

Guide to housing benefit for students

Are students entitled?

Most full time students are NOT entitled to housing benefit. This applies throughout the duration of the course and during all the holidays. There are however some exceptions, listed below.

Who can claim?

- Students who are over 60
- A lone parent who has a dependant child and does not live with a partner
- Disabled students - this includes people who are receiving disability, mobility and attendance allowances
- Students who are incapable of work due to illness for between 28 and 52 weeks
- Students receiving income support/job seekers allowance
- Couples who are both students with dependant children
- Non-student partners can claim on behalf of the couple
- Students solely responsible for a child boarded out to them by a local authority or voluntary association

- Students under 19 in further rather than higher education can claim but entitlement will stop at 19
- Students on part time courses, depending on the nature of the course and whether the educational establishment considers it to be part or full time.

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What kind of accommodation does it cover?

Even if you are entitled to claim housing benefit it cannot be paid for halls of residence or accommodation which is rented directly from the college. It can be paid for accommodation that the college rents on a temporary basis from a private landlord, housing association etc and then sublets.

Students from abroad

Students from abroad who have limited leave, or no leave, to enter or remain in the UK, may not be able to claim housing benefit, even if they are in the listed groups except if their non-student partner claims as part of a couple.

Students who claim will need to provide proof of their loan/grant assessment and full details of their course, term dates, additional income and identification.