

# Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) 2020/21

# **Application Form**



We welcome applications in Welsh.
This won't lead to a delay in our response.



www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/ema

## How to complete this application form

- Follow the instructions, we'll tell you what questions you need to answer and what ones you can skip.
- You'll need to have your bank, building society or credit union details to hand.
- Section 8 will ask about your household financial details. Depending on your situation, either your parent(s)/ guardian(s) or you (and your partner, if you have one) will need to complete this section. Whoever completes this section will need their National Insurance number to hand.
- You need to complete all of the questions you're asked to. Any missing information will delay your application for EMA.
- Where we ask for evidence we will need it before your application can be accepted. Any missing evidence will delay your application for EMA.



If your household income is £23,078 or more do not complete this application form – you may not be eligible for this allowance. If you're an eligible care leaver we won't need details of your income.

Getting EMA won't affect any benefits you or your family already receive.

#### Use the notes



Where you see this you should check the notes for specific **information** to help you complete a question or section.



Where you see this you need to send us **evidence** to support your application. Use the notes to find out exactly what you need to send. You should send **photocopies** of your evidence unless otherwise stated. We will return any original documents.

#### How we process your data

To find out more about how your information is used and why, make sure you read our Information Usage Summary on page 3 of the accompanying notes.

#### What if I can't send the evidence you need now?

Return your application without the evidence. By doing this we can make a start on your application, but we won't be able to pay you until we see the documents we've asked for. We'll write to you to confirm what documents we still need to see.

#### 2020/21 Calendar

April 2020	Application forms available for download from www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/ema
June 2020	Return your application with all required evidence before 30 June 2020 to make sure your EMA is agreed and ready for the start of your first term.
September 2020	Term starts - apply within 8 weeks for your payments to be backdated to the start of your term. Applications outside 8 weeks may not receive backdated payments.
January 2021	2021
August 2021	We need to have received your completed application form before 31 August 2021 for you to be eligible for EMA in academic year 2020/21.



## **Section 1 Agreements and consent**

1 Tick the statement that applies to you and follow the instruction.							
By authorised third party we mean someone who is authorised to act and/or receive payments on the student's behalf. Evidence required such as documentation from a Local Authority or a Power of Attorney.							
I am the student completing this form myself.	Complete the Student Agreement below.						
I am an authorised third party who is both:							
<ul> <li>completing this form on behalf of the student because they are unable to and</li> <li>authorised to hold funds on behalf of the student.</li> </ul>	Complete the Third Party Agreement A on page 4.						
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<ul> <li>I am an authorised third party who is only:</li> <li>completing this form on behalf of the student because they are unable to.</li> </ul>	Complete the Third Party Agreement B on page 4.						
I am an authorised third party who is only:	Complete the Third Party						
• authorised to hold funds on behalf of the student.	Agreement C on page 4.						
Student Agreement ①							
By signing this agreement you are confirming that:							
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Student full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)	Today's date Day Month Year						
Student signature							
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Now go to Section 2

## Section 1 Agreements and consent (continued)

#### **Third Party Agreement A**

#### By signing this agreement you are confirming that:

- the information you will give on this form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief:
- you will submit supporting evidence in accordance with the accompanying notes;
- you are authorised to act on the student's behalf and have enclosed evidence to prove this;
- the student named in Section 2 is unable to have a bank, building society or credit union account in his/ her own name;
- · you will provide correct bank, building society or credit union details in your own name;
- you are authorised to hold funds on the student's behalf and have enclosed evidence to prove this;
- you will use any EMA payments made as a result of this application in accordance with the student's instructions; and

<ul><li>instructions; and</li><li>you have read and understood these statements.</li><li>Authorised third party full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)</li></ul>	Today's date Day Month Year
Signature	
	Now go to 1.2

#### **Third Party Agreement B**

#### By signing this agreement you confirm that:

- the information you will give on this form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief;
- · you will submit supporting evidence in accordance with the accompanying notes;
- you are authorised to act on the student's behalf and have enclosed evidence to prove this; and
- · you have read and understood these statements.

