

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Payment Guide for 2026/27

The table below shows when EMA payments can be expected for your school and college attendance.

Payments will only start once we've been told by your school or college that you've signed your EMA Agreement and that you're attending as agreed. You won't be paid EMA for any period that you're not attending your course including during school and college holidays.

You should speak to your school or college if you've not received an expected EMA payment for your attendance.

Attend during week(s) ending	You'll be paid on
21 August 2026	07 September 2026
28 August 2026	
04 September 2026	21 September 2026
11 September 2026	
18 September 2026	05 October 2026
25 September 2026	
02 October 2026	19 October 2026
09 October 2026	
16 October 2026	02 November 2026
23 October 2026	
30 October 2026	16 November 2026
06 November 2026	
13 November 2026	30 November 2026
20 November 2026	
27 November 2026	14 December 2026
04 December 2026	
11 December 2026	29 December 2026
18 December 2026	
25 December 2026	11 January 2027
01 January 2027	
08 January 2027	25 January 2027
15 January 2027	
22 January 2027	08 February 2027
29 January 2027	
05 February 2027	22 February 2027
12 February 2027	

Attend during week(s) ending	You'll be paid on
19 February 2027	08 March 2027
26 February 2027	
05 March 2027	22 March 2027
12 March 2027	
19 March 2027	05 April 2027
26 March 2027	
02 April 2027	19 April 2027
09 April 2027	
16 April 2027	04 May 2027
23 April 2027	
30 April 2027	17 May 2027
07 May 2027	
14 May 2027	1 June 2027
21 May 2027	
28 May 2027	14 June 2027
04 June 2027	
11 June 2027	28 June 2027
18 June 2027	
25 June 2027	12 July 2027
02 July 2027	
09 July 2027	26 July 2027
16 July 2027	
23 July 2027	09 August 2027
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