

Financial Entitlements for Care Leavers

It should be noted that this list is not exhaustive and all requests must be based on a needs assessment. If you are unsure if you are Eligible, Relevant, Former Relevant or Qualifying please speak with your personal advisor or use the following useful link <https://t.co/p8Q30hhPwG> which can help you work this out.

	Eligible	Relevant	Former Relevant	Qualifying	Authorised by
Subsistence					
If living in Homestay/semi-supported living or independent living. Equivalent to Current Income Support/Job seekers allowance or element of universal credit when clear unable to claim in own right.	✓	✓			Team Manager
An additional clothing allowance of up to £30 per month is also payable for those Relevant young people at the Team Managers discretion for those receiving subsistence.		✓			Team Manager
Emergency subsistence can be paid whilst awaiting benefit claim to be established but only if evidence of claim being made for up to 3 weeks.					Team Manager
If living in Homestay/semi-supported living or independent living. Subsistence where young person is in Further education and becomes ineligible for benefits. Apprenticeships or jobs where when tested via http://www.entitledto.co.uk/benefits-calculator/entitlement-calculator.aspx?e2dwp=y fall below benefit level. Up to current weekly Income Support/Job seekers allowance or element of universal credit. NB: For Former Relevant - Where returning to education post 21 this is discretionary and assessment of needs will be considered as part of pathway assessment.	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Education, Employment and Training					
Bursary in Further Education - Up to £1,200 payable by college/FE.	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
DFE Bursary if in Higher education £2000 over life of the course (£500 per annum at end of each year (if 3 years) plus £500 on course completion) (Discretionary for Former Relevant returning post 21)			✓		Team Manager
University package (in addition to University loan and grant (course fees) which the student will apply for themselves): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel costs for up to 3 visits home per year in line with pathway assessment and plan. • Vacation costs (eg accommodation costs where not covered by university accommodation if not in staying put arrangement). • Travel costs to university interview and supported overnight stay based on assessment of need.. • Computer, guarantee and software grant of up to £500 before start of first year of study. • Equipment costs of up to £250 per academic year (based on assessment of need). • Funding for Initial and return trip to university each academic year. • Total accommodation, subsistence and living costs up to £4500 pa (£5200 in London). • Graduation costs (Up to £250). • Emergency payment (up to £15 x 3 per year) at discretion of team manager and in conjunction with budgeting work with personal advisor. 			✓	Discretionary	Team Manager
Incentive Payment £1 per hour up to £20 per week where the course of study or engagement in EET does not attract a bursary. (eg ASDAN, volunteering, work experience). This should be part of a plan of engagement. It should be reviewed at least monthly by the Team Manager and allocated worker with young person input.	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Vocational Courses (For example Food Hygiene course which would aide employment prospects, CSCS Card. Via individual assessment of need. Course would need to evidence it is meeting needs as part of ongoing progression in Pathway plan (or PEP if applicable – under 18).				Discretionary	Team Manager up to £100 Service Manager above this amount
Uniform or equipment for course/employment Essential equipment up to value of £250 and may be in instalments. This would be part of assessed need and linked to pathway planning documents. If the young person drops out then it should be returned for others use where appropriate.	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Clothing for interview (college/work etc). Up to £50 as part of engagement in EET plan.	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Young people in custody YOI/Prison (including remand) £1 per day (up to £7 per week) if engaged in programme of training or employment (In line with PEP, pathway assessment and plan).	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Emergency Payments - For those living independently or semi-independently.					
Heating & Electric -For those living independently or semi-independently. This is discretionary and based on need up to a maximum of £20. These payments will be discretionary and would only be offered alongside additional detailed budget session with the young person. This work will be completed before the payment is given and followed up before any further payment given.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Team Manager
Food Voucher or supervised spends (not cash). This is discretionary and based on need up to a maximum of £30. These payments will be discretionary and would only be offered alongside additional detailed budget session with the young person. This work will be completed before the payment is given and followed up before any further payment given. Food Bank vouchers may also be used in line with local protocols.	✓	✓	✓	Discretionary	Team Manager
Resettlement Clothing Grant Up to £100 and would be discussed as part of planning meeting and assessment of need.	✓	✓	✓	Discretionary	Team Manager

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	Eligible	Relevant	Former Relevant	Qualifying	Authorised by
Emergency Payments - For those living independently or semi-independently (continued)					
Cold weather grant Discretionary up to £20 per week for duration of extreme weather.	✓	✓	✓	Discretionary	Team Manager
Emergency Winter Clothing Payment - £50 discretionary	✓	✓	✓	Discretionary	Team Manager
Setting Up Home Allowance					
Up to £2000 which is planned and part of work with Personal advisor around needs to equip a home. This is not all paid at once and as such is in conjunction with assessed needs. This is to help young people through their whole independence planning. (For example if a young person moved into a furnished flat they would not need all £2000 at once and some would be held back for when needed in the future). The £2000 includes £25 first cleaning materials, First TV licence, £50 First food shop. Young people can request money from their setting up home allowance (up to remaining balance) beyond closure and 21 and up until their 25th Birthday. (For example a young person at University or Staying Put might not move into their own accommodation until after 21). This needs to be clear in the pathway plan, is subject to assessment and requires approval by the team manager. NB: For young people who are eligible or relevant and living at home this can be approved up to £500 and at discretion of team manager as part of a needs assessment.					
RENT DEPOSIT Only one payment. 1 month rent/bond at local reference rent/local housing allowance plus up to £100 admin fee payable to estate agent. In addition where required to secure tenancy, up to 1 months advance rent payment to the housing agent/landlord (The Team manager must see a copy of the tenancy agreement before agreeing (copy to go on file). It is possible with the young person and Team managers approval to use an element of the setting up home allowance to fund a second Rent deposit if the first placement has broken down but all other options should be exhausted (and evidenced) first and the impact on the setting up home amount must be made clear to the young person.	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Identity					
Identification Documents Passport - up until 21 Driving Licence Birth Certificate (up to two copies)	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Birthday Gift - up to value of £50 each for 18th and 21st. For those in semi-supported housing, homestay or independent living.	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Birth of Baby £10 (for card and nominal gift).	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Cultural and religious requirements For those in semi-supported housing, homestay or independent living This will be dependent on specific needs and will be evident within the Pathway assessment and plan (up to £20 per month).	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Learning To Drive (car or motorbike)					
Theory Test If young person is in education/training or employment one test will be paid for. The personal advisor will assess the appropriateness of this as part of pathway planning	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager
Driving Lessons Match funded at Team Managers discretion eg Young Person pays one and Local Authority pays the next. The local Authority will fund up to 10 lessons. Must be linked to current training and employment elements of pathway assessment and plan. This is based on no driving offences or ongoing drug/alcohol use which is identified as a concern within pathway plan and assessment. One practical test will be funded.	✓	✓	✓		Team Manager