**Child Benefit when your child reaches 16yrs**

Your Child Benefit stops on 31 August on or after your child’s 16th birthday if they leave education or training. It continues if they stay in approved education or training, but you must tell the Child Benefit Office.

You’ll be sent a letter in your child’s last year at school asking you to confirm their plans.

For more information visit -

<https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19>

**Education Maintenance Allowance(EMA)**

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

You may also be eligible for EMA if you are on an Activity Agreement placement.

**EMA is a weekly payment of £30 for students who are planning to continue in post-compulsory education from August 2022.**

Payments will be made directly into your bank account.

Autumn intake

If your date of birth falls between **1 March 2003** and **30 September 2006** you may be eligible for an EMA form the start of the academic year 2022/23.

Visit -

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