

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE 2025-26

The table below lists all possible payment dates and which weeks they are for.

Weeks you are eligible to receive payment (subject to 100% attendance) Weeks ending:		Number of weeks	Total Amount Paid (£)	Payment Dates (Fridays unless stated)
15 August 2025	22 August 2025	2	60	5 September 2025
29 August 2025	5 September 2025	2	60	19 September 2025
12 September 2025	19 September 2025	2	60	3 October 2025
26 September 2025	3 October 2025	2	60	17 October 2025
10 October 2025		1	30	31 October 2025
24 October 2025	31 October 2025	2	60	14 November 2025
7 November 2025	14 November 2025	2	60	28 November 2025
21 November 2025	28 November 2025	2	60	12 December 2025
5 December 2025	12 December 2025	2	60	24 December 2025 (Wednesday)
19 December 2025	9 January 2026	2	60	23 January 2026
16 January 2026	23 January 2026	2	60	6 February 2026
30 January 2026	6 February 2026	2	60	20 February 2026
13 February 2026		1	30	6 March 2026
27 February 2026	6 March 2026	2	60	20 March 2026
13 March 2026	20 March 2026	2	60	2 April 2026 (Thursday)
27 March 2026	3 April 2026	2	60	1 May 2026
24 April 2026	1 May 2026	2	60	15 May 2026
8 May 2026	15 May 2026	2	60	29 May 2026
22 May 2026	29 May 2026	2	60	12 June 2026
5 June 2026	12 June 2026	2	60	26 June 2026
19 June 2026	26 June 2026	2	60	10 July 2026

Important notes:

- Students are not paid EMA during school holidays – the following weeks ending:
 - 17 October 2025
 - 26 December 2025 & 2 January 2026
 - 20 February 2026
 - 10 April 2026 & 17 April 2026
- Independent schools – payment dates may vary depending on your school's term dates, please check with your school if you're unsure.
- If your award starts after the first payment date your first payment will be backdated as a lump sum – you can calculate how much you are due to be paid using this table.
- If your award starts in January 2026, the earliest you will receive a payment is 23 January 2026 **for £30 only**
- Final payment for school students leaving after exams is w/e 12 June 2026