

# CPAG IN SCOTLAND'S STUDENT BENEFITS TRAINING, INFORMATION AND ADVICE

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## DO YOU

- ✓ Support young people in education?
- ✓ Work with people thinking about doing a course, part-time or full-time?
- ✓ Deal with questions about financial support in college or university?

Then this information is for you and your colleagues. We run training courses, provide information and offer advice on the social security benefits that can be claimed by people in education.

## TRAINING COURSES

- ✓ **Students and benefits – the basics**  
(half day)

This half-day course provides a basic overview of social security benefits, and which further and higher education students might be able to claim them. The course is for student advisers and other frontline workers who are new to benefits.

The course covers:

- A brief overview of social security benefits
- Which groups of students can claim benefits
- The impact of student support on benefits
- Signposting students for help with benefits enquiries

### Feedback from Zoom benefits for students courses:

“ **Brilliant CPAG Course as usual**

“ **Good breakouts and also checking of understanding throughout.**

“ **...there were no glitches. I will definitely be encouraging others to sign up to this training**

### Or you can choose one of our more in-depth courses.

- ✓ **Introduction to benefits for student advisers**  
(introductory; delivered over two half days) - a more in-depth version of the basics course described above
- ✓ **Universal credit for students**  
(standard; delivered over two half days) - focuses on the rules for when students can claim universal credit, and some of the problems that may arise
- ✓ **Students and benefits – eligibility**  
(standard; delivered over two half days) - for advisers with some knowledge of benefits, who want to know how they apply to students
- ✓ **Students and benefits - an update**  
(experienced; half day) - for advisers with a good knowledge of benefits for students, who want to keep up-to-date with changes

We are currently running all of these courses over Zoom. Some are already planned in our main training programme. Go to [www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training](http://www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training) for more information about all of these courses (and our other training courses) and to check which one is right for you. You can book any of these courses to be delivered in-house for your organisation over Zoom.

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## INFORMATION RESOURCES

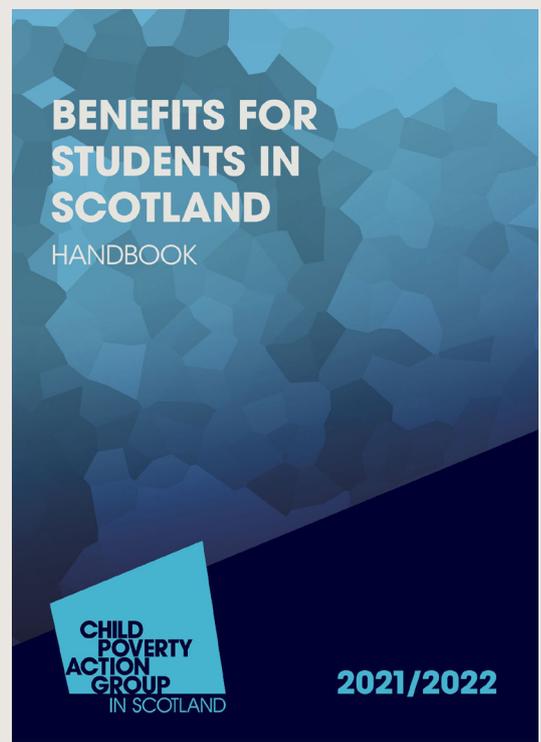
We produce an updated and revised edition of the *Benefits for students in Scotland handbook* each academic year. This handbook is a comprehensive guide to social security benefits for students in Scotland, explaining benefit rules for students as well as how Scottish loans and grants are treated under the social security system.

Buy it from [cpag.org.uk/shop/cpag-titles/pre-order-benefits-students-scotland-handbook-202122](https://cpag.org.uk/shop/cpag-titles/pre-order-benefits-students-scotland-handbook-202122) or call **020 7837 7979** to order by phone.

You can read it online for free at [askcpag.org.uk/publications/Scotland](https://askcpag.org.uk/publications/Scotland)

Our quarterly **e-bulletin** on benefits for students keeps you up to date with changes in benefits that may affect students. We also produce a range of **factsheets** on different aspects of benefits for students in Scotland.

You can download factsheets and sign up for the ebulletin at [www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/students-and-benefits-project](https://www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/students-and-benefits-project)



## ADVICE LINE

Our **advice line for advisers** offers free, independent, expert, up-to-date advice and information on all aspects of the benefits and tax credits system. It is for welfare rights advisers, frontline workers, student advisers, social workers, housing workers, solicitors and other advisers in Scotland.

**Tel:** 0141 552 0552

Monday to Thursday 10am – 4pm, Friday 10am - 12 noon

**Email:** [advice@cpagscotland.org.uk](mailto:advice@cpagscotland.org.uk)

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