Authorised third party full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)	Today's <sub>Day</sub>	date Month	Year
		-	-
Signature			
			Now go to 1.2

#### **Third Party Agreement C**

#### By signing this agreement you confirm that:

- the student named in **Section 2** is unable to have a bank, building society or credit union account in his/her own name;
- you will provide correct bank details in your own name, are authorised to hold funds on the student's behalf and have enclosed evidence to prove this;
- you will use any EMA payments made as a result of this application in accordance with the student's instructions; and
- you have read and understood these statements.
   Authorised third party full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)
   Signature

  Now go to 1.2



## **Section 1 Agreements and consent (continued)**

#### 1.2 Third party details

e You need to

You need to send evidence to prove your authorisation, read the notes to find out what you need to send.

You must contact us if the student's contact details change or if the student's nominated third party's details change during the academic year.

All correspondence will continue to be addressed directly to the applicant.

Forename(s)
Surname
Home address
Postcode
Home phone number
Mobile phone number
Email address

## Section 2 Student's details

2.1	Customer Reference Number					
	(if you don't have one yet, leave this blank)					
	Description of the Te					
2.2	Personal details  Complete these details exactly as stated on your birth	Title				
	certificate, passport or deed poll.	Mr Mrs Miss Other				
	If any of your details change during the year you need to let us know.	Forename(s)				
е	You need to send evidence of your identity, such as your original birth certificate. Read the notes for a full list of what you can send.	Surname				
		Gender				
		Male Female				
		Date of birth				
		Day Month Year				
		Place of birth (the name of the town or village)				
2.3	What language would you like us to use when we communicate with you?	English Welsh				
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2.4	Contact details  You need to send evidence, such as	Home address				
e	a photocopy of your household gas or electricity bill. Read the notes for a full list of what you can send.					
	The proof can be in your parent's/guardian's/partner's name.					
		Postcode				
		Home phone number				
		Mobile phone number (we may contact you by text message)				
		Email address				
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2.5	What was the name of the student's first school?					
	If you ever need to call us we'll ask you for the answer you give to this question as a security check, you need to remember the answer you give!					



## **Section 3 Your payment details**

**3.1** Are you completing this section as an **authorised third party** who will hold the student's EMA payments on their behalf?

By authorised third party we mean someone who is authorised to act and/or receive payments on the student's behalf. Evidence is required such as documentation from a Local Authority or a Power of Attorney.

No – I am the student – go to 3.2
<b>Yes</b> – go to <b>3.3</b>

3.2 Student payment details

This account must be in your name and be able to accept direct credits.

You must provide your details in full or we won't be able to pay you.

Account holder's name (student)						
Sort code						
Account number						
Building society roll/credit union membership number (if applicable)						
Now go to Section 4						

3.3 Third party payment details

This account must be able to accept direct credits.

You must provide your details in full or we won't be able to pay you.

Account holder's name (third party)						
Sort code						
Account number						
Building society roll/credit union membership number (if applicable)						
Now go to Section 4						

## Section 4 Student's school or college details

**4.1** Give details of where you intend to study from September 2020.

If you don't know where you'll study, give details of the school or college you want to attend.

If these details change you must let us know as soon as possible and no later than before the start of your first term

Name of school of college
Campus (if applicable)
School or college address
Postcode
Now go to Section 5



## Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details

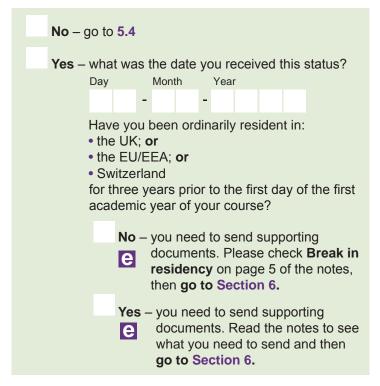
#### 5.1 Are you a **UK national?** No - go to 5.2 The easiest way for you to verify your identity is to **(i)** Yes - do you hold a valid UK passport? provide your UK passport details. This means you do not need to send us your passport. **No** – go to **5.1.1** Your passport must be currently valid and not expired. Yes – enter these details exactly as We will share the passport details you give us stated on your passport with HM Passport Office so that we can verify Passport number your identity. Date of issue Day Month Year Date of expiry UK passport expired? If your UK passport has expired we can't accept Month Year this information as proof of your identity. You'll have to send alternative evidence as set out in the accompanying notes. Forename(s) Surname Now continue to 5.1.1 **No** – you need to send supporting documents. **5.1.1** Have you been ordinarily resident in: Please check Break in residency on page 5 • the UK; or of the notes, then go to Section 6. • the EU/EEA; or Switzerland for three years prior to the first day of the **Yes** – if you didn't enter valid UK passport details, first academic year of your course? you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we **(i)** send and then go to Section 6. mean by 'ordinarily resident'. Are you an **EU national**? No - go to 5.3 Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we **(i)** Yes – have you been ordinarily resident a the UK mean by 'ordinarily resident'. for three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course? **No** – go to **5.3** Yes - you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send and then go to Section 6.

# Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

**5.3** Do you have 'settled status' in the UK?

By 'settled status' we mean:

- you have a right of permanent residence in the UK; or
- you have been granted indefinite leave to remain: or
- · you have a right of abode in the UK
- Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we mean by 'ordinarily resident'.



- **5.4** Have you or a family member been granted:
  - leave to enter or remain in the UK (as a result of a failed asylum application); or
  - discretionary leave (where no application for asylum has been made); or
  - leave to remain in the UK on the grounds of family life; or
  - leave to remain in the UK on the grounds of private life; **or**
  - leave to remain outside the immigration rules; **or**
  - humanitarian protection?

Your family member must be your husband, wife, civil partner, parent or step-parent.

Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we mean by 'ordinarily resident'.

5.5 Do you or a family member have 'refugee status' in the UK or 'EU temporary protection status' in the UK?

Your family member must be your husband, wife, civil partner, parent or step-parent.

Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we mean by 'ordinarily resident'.

<b>No</b> – 0	go to <b>5.5</b>						
Yes – have you been ordinarily resident in the UK since this status was awarded?							
	<b>No</b> – go to <b>5.5</b>						
	Yes – date this status is due to expire						
	е	Day Month Year					
You need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send and then <b>go to Section 6</b> .							

<b>No</b> – g	o to <b>5.6</b>								
Yes – have you been ordinarily resident in the UK since this status was awarded?									
	<b>No</b> – go to <b>5.6</b>								
Yes – date this status is due to expire  Day Month Year									
	е		-	-					
You need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send and then <b>go to Section 6</b> .									



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# Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

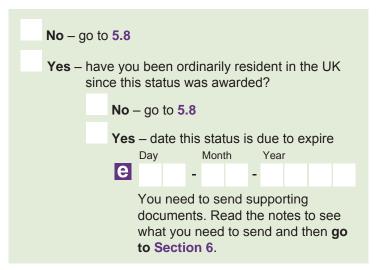
5.6 Have you or a family member been granted 'leave to remain' as a stateless person?

Your family member must be your husband, wife, civil partner, parent or step-parent.

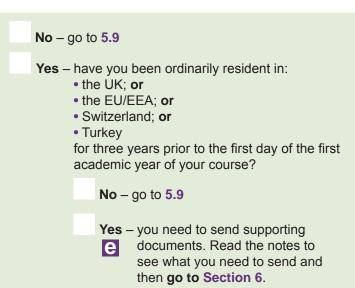
Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we mean by 'ordinarily resident'.

<b>No</b> – 9	go to <b>5.7</b>								
Yes – have you been ordinarily resident in the UK since this status was awarded?									
	No -	go to	5.7						
	<b>Yes</b> – date this status is due to expire  Day  Month  Year					<b>;</b>			
	е		-		-				
You need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send and then <b>go to Section 6</b> .									

- 5.7 Have you been granted 'leave to remain' in the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016, or are you the dependent child of someone who has?
- Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we mean by 'ordinarily resident'.



- 5.8 Are you the child of a Turkish national who is working or has worked in the UK?
- Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we mean by 'ordinarily resident'.



