

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Payment Guide for 2026/27

The table below shows when EMA payments can be expected for specific periods of attendance.

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

Attend during week(s) ending	You'll be paid on
14 August 2026	1 September 2026
21 August 2026	
28 August 2026	14 September 2026
04 September 2026	
11 September 2026	28 September 2026
18 September 2026	
25 September 2026	12 October 2026
02 October 2026	
09 October 2026	26 October 2026
16 October 2026	
23 October 2026	09 November 2026
30 October 2026	
08 November 2026	23 November 2026
13 November 2026	
20 November 2026	07 December 2026
27 November 2026	
04 December 2026	21 December 2026
11 December 2026	
18 December 2026	04 January 2027
25 December 2026	
01 January 2027	18 January 2027
08 January 2027	
15 January 2027	01 February 2027
22 January 2027	
29 January 2027	15 February 2027
05 February 2027	

Attend during week(s) ending	You'll be paid on
12 February 2027	01 March 2027
19 February 2027	
26 February 2027	15 March 2027
05 March 2027	
12 March 2027	30 March 2027
19 March 2027	
26 March 2027	12 April 2027
02 April 2027	
09 April 2027	26 April 2027
16 April 2027	
23 April 2027	10 May 2027
30 April 2027	
07 May 2027	24 May 2027
14 May 2027	
21 May 2027	07 June 2027
28 May 2027	
04 June 2027	21 June 2027
11 June 2027	
18 June 2027	05 July 2027
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