

## Care leavers' financial entitlements 2021/22

Allowance	Amount, age 16-17	Frequency, age 16-17	Amount, age 18+	Frequency, age 18+
<b>Subsistence (unable to claim benefit)</b>	Benefit rate	Weekly	Benefit rate	Weekly
<b>Subsistence (waiting for benefit claim to be processed)</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	Benefit rate	Weekly until the claim is authorised and in place – review 4 weeks and 6 weeks
<b>Birthday 16 semi-independence</b>	<b>£20</b>	Once on birthday	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Birthday 17 semi-independence</b>	<b>£20</b>	Once on birthday	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Birthday 18</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	<b>£50</b>	Once on birthday
<b>Birthday 21</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	<b>£50</b>	Once on birthday
<b>Christmas presents</b>	Give a Gift Scheme	Once a year	Give a Gift Scheme up to 25 years-old	Once a year
<b>Clothing allowance</b>	<b>£150</b>	Twice a year		
<b>Birth certificates</b>	<b>£11 to £15</b>	Once		
<b>Passports</b>	<b>£85</b>	Once		
<b>Travel documents for unaccompanied asylum seeking children</b>	<b>£75</b>	Once		

Allowance	Amount, age 16-17	Frequency, age 16-17	Amount, age 18+	Frequency, age 18+
<b>Travel cost with learning and training attendance</b>	Travel warrant, or equivalent, provided on the basis of an assessed need, considered in light of college bursary	As applicable	Travel warrant, or equivalent, provided on the basis of an assessed need, considered in light of college bursary	As applicable
<b>Savings</b>	<b>£7.50</b> fostering.	Weekly	Work alongside the young person to encourage saving money from the funds available to them	As described
<b>Setting-up Home Grant</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	<b>£2,000</b>	Available upon moving into independent accommodation and with receipts and based on need
<b>Basic provisions payment</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	<b>£30</b>	One-off payment to care leavers moving into their first accommodation to ensure they have basic provisions, including food and cleaning products
<b>Rent deposit for social housing tenancy</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	1 week's rent, according to amount, assessed to ensure ongoing costs for the young person are sustainable	Paid once
<b>Water rate payment</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	According to applicable water rates	First 4 weeks, paid once, on moving into independent accommodation
<b>TV Licence</b>	Included in placement	Included in placement	<b>£159</b>	First year of tenancy

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<b>Council tax support</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	Council exemption	Up to 21 years-old or 25 for those assessed as vulnerable
<b>Laptop</b>	Laptop	Once		
<b>Prom and graduation costs</b>	<b>£100</b>	Once	<b>£100</b>	Once
<b>Higher education bursary</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	<b>£2,000</b>	Spread in instalments, across duration of the course
<b>University holiday accommodation.</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	<b>£125 per week</b>	22 weeks per year
<b>Cost of glasses and optical checks</b>	<b>Free</b>	As per need	Up to <b>£75</b>	Once at the point the young person comes to the attention of the Aftercare service, up to age 21
<b>Unaccompanied asylum seeking children 18+ on appeal (personal allowance)</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	Benefit rate personal allowance <a href="http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit">www.gov.uk/universal-credit</a>	Weekly
<b>Unaccompanied asylum seeking children 18+ NRPF or ARE (personal allowance)</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	Benefit rate personal allowance <a href="http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit">www.gov.uk/universal-credit</a>	Weekly