# Section 5 Student's nationality and residency details (continued)

5.9	Are you the <b>child of a Swiss national</b> ?	<b>No</b> – go to <b>5.10</b>
	Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we mean by 'ordinarily resident'.	Yes – will your Swiss national parent be living in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of your course?  No – go to 5.10  Yes – have you been ordinarily resident in:  • the UK; or  • the EU/EEA; or  • Switzerland for three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?  No – go to 5.10  Yes – you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send and then go to Section 6.
<b>①</b>	Are you or a family member an EEA or Swiss national who is working/has worked or is looking for work in the UK?  Your family member must be your husband, wife, civil partner, parent, or step-parent.  Read page 5 of the notes to understand what we mean by 'ordinarily resident'.	No – go to 5.11  Yes – have you been ordinarily resident in: • the UK; or • the EU/EEA; or • Switzerland; or for three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?  No – go to 5.11  Yes – you need to send supporting documents. Read the notes to see what you need to send and then go to Section 6.
5.11	Tick the box which applies to you.	I have answered 'Yes' to at least one question in this section.  You need to go back to the question you answered 'Yes' to and follow the instruction given there.  I have answered 'No' to all the questions in this section.  You are not eligible for this grant. Do not continue with this application.



## **Section 6 Student's residence history**

**6.1** Give your address details for the three years prior to the first day of the first year of your course.

If you need more space, you can attach additional pieces of paper to this form.

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## **Section 7 Student's independence details**

7.1	Tick one of the following statements that will apply to you on the first day of the first academic year of your course.	I am a care leaver/I live under Local Authority care or with foster parents – <b>go to 7.3</b> I receive Income Support, income-related Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit in my own name – <b>go to 7.3</b> I am responsible for a child – <b>go to 7.3</b> I am currently in custody/detention within the Youth Justice System – <b>go to 7.3</b> None of the above – <b>go to 7.2</b>
7.2	Do you live apart from your parent(s)/ guardian(s)?	No – you are a dependent student. Your parent(s) or guardian(s) need(s) to complete the next section.  Yes – you are an independent student. You (and your partner, if applicable) need to complete the next section.
7.3 <b>e</b>	You are an independent student. You need to send supporting documents to prince to send, then go to Section 11.	rove the statement ticked. Read the notes to see what you



## **Section 8 Financial details**

#### Part A

Section 8 is divided into four parts. Read the following for a quick summary of each part.

#### Part A

Tell us your name and some other personal information including your National Insurance number.

#### Part B

Answer every question.

#### Part C

Only complete if instructed.

#### Part D

Answer every question.

#### Who completes this section?

Question 7.2 told you who needs to complete this section for your application.

#### How to complete this section

#### If you are a single parent/guardian of the student

Enter your information as Person 1, leave Person 2 blank.

#### If there are two parents/guardians in the student's household

Complete this section with information for both Person 1 and Person 2.

#### If you're an independent student with a partner

Enter your information as Person 1, your partner needs to enter their information as Person 2.

#### If you're an independent student without a partner

Enter your information as Person 1, leave Person 2 blank.

If you're self assessed – read page 12 of the notes for more information.

If you're not self assessed – you can use your P60 to complete this section.

#### **Data Sharing**



We will share and check the details you give us with HM Revenue & Customs, allowing us to gain the most accurate information possible. This can only be done if you have a valid National Insurance (NI) number. This information will be used to work out if the student is eligible to get EMA based on household income. To find out more about how your information is used and why, make sure you read our Information Usage Summary on page 3 of the accompanying notes.

#### Personal details

#### Person 2 Person 1

Relationship to student (if you're the student write n/a)	Relationship to student
Forename	Forename
Surname	Surname
Please provide your NI number below	Please provide your NI number below
Date of birth  Day Month Year	Date of birth Day Month Year
go to Part B	go to Part B

#### Part B

#### Financial information for tax year 2018-19

#### How to complete Part B

- · Answer every question.
- Where you answer 'Yes' to a question you must give gross income amounts.
- Any amounts given must be for the tax year starting 6 April 2018 and ending 5 April 2019.
- If you leave any question blank in **Part B** we will not be able to process this application.
- If you don't receive a specific type of income listed in a question, write 'n/a'.

