

Plymouth YMCA Access Bursary Fund 2011/12

EMA Transitional Arrangements

If you are part-way through your studies, and you were receiving EMA payments in 2010/11 please read the following information.

- The most vulnerable students who currently receive EMA (young people in care, care leavers and those in receipt of income support, employment support allowance and disability benefit) will be eligible for the £1,200 bursary in place of their current EMA weekly payments.
- Students who successfully applied for EMA in 2009/10 will continue to receive payments at the level set out in their EMA guarantee for each week they are in education or training, until the end of the 2011/2012 academic year.
- Students who successfully applied for the maximum weekly EMA payment of £30 in 2010/2011 will be eligible for £20 for each week they are in education or training until the end of the 2011/2012 academic year.
- Students who started in Year 12 in September 2010 and who received either £20 or £10 a week EMA will no longer receive EMA but they can apply for a bursary from their learning provider.

The Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) will issue Notices of Entitlement (NoE) to those students who are eligible to continue to receive weekly payments under the transitional arrangements.

The YPLA's Learner Support Service will write to all students who will not be eligible to continue to receive weekly payments to confirm this to them and to advise that they may be able to receive support from the access bursary fund.

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