

**NHS BURSARY SCHEME  
STUDENT BULLETIN (NO. 03/2007, 16 JANUARY 2006)**

**CHANGES TO ASSESSMENT OF DEPENDENTS AND CHILDCARE  
ALLOWANCES IN ENGLAND FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2007 TO ALLOW  
RENT AS A DECUTIBLE EXPENSE**

Under the current NHS Bursary Scheme rules when assessing the means-tested dependents and childcare allowances mortgage payments are an allowable expense but rent is not.

From 1 September 2007, this rule will change so that rent payments will be treated the same as mortgage payments and will be an allowable deductible expense when assessing dependents and childcare allowances. This will apply to all students who are eligible to apply for these allowances and pay rent.

More information will be made available to students in March 2007 on the NHS Student Grants Unit website at: [www.nhsstudentgrants.co.uk](http://www.nhsstudentgrants.co.uk)

For further information, help and support on NHS Bursary and students support issues contact:-

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**National Union of Students**

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**BMA**

<http://www.bma.org.uk/students>

**Royal College of Nursing**

[www.rcn.org.uk](http://www.rcn.org.uk)

**Royal College of Midwives**

<http://www.rcm.org.uk/>

**Allied Health Professionals Federation**

[www.baot.co.uk](http://www.baot.co.uk)

Footnote:

Students and prospective students should not rely on the current NHS bursary rules and allowances when planning for subsequent academic years these may be subject to review in the future and as a result may be liable to change. Further information about the NHS bursary will be posted on the Student Grant Unit website ([www.nhsstudentsgrant.co.uk](http://www.nhsstudentsgrant.co.uk)) as and when it is made available. Students are advised to check the website on a regular basis. The Department of Health and NHS Student Grants Unit will accept no responsibility for loss of any type however suffered by students who have relied on current rules and allowances in altering their circumstances (including but not limited to financial circumstances) whether for the current academic year, academic year to begin or indeed for subsequent academic years.

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