## Do I need to send any evidence of financial details with this application?

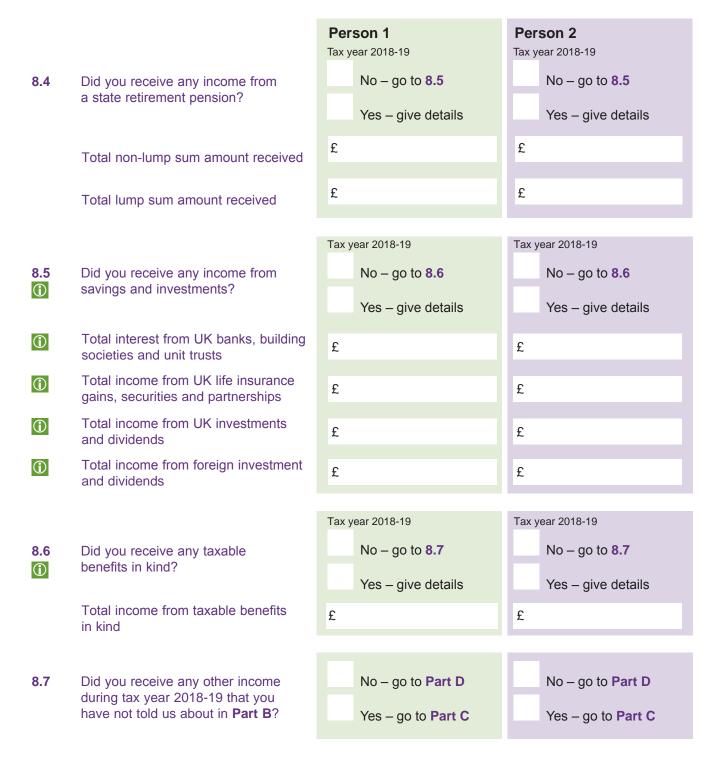
No, you don't need to send any evidence of your financial details now, but we may write out to request this at a later date.

## What if my income has dropped since 2018-19?

- If your household income has permanently changed since tax year **2018-19**, read
- e page 12 of the notes for more information.

		Person 1 Tax year 2018-19	Person 2 Tax year 2018-19	
8.1	Were you in receipt of Income Support or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance?	No Yes	No Yes	
8.2	Were you in receipt of Universal Credit?	Tax year 2018-19	Tax year 2018-19	
		Yes	Yes	
		Tax year 2018-19	Tax year 2018-19	
8.3	Did you receive any income from salary, wages, taxable state benefits or from occupational or private pensions?	No – go to <b>8.4</b> Yes – give details	No – go to <b>8.4</b> Yes – give details	
<b>①</b>	Total income from salary/wages	£	£	
<b>(i)</b>	Total income from taxable state benefits	£	£	
	Total income from occupational pension(s)	£	£	
	If you receive a lump sum pension, only declare the amount you received that you paid tax on.			
	Total income from private pension(s)	£	£	
	If you receive a lump sum pension, only declare the amount you received that you paid tax on.			



