

# **Extra help for students with Dependants**

(With Notes)

# What Help Is Available?

For **full-time** students with dependants:

- Parents' Learning Allowance
- Childcare Grant
- Adults Dependents Grant

# Parents' Learning Allowance

For **full-time** students with dependent children who are on a low income:

- Depends on the household income
- Up to £1,538 per year
- Not taken into account when working out benefits entitlement.

# Childcare Grant

For **full-time** students with dependent children in registered or approved childcare:

- **Cannot** be receiving childcare part of Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit
- **Not** taken into account when calculating benefits.

# Childcare Grant continued

- Entitlement depends on household income and childcare costs
- Up to 85% of actual childcare costs
- Maximum £148.75 per week for one child
- Maximum £255.00 per week for two or more children

# Adult Dependants Grant

- For full-time students with an adult who is financially dependent on them
- Depends on household income
- Up to £2,695 per year
- Taken into account in benefits calculations

# Special Support Grant

Eligibility to the Special Support Grant (SSG):—

- You are a single parent
- You have a partner who is also a student
- You have certain disabilities
- Depends on the household income
- Up to £3,475 per year

# How and when to Apply

- To apply for each of these grants you should fill in the relevant section of the paper student finance application form or online page
- If you want to apply for the Childcare Grant, Student Finance NI will send a separate Childcare Grant application form to fill in
- You and your Childcare Provider will have to provide details of the childcare costs 3 times during the year
- You must also provide copies of your children's long birth certificate



# Other Support Available

- Help to cover 2 main expenses, ie tuition fees and day to day living costs
- Help for students who have a disability
- Assessed through Student Finance NI
- Specific queries should be directed to the student's local Student Finance Office
- [www.studentfinancenl.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk)