

INCREASED SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- IMPACT BY YEAR OF ENTRY

This note (and associated table) sets out what the changes announced on 5 July 2007 by the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills mean for those who enter higher education (HE) in the next two academic years (AYs). The information is relevant to English-domiciled students who undertake a full time undergraduate course anywhere in the UK. For more details, see the Press Notice at <http://www.dius.gov.uk/press/05-07-07.html>

OVERVIEW

- The wider access to **Maintenance Grants** will apply to all AY 2008/09 entrants, including those who deferred entry from AY 2007/08.
- The **HE Student Support Guarantee** will be available to all new 16 year EMA recipients from September 2008; and we would not expect this group to be entering HE until 2010/11 onwards
- The **Repayment Holiday** will be available to all those who become eligible to repay their loans after 1 April 2012. So this will apply to those who leave HE in 2011 onwards (regardless of when they start their course).

THE DETAILS

	Students entering Higher Education in AY 2007/08	Students entering Higher Education in AY 2008/09	Students who defer entry from AY 2007/08 to AY 2008/09
Maintenance Grant Enhancement	Entitlement to Maintenance Grant (currently worth up to £2,765 a year) based on existing household income thresholds <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Income of £17,910 or less get the full grant▪ Income between £17,911 and £38,330 get a partial grant▪ Income over £38,330 receive no grant	Entitlement to Maintenance Grant (currently worth up to £2,765 a year) based on enhanced household income thresholds <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Income of £25,000 or less get the full grant▪ Income between £25,001 and £60,000 get a partial grant▪ Income over £60,000 receive no grant	Students will be treated as AY 2008/09 entrants and receive the same Maintenance Grant support as other AY 2008/09 entrants

<p>HE Student Support Guarantee (HESSG)</p>	<p>The HESSG will be introduced from September 2008 for all English-domiciled 16 year olds who receive an EMA*. The HESSG will set out what financial support will be available to these young people, should they progress into full-time HE. It will not impact on those who enter HE in AY 2007/08.</p>	<p>The HESSG will be introduced from September 2008 for all English-domiciled 16 year olds who receive an EMA*. The HESSG will set out what financial support will be available to these young people, should they progress into full-time HE. It will not impact on those who enter HE in AY 2008/09.</p>	<p>As for other 2008/09 entrants, those who have previously deferred entry from September 2007 will not be impacted by the HESSG.</p>
<p>Repayment Holidays</p>	<p>Anyone who is due to start repaying their student loan on or after April 2012 may be entitled to take a break from their loan repayments of up to 5 years.</p> <p>If a 2007/08 entrant leaves HE and becomes due to repay their loan ahead of the qualifying date (April 2012), then they won't be eligible for the scheme.</p> <p>For a 2007/08 entrant they would typically need to be on a course lasting 4 years (or more) and leaving HE in 2011 (or later).</p>	<p>Anyone who is due to start repaying their student loan on or after April 2012 may be entitled to take a break from their loan repayments of up to 5 years.</p> <p>If a 2008/09 entrant leaves HE and becomes due to repay their loan ahead of the qualifying date (April 2012), then they won't be eligible for the scheme.</p> <p>For a 2008/09 entrant they would typically need to be on a course lasting 3 years (or more) and leaving HE in 2011 (or later).</p>	<p>Anyone who is due to start repaying their student loan on or after April 2012 may be entitled to take a break from their loan repayments of up to 5 years.</p> <p>If a 2008/09 deferred entrant leaves HE and becomes due to repay their loan ahead of the qualifying date (April 2012), then they won't be eligible for the scheme.</p> <p>For a 2008/09 deferred entrants they would typically need to be on a course lasting 3 years (or more) and leaving HE in 2011 (or later).</p>

* Education Maintenance Allowance