

Higher Education Bursary

This procedure relates to the Children Act 1989 (Higher Education Bursary) (England) Regulations 2009.

The procedure applies to the payment of the £2000.00 bursary to a former relevant child who is pursuing a course of higher education started on or after 1st September 2008.

Higher education means a course of higher education that is of at least two academic years' duration and is designated by or under regulations made under section 22(1) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 on the date on which the former relevant child starts the course.

Payment of the bursary

The local authority may pay the higher education bursary to a young person as a lump sum or by installments.

The first installment of £500.00 must be paid in the first term of the course and the final installment must be paid before the end of the final year of the course or not more than four weeks after the start of the fourth year of the course, whichever is the earlier.

Before making any decision about payment of the higher education bursary the Pathway Planning Team personal adviser must, as far as reasonably practicable, ascertain and give due consideration to the wishes and feelings of the young person. The young person should make any request for payment of an installment or the remainder of the bursary to the personal adviser or team manager.

Any unpaid balance of the higher education bursary may be withheld during any period when the young person is not pursuing higher education in accordance with the pathway plan for that person.

The local authority may recover the whole of the higher education bursary or any part of it from a young person to whom payment has been made if there has been a mistake as to the eligibility of that person for the payment.

Leeds Children and Young People's Social Care provides the C&YPA 2008 Higher Education Bursary as part of the overall Leeds Higher Education Grant of up to £9000.00 per year.