

Changes to EMA for 2011/12

The EMA scheme has been discontinued for students starting College in 2011/12. However if you are continuing to study full time at Kingston College in 2011/12 you will still receive payments if:

- you first applied successfully for EMA in 2009/10 (you'll receive the same weekly payment)
- you first applied successfully for EMA in 2010/11 and you received the maximum EMA payment of £30 (reduced to £20 a week in 2011/12)

Please note that those who applied successfully for EMA in 2010/11 and received £10 or £20 will not receive EMA in 2011/12.

You do not need to reapply for EMA next year if you satisfy these conditions. You will be sent a Notice of Entitlement during the summer which you will need to bring with you when you enrol at the end of August.

For advice about Education Maintenance Allowance call the helpline on 0800 121 8989 or visit the website at www.direct.gov.uk/ema

If you're aged 16 to 18 and in care, a care leaver, living independently on income support, or severely disabled and getting both ESA and DLA, you will not get EMA, but you will be eligible for a bursary of £1,200 a year from September 2011. You will need to speak to Welfare Services about applying for this.

All students aged 16 to 18 who are finding it hard to pay the costs of studying at College can discuss financial support with Welfare Services.

Changes to ALG for 2011/12

If you received Adult Learning Grant in 2010/11 and are continuing on the same course at the same level in 2011/12 you will continue to receive the same amount until your course finishes.

You will have been sent a Notice of Entitlement over the summer which you should bring to College when you enrol at the end of August.

For advice about Adult Learning Grant call the helpline on 0800 121 8989 or visit the website at www.direct.gov.uk/alg

All students aged 19 or over who are finding it hard to pay the costs of studying at College can discuss financial support with Welfare Services.