

Appendix 1

Definitions & Level of Financial Entitlement

Eligible a) looked after, b) aged 16 or 17 year, and c) has been a child in care for at least 13 weeks (or periods amounting in total to 13 weeks) which began after they reached age 14 and ended after they reached age 16.

1. All maintenance and suitable accommodation costs whilst in placements.
2. Eligible care leavers living independently - as per Relevant care leavers.

Relevant a) not looked after b) aged 16 or 17, and c) was, before they last ceased to be a child in care, was an eligible child.

1. Maintenance and suitable accommodation costs until eligible to claim state benefits at 18th birthday.
2. Assistance in order to meet needs in relation to education, training or employment.

Former relevant a) aged 18 or above, and either b) has been a relevant child and would be one if he/she were under 18, or c) Immediately before he ceased to be a child in care at age 18, was an eligible child.

- a) Maintenance/accommodation via access to employment or, universal benefits.
- b) If his/her welfare requires it as set out within the pathway plan, the local authority can make a financial contribution towards:

c) Meeting the expenses in living near a place of current or planned employment.

These duties will continue until the former relevant young person reaches age 21 or, where their pathway plan sets out a programme of education or training which extends beyond their 21st birthday and will remain so long as they continue to pursue that programme.

Former relevant- EET a) aged under 25, b) in relation to whom the duties in 23C(2)(3) and (4) no longer apply, and c) He has informed the local authority that he wants to pursue or is pursuing a programme of education or training.

1. Maintenance/accommodation via access to employment or, universal benefits.
2. If welfare requires it & within the pathway plan, authority can make a financial contribution in:
 - Pursuance of education or training.
 - relation to securing vacation accommodation if in full-time further/higher education and;
 - In the form of a course bursary (subject to conditions).

Qualifying a) aged as least 16 but under 21, b) with respect to whom a special guardianship order is in force (or was in force when they reached 18) and was a child in care immediately before the making of that order, or c) at any time after reaching the age of 16 but whilst still a child was, but is no longer, a child in care, accommodated or fostered.

1. The local authority may, subject to an assessment of need, provide additional assistance which could include, in 'exceptional circumstances', a cash payment only where there is a necessity to protect and such support cannot be obtained from any other agency/body.
2. Where the person is in full time further or higher education, is under the age of 25 and qualifies for advice and assistance, or would have done if under the age of

21, the authority will provide assistance in relation to securing vacation accommodation.

3. Such assistance will only extend until the age of 21, or 25 and where the young person is engaged in education or training.