

NHS Wales Bursary

Your guide to understanding the bursary

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Student nurses, healthcare science professionals, midwives and allied healthcare professionals (AHPs) studying in Wales who wish to work in Wales after qualifying would be eligible to apply for the bursary. If you commit to working in Wales, you may receive:

- £1,000 non repayable grant
- Paid Tuition Fees (Non repayable if complete requirement to work in Wales)
- Non-repayable means-tested bursary
- Full maintenance student loan for Welsh Domiciled students and top up maintenance student loan for student domiciled outside of Wales (for those studying full time undergraduate programmes)



WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

If you choose to access funding via the scheme, you commit to working in a Health and Social Care setting within Wales for a period of eighteen months to two years depending on the Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) commissioned course you choose. Tuition fees are repayable if you do not complete the required commitment to working in Wales.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

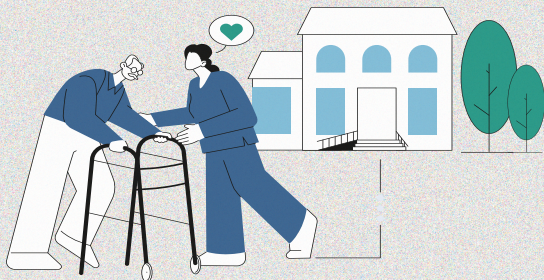
- 1 Decide on your healthcare university course
- 2 Receive an offer of a place from your university
- 3 Apply to be assessed for the bursary as soon as you receive your offer
- 4 Receive your bursary award
- 5 Apply for student finance if eligible
- 6 Successfully complete your university course
- 7 Secure your job offer for suitable employment and start your career in Wales



WHY NHS WALES?

NHS Wales are the largest employer in Wales – employing over 90,000 people. We have over 350 different career opportunities encompassing a huge variety of clinical and non-clinical roles.

NHS Wales invests in their staff to enable them to develop in their chosen role or career. We offer structured development routes along with opportunities for progression and personal development.



WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

In return for up to two years commitment to work in Wales, you could receive:

Non-repayable grant	Tuition fees*	Means Tested Grant**
£1,000	£9,000	£2,643 / £2,207
Per academic year	Per academic year	Means Tested Maintenance Grant for living expenses up to £2,643 or up to £2,207 if living in parental home

*Non-repayable if employed in Wales for two years on graduation in suitable employment.
**Additional means tested bursary may be available based on individual circumstances for example childcare or disability

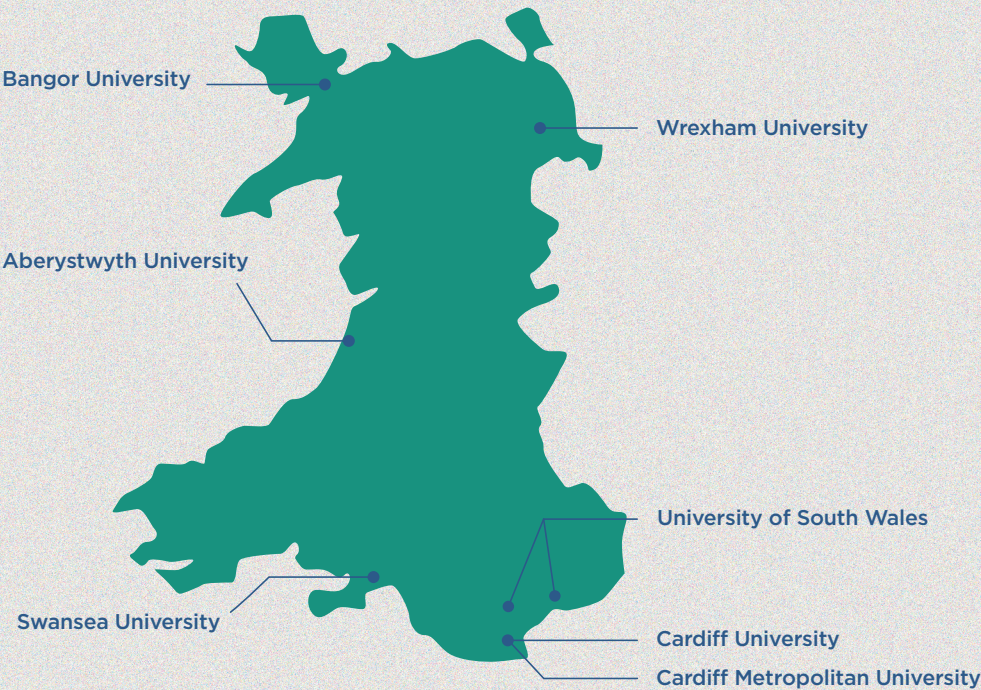
Living arrangements	*Maximum amount of maintenance loan available for Welsh Domiciled Students £	**Reduced rate maintenance loan available to UK students domiciled outside of Wales £
Parental home	9,315	4,475
Elsewhere	11,150	5,360

*Current figures illustrated show the maximum maintenance loans based on current rates in 2024/25 if eligible. These will be updated in the future.
**Loan is repayable in accordance with the student loan terms and conditions

Please be aware, being in receipt of the bursary may impact eligibility for other benefits. A part time bursary is also available for students on part time commissioned programmes, who are not being financially supported through their employer.

WHERE CAN I STUDY?

Wales has seven universities offering a range of healthcare degrees. To find a university that relates to your chosen course, a list is available below.



MORE INFORMATION

It is important to fully understand your commitment before taking the bursary. To find out more, please visit: [NHS Bursary - HEIW](#) or [New Students - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#). You can also email us at heiw.bursary@wales.nhs.uk