



# COUNCIL OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY

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## POST 16 BOARDING ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL ALLOWANCE INFORMATION & GUIDANCE

### BACKGROUND & CRITERIA

The Education Funding Agency (EFA) annually sets the rate of funding available for the Boarding Accommodation & Travel Allowance for costs incurred while attending Post 16 education on the mainland. In order to qualify for the grant the student must be:

- a permanent island resident
- aged 16-18\*
- going in to their 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> year(s) of further education \*\*

This funding is not guaranteed and we work hard with the EFA to secure funding each year.

For students attending work-based learning, such as an apprenticeship please contact Children's Services to discuss individual circumstances and funding support available.

### HOW TO APPLY

During the summer prior to the start of the academic year in which Post 16 Education will commence the Children's Services team will send you all the information you need in order to apply for the allowance.

If you are not sure where you fit in; or if you qualify, please contact Children's Services and we will let you know what type of support could be available to you.

### BOARDING ACCOMMODATION

The EFA has granted a boarding accommodation grant to the maximum of £4,332 per student, per academic year. Payments are made in *advance* and will usually be issued in six installments of £722, with receipts later submitted. The timing of payments for boarding accommodation allowances is arranged to assist with making timely payment to the accommodation provider and prevent difficulties for learners.

Please note that the amount of allowance paid to you is a contribution and any short fall in accommodation cost is the responsibility of the student and their guardian.

Students who are living with a parent on the mainland are not eligible for the boarding accommodation allowance; however they may still claim the travel allowance to return home to the islands.

### TRAVEL

Each student can apply for a maximum of six return journeys in each academic year. This means that they can travel home every half term.

The cheapest fares to and from the students educational establishment are calculated and that amount is the maximum that can be claimed - claims are capped at £100 per return. Valid receipts for travel must be provided with the Claim form, and payment is made retrospectively.

Students have access to reduced travel fares from the islands. Please remember to ask for these when making your booking, and also to keep membership to loyalty schemes up-to-date.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The allowance must be applied for each academic year.
- Any overpayments of Boarding Accommodation and/or Travel Allowances will be recovered where necessary.
- Confirmation of attendance, on a half termly basis, will be obtained by us from educational establishments.
- The Youth Support Officer is available on the mainland to provide pastoral support.
- Visit our website [www.movingonios.co.uk](http://www.movingonios.co.uk) for lots of useful information on Post 16 funding, money, choices, where to live, getting around and health & wellbeing.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### Children's Services

01720 423680

[post16@scilly.gov.uk](mailto:post16@scilly.gov.uk)

### Youth Support Officer

Marie Wilton

07709 176 600

[mwilton@scilly.gov.uk](mailto:mwilton@scilly.gov.uk)

### Council of the Isles of Scilly One Stop Shop

01720 424000

[enquiries@scilly.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@scilly.gov.uk)

### Careers South West

Tim Moody

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\* For funding purposes 'age 18' means 'under 19 on 31 August in the calendar year when the learner begins a programme of study'

\*\* Unless there are exceptional circumstances and agreements have been made with both the Council of the Isles of Scilly and the EFA prior to the beginning of the academic year.