

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 1st March 2002 and 28th 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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