

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

## 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 and tax credits that can be claimed by people in education.

### Training courses

- ✔ **Students and benefits – the basics** (2 hours)

***We can offer this introductory course on your premises at the special price of £150.\****

This course gives an overview of benefits and tax credits that students can claim. It helps non-welfare-rights advisers recognise when these are relevant for students, and advise them appropriately. It includes:

- An overview of the benefits and tax credits system
- Which groups of students can claim benefits
- Which benefits they can claim
- The impact of student support on benefits
- Signposting students for help with benefit enquiries

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

- ✔ **Introduction to benefits for student advisers** (introductory; one day)
- ✔ **Students and benefits – eligibility** (standard; one day)
- ✔ **Benefits for disabled students** (standard; half day)
- ✔ **Students and benefits - an update** (experienced; half day)
- ✔ **NEW Universal credit and students** (standard; half day)

We can organise any of these courses at your workplace or at a venue near you, and most 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.

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### Feedback from courses:

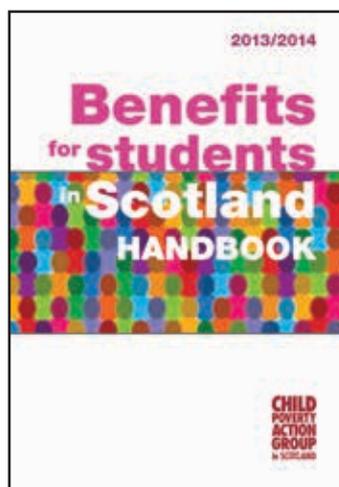
'WELL  
PRESENTED  
AND EASILY  
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'VERY  
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'BRILLIANT  
COURSE!'

## 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 benefits and tax credits 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 [www.cpag.org.uk/bookshop/studentscotland](http://www.cpag.org.uk/bookshop/studentscotland) or call **020 7837 7979** to order by phone. You can view it online at <http://scottishhandbooks.cpag.org.uk/book/bss/186510>.



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](http://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 welfare benefits and tax credits systems. It is for welfare rights advisers, frontline workers, student advisers, social workers, housing workers, solicitors and other advisers in Scotland.

**Phone** 0141 552 0552

Monday to Thursday 10am - 4.00pm;

Friday 10am - 12 noon

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