an annual basis

- Obtaining essential documents such as passport, birth certificate and provisional driving licence
- Support employability such as interview clothes, college equipment, uniform, stationary
- Driving lessons, travel costs for work activity, to pursue a special talent, sports, hobbies, cultural outings, access to leisure passes
- Other essential items as agreed in advance

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