

DENTAL UNDERGRADUATE BURSARY CONTRACT

1. The Scottish Ministers and the undergraduate hereby agree the following terms and conditions in respect of the undergraduate's application for a dental bursary.
2. The undergraduate accepts that the Scottish Ministers will make available a dental undergraduate bursary of £4000 per academic year of study for years 1,2, 3 and 4, where eligible, of an approved dental undergraduate course at Aberdeen dental school. The bursary is payable annually on the basis that the undergraduate agrees to comply with the following eligibility criteria:
 - (a) the undergraduate is registered for a qualifying dental course in a qualifying dental school; and
 - (b) the undergraduate agrees to commit to a period of up to 5 years work in dentistry in the NHS in Scotland following graduation.
3. The undergraduate accepts that the bursary is provided by Scottish Ministers on the basis that they comply with the following:
 - (a) the undergraduate agrees to carry out a total of 5 years dental work in Scotland (or the relevant agreed part time equivalent agreed in advance with Scottish Ministers). The said period may include any relevant Vocational Training (hereinafter called VT) or General Professional Training (hereinafter called GPT). The undergraduate agrees that if the bursary is only claimed for 3 years, 2 years or 1 year their reckonable years of dental work in Scotland will be 4 years, 3 years and 2 years respectively, as defined above;
 - (b) the period of employment must begin within one calendar year of graduation;
 - (c) the undergraduate's NHS earnings will represent not less than 80% of their total earnings (hereinafter called the "agreed commitment").
4. If any tax is deemed payable on the bursary it will be the undergraduate's responsibility to make any required tax payment to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
5. The undergraduate will not be restricted to working for any specific NHS Board upon graduation from dental school. The undergraduate agrees to practice NHS dentistry in Scotland by completing either one year's VT or 2 year's GPT as defined in The National Health Service (Vocational Training for General Dental Practice) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 and thereafter completing the agreed commitment as referred to in clause 3 above and further explained below.

6. The VT or GPT is training which is to be undertaken through NHS Education for Scotland (NES) (established on April 1, 2002, as a Special Health Board) and under the supervision of a principal dentist either in an independent practice or in the salaried service (defined as employment by the NHS in Scotland for the provision of “general dental services”, the service commonly known as “community dental service” or any successor or successors to these), or in the case of GPT a combination of independent, salaried or hospital service.
7. While NES will try as far as possible to assist the undergraduate obtain a VT or GPT job in the geographical region of their choice, this cannot be guaranteed. If a placement in the undergraduate’s preferred geographical region is not possible the undergraduate will be required to work wherever placed. If the undergraduate turns down the VT or GPT place in Scotland then the bursary will be due to be repaid in full, unless on cause shown the Scottish Ministers decide that no repayment is required.
8. At the end of the VT or GPT year or years the undergraduate will complete the remainder of the agreed commitment in a dental practice providing “general dental services” (GDS) under NHS arrangements, or in the “salaried dental service” (SDS), or in the “hospital dental service”.

9. "General dental services" are as defined in the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978.

10. The undergraduate undertakes to provide as soon as reasonably practical to NES the name and address of their employer and any changes to their employer until the agreed commitment has been completed. When requested, the undergraduate agrees to provide confirmation in writing (and for this purpose writing includes electronic formats) from a qualified accountant of the percentage which the undergraduate's NHS earnings bears in any financial year to their total earnings.

11. The undergraduate will be eligible to receive the payment of £4000 per year of study on the further following conditions:

(a) the undergraduate remains registered on a qualifying course in a qualifying dental school; and

(b) the undergraduate is performing to an acceptable standard. In the event that a year of study requires to be repeated there is no guarantee that any further funding will be available. Any claim will require to be submitted by the undergraduate for consideration by Scottish Ministers.

12. If the undergraduate fails to graduate from dental school or fails to complete the course at any point then they will be required to repay the full amount of the dental bursary received by them for that year of the course.

13. If the undergraduate chooses to work part-time during the time period of the agreed commitment the undergraduate will serve the full time equivalent of five reckonable years in NHS Scotland and begin within one year of graduation in order to avoid becoming subject to repayment of the dental bursary. If the undergraduate works part time their NHS earnings must represent not less than 80% of their total earnings in Scotland.

14. If the undergraduate fails to complete the agreed commitment by their own volition the undergraduate will be required to repay the dental bursary.

Name of undergraduate:

Signature of undergraduate: **Date:**.....

Address of undergraduate:

Subscribed for and on behalf of

THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS

By:

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Date: xx xxxxxxxxxxxx