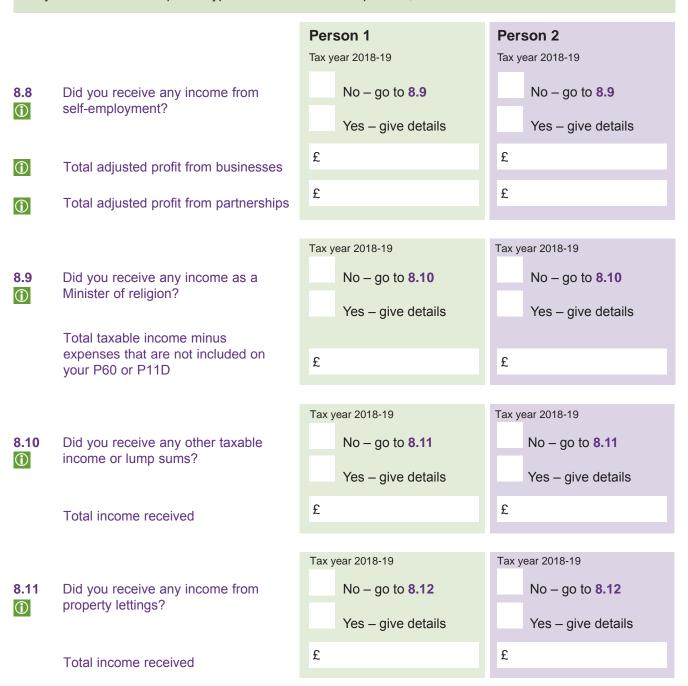


#### Part C

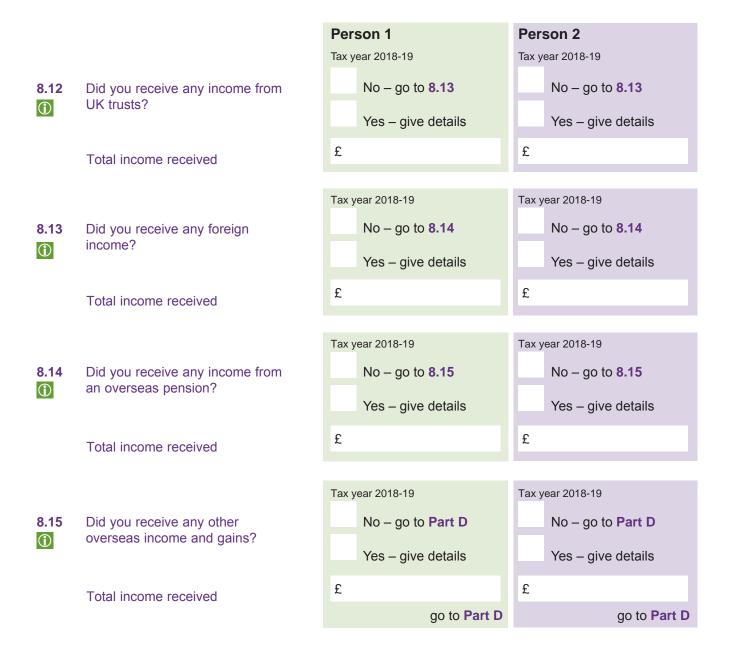
#### Any other income

#### **How to complete Part C**

- Answer every question.
- Where you answer 'Yes' to a question you must give **gross** income amounts.
- Any amounts given must be for the tax year starting 6 April 2018 and ending 5 April 2019.
- If you leave any question blank we will not be able to process this application.
- If you don't receive a specific type of income listed in a question, write 'n/a'.







#### Part D

#### **Income deductions**

#### How to complete Part D

- Answer every question.
- Where you answer 'Yes' to a question you must give **gross** deduction amounts.
- Any amounts given must be for the tax year starting 6 April 2018 and ending 5 April 2019.
- If you leave any question blank in **Part D** we will not be able to process this application.
- If you don't receive a specific type of deduction listed in a question, write 'n/a'.
- 8.16 Did you pay any private pension contributions?

Don't include any income from a workplace pension.

