



Education Maintenance Allowance

Winter Intake

Education Maintenance Allowances (EMA) gives financial support to eligible 16 to 19 year olds who want to continue learning.

Eligibility is based on household income. If you decide to stay on at school from August 2023, you may be able to get an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

EMA is a weekly payment of £30 for students who are planning to continue in post-compulsory education from August 2023.

Payments will be made directly into your bank account.

When you need to apply

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If your date of birth falls between **1 October 2007** and **29 February 2008**, you may be eligible for an EMA from the start of the January term 2024. If you are eligible for an EMA your application must be submitted by **29 February 2024**. If the application is received after this date the award will only be paid from the date the application is received by the EMA Section.

For session 2023/24 the cut-off date for processing application forms is **31 March 2024**. No applications will be processed after this date.

Visit:

<https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/CouncilAndGovernment/Benefits/Benefits-EducationAndSchool/Schools-MaintenanceGrants/EducationMaintenanceAllowance.aspx>

Contact Kirsty your Financial Inclusion Assistant for advice or support.

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