

Academic Year 2025/2026
EMA Payment Schedule Dumfries and Galloway Council

This payment schedule is relevant to School Students and Home Educated Students. Payments may differ slightly if you are a Cross Border Student travelling daily to attend a school or college due to different term dates/holidays. YGA students will generally follow this schedule however school holidays and EMA start/end date may not be applicable.

If you do not receive a payment on the expected date this may mean, there is not yet a Learning Agreement in place with the school or the school have not approved your attendance. You should contact the school in the first instance if you have not received payment. This is because we will not know the reason for non-approval, the school will be able to explain to you the reason why you are missing a payment. Your EMA start date (this can be found on your award letter) depends on your date of application as deadlines apply, please read the EMA guidelines found at www.dumgal.gov.uk/ema

TERM 1

Week Ending	Week Ending	Date £ Expected in Student Account
22/08/2025	29/08/2025	05/09/2025
05/09/2025	12/09/2025	19/09/2025
19/09/2025	26/09/2025	03/10/2025
03/10/2025	10/10/2025	17/10/2025
17/10/2025	24/10/2025	No Payment Due October Holiday

TERM 2

Week Ending	Week Ending	Date £ Expected in Student Account
31/10/2025	07/11/2025	14/11/2025
14/11/2025	21/11/2025	28/11/2025
28/11/2025	05/12/2025	12/12/2025
12/12/2025	*See Term 3	19/12/2025
26/12/2025	02/01/2026	No Payment Due Christmas Holiday

TERM 3

Week Ending	Week Ending	Date £ Expected in Student Account
19/12/2025 *	-	09/01/2026
09/01/2026 **	16/01/2026	23/01/2026
23/01/2026	30/01/2026	06/02/2026
06/02/2026	13/02/2026	20/02/2026
20/02/2026	27/02/2026	06/03/2026
06/03/2026	13/03/2026	20/03/2026
20/03/2026	27/03/2026	03/04/2026
03/04/2026	10/04/2026	No Payment Due Easter Break

TERM 4

Week Ending	Week Ending	Date £ Expected in Student Account
17/04/2026	24/04/2026	01/05/2026
01/05/2026	08/05/2026	15/05/2026
15/05/2026	22/05/2026	29/05/2025
29/05/2026	***	05/06/2026
05/06/2026	12/06/2026	19/06/2026
19/06/2026	26/06/2026	03/07/2026
03/07/2026	****	10/07/2026

*	Payment Section close over Christmas period payments will be processed in January
**	Winter Intake Students payments start (students born between 1 October 2008-end of February 2009)
***	Students not returning to complete S6 and School Leavers Final EMA payment
****	End of Term for Academic Year 2025/2026

(All of the above may be subject to change in unforeseen circumstances)