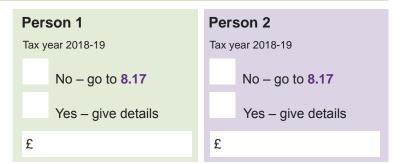
Total amount you paid

8.17 Did you pay any Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs)?

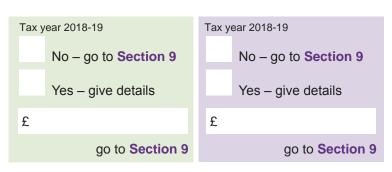
Total amount you paid

8.18 Did you have any allowable expenses on which you claimed tax relief?

Total amount on which you claimed tax relief









## **Section 9 Student's family details**

9.1	Is your total household income £20,817 or less per year?	No – go to 9.2  Yes – go to Section 10
9.2	s your household income £23,077 or ess per year?	No – the applicant is not eligible for this allowance. Do not continue with this application.  Yes – are there any other young people in your household who are:  • under the age of age 16 and qualify for Child Benefit or  • aged 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 on 1 September 2020, are in full-time further education and qualify for Child Benefit?  No – the applicant is not eligible for this allowance. Do not continue with this application.  Yes – go to 9.3
9.3	Give details of any young people or children in your household who are:  • under the age of 16 and qualify for Child Benefit  or  • aged 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 on 1 September 2020, in full-time further	Full name  Date of birth  Day Month Year
е	education and qualify for Child Benefit.  You need to send evidence for <b>each</b> young person you state. Read the notes to see what you need to send.  If you need more space, you can attach additional pieces of paper to this form.	Full name  Date of birth  Day Month Year
		Full name  Date of birth  Day Month Year



## Section 10 Parent(s)/guardian(s)/partner agreement

#### How to complete this section

If you are a single parent/guardian of the student

Read and understand the agreement below then sign and date as Person 1, leave Person 2 blank.

#### If there are two parents/guardians in the student's household

Read and understand the agreement below then sign and date both Person 1 and Person 2.

#### If you're an independent student with a partner

The partner needs to read and understand the agreement below then sign and date as **Person 2**, leave **Person 1** blank.

#### If you're an independent student without a partner

Don't complete this section – you've already signed your agreement in **Section 1**, continue on to **Section 11**.

#### Parent/Guardian/Partner Agreement

#### By signing this agreement you are confirming that:

- the information you have given on this form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief;
- you understand that any attempt to dishonestly obtain EMA shall be treated as fraud and may result in criminal and/or civil proceedings against you; and
- you have read and understood these statements.

Person 2				
Full name (in BLOCK CAPITALS)				
Signature				
Today's date				
Day Month Year				



Now pass this form back to the student



## **Section 11 Finalising your application**



## This must be completed by the student

<ul><li>11.1 Have you signed and dated your agreement in Section 1?</li></ul>	No – you must sign the agreement, we can't process your application without it.  Yes
11.2 Have you answered all the questions that apply to you?	No – if you don't complete a section or question you've been asked to, this could delay your EMA payments.  Yes
11.3 Did your parent(s)/guardian(s) or your partner complete Sections 8, 9 and 10? Remember – Section 7 told you if you needed to do this or not.	No – if you have been instructed that these sections are to be completed, and you forget to do this, it will delay any EMA payments you could get.  Yes
11.4 Have you included all the evidence we've asked for?  All students need to send evidence of their identity and home address for Sections 2 and 5.  Some students will also need to send evidence of their independence details for Section 7.  Your parent(s)/guardian(s) or your partner will need to send evidence of any young people they mentioned in Section 9.  Use the notes to check you've included the right evidence for each section.	<ul> <li>No – if there's some supporting evidence you can't give us right now, you can send your application back without it.  This means we can make a start on your application and we'll contact you for the evidence later but we won't be able to confirm if you can get EMA payments until you've sent all your evidence.</li> <li>Yes – read the '3 things to remember' information on the next page before returning your application form.</li> </ul>

## 3 things to remember



## 1 Get paid on time!

Send us your completed application form as soon as you can and as far in advance of your course start date as possible so that there is plenty of time for us to contact you to finalise your EMA application before you start your studies.

Don't worry if you don't have all your supporting documentation right now, still send us your completed form so we can start to process it. Just send in your evidence as soon as you can after this in order to avoid any delay.

Make sure you send us your completed application form with all appropriate evidence by **June 2020** at the latest if you want to have your EMA application assessed and ready for the start of your course.



## 2 Check the postage

Make sure that you've included all evidence with your completed application, had it weighed and paid the correct postage costs.

Remember to ask for proof of postage!



### 3 Send the form

Return your completed form and supporting evidence to the address below:

EMA Customer Services PO Box 5596 Glasgow G52 9BR

## **Confidential**

## **Equal opportunities questionnaire**

#### How to complete this section

The following questions are voluntary – you do not have to answer them. Whether you answer them or not will not affect your application for an EMA. If you do answer, the information may be used to help the Welsh Government develop its policies in the future.

