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Scotland's Chief Statistician today published statistics on Education Maintenance Allowances (EMAs) in the academic year 2007-2008. This release contains information on all students at school or at a further education college in Scotland who received at least one payment under the EMA scheme. Full roll out of EMAs was completed in the academic year 2007-2008 when 19 year old students became eligible.

#### **Key Findings**

- 37,815 school pupils and college students received EMA payments in Scotland in the academic year 2007-2008. 54% of recipients were female and 64% attended school.
- 25,670 of these students (68%) were or turned 16 during the academic year 2007-2008. This represents 39% of all 16 year olds in Scotland.
- Around 39% of all 16-19 year old school pupils in Scotland received EMA support in the academic year 2007-2008.
- The total number of young people in school in receipt of EMA has decreased by 2% from 2006-2007 to 2007-2008.
- Most EMA participants (80%) were supported in the maximum £30 a week category. College students were more likely to be supported in this category than those in school: 84% of college students had a payment level of £30 compared with 79% of school pupils.

- £33.3 million was paid out under the EMA scheme in the academic year 2007-2008: £26.0 million in weekly payments and £7.4 million in bonus payments.
- 66% of students who were on the EMA scheme for the full academic year and were therefore eligible for both the January and the June bonus payments, received both bonuses. 14% of such students fulfilled the attendance criteria of the programme at least in some weeks, but received neither of the bonuses. Students in the £30 support category were less likely to receive both bonuses than those in the £10 and £20 categories (64% compared to 72%).
- 77% of full year EMA participants in schools received both bonus payments in the academic year 2007-2008 compared to 70% in 2006-2007.
- 86% of full year EMA participants received at least one of the bonuses. 85% of those in the maximum (£30) support category received at least one bonus compared with 89% and 90% of those in the £10 and £20 groups.
- Students from the most deprived areas are more likely to receive EMAs: around 16% of all 16 to 19 year-olds in Scotland live in deprived areas but they make up 22% of full year EMA participants.
- 25% of full year EMA participants in the £30 support category were from the most deprived areas in Scotland compared with 10% and 12% of those in the £10 and £20 groups.



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## NOTES TO NEWS EDITORS

1. These statistics are collected by the Scottish Government from local authorities (school pupils) and the Scottish Funding Council (further education college students).

2. EMAs were introduced across Scotland from August 2004 for 16 year olds. In academic year 2005-2006 eligibility was extended to include all 17 year olds and in academic year 2006-2007 eligibility was further extended to include 18 year olds. Full roll out to 19 year olds was completed in 2007-2008. To satisfy the age criteria to receive EMA from August 2007, students had to be born between 1st March 1991 and 30th September 1991. Students born between 1st October 1991 and 28th February 1992 became eligible to join the programme in January 2008.

3. Education Maintenance Allowances are means tested payments of £10, £20 or £30 per week to young people attending school or further education college on a full time basis. EMA aims to increase participation in school and college by 16-19 year olds from low income families.

4. Following satisfactory attendance and completion of a learning agreement, additional bonus payments of £150 are payable in January and June.

5. Prior to national roll-out in August 2004, the EMA scheme was tested in 4 local authority areas (East Ayrshire, Glasgow, Dundee and West Dunbartonshire) As a result, the whole age range in the pilot areas have already been eligible since 2004-2005. An evaluation of the pilots is available at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/37432/0010162.pdf> and <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/37432/0010161.pdf>

6. The analysis of students on the EMA scheme from the 15% most deprived areas of Scotland in this release uses the 2006 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD):  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD/Overview>

7. The method of collating the further education college data has been improved to address the issue of more than one record being created for certain students, for example if they have moved college during the academic year. Insufficient information was available in previous years to implement these changes.. The improvements have removed about 1,300 duplicate records this year.

8. Direct comparisons between the academic year 2007-2008 and previous publications are affected by these changes as follows:

- Data from schools can be compared directly and such a comparison is shown in tables 12 and 13 of this release.
- The college statistics, and therefore tables containing information on both school and college students, published last year cannot be compared directly with this publication. However Table 11 of this publication shows counts for both years, using last year's method.

9. Section 5 of this publication contains corrected versions of the tables on students from deprived areas included in last year's release. These corrections account for errors which were picked up during quality assurance. The main sources of error were incorrect coding of male and female further education college students, and the inclusion of further education college students who were not part of the EMA scheme for the entire academic year. The former did not affect the overall total but the latter did, the correction of which resulted in a decrease by almost 1,100 in the number of students. School information was not affected by these errors, though an improvement to the data resulted in a difference of less than 10 pupils in the overall total.

10. This is a National Statistics publication. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

11. This news release, together with associated tables listed above, is published on the Scottish Government website at the following address:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Lifelong-learning/Publications>

12. The publication tables and analysis by local authority for school pupils can be found at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Lifelong-learning/datasets>

13. Additional information on Education Maintenance Allowances in Scotland can be found at:

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## **Section 1: Total Students Supported Through the EMA Scheme 2007-2008**

1. This section looks at the total number of students on the EMA scheme in academic year 2007-2008. All students who received at least one EMA weekly payment or a bonus payment are included. The majority of students (80%) receive support in the £30 category.

**Table 1: Total Students by Gender and Level of Payment 2007-2008**

Level	Students			Percentage of all Students at Each Payment Level
	Total	Female	Male	
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,815</b>	<b>20,600</b>	<b>17,215</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>3,430</b>	1,880	1,550	<b>9%</b>
<b>£20</b>	<b>3,965</b>	2,060	1,900	<b>10%</b>
<b>£30</b>	<b>30,425</b>	16,660	13,765	<b>80%</b>

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

2. Table 1 shows that 37,815 students participated in the EMA scheme in academic year 2007-2008. There were slightly more females (54% compared to 49% of all 16-19 year olds in Scotland<sup>1</sup>) than males. The majority of both females and males (81% and 80% respectively) are supported in the £30 category. As EMA is means tested, these are the students with the lowest parental incomes.

**Table 2: Total Students by Age and Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	Age				
	Total	15	16	17	18+
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,815</b>	<b>6,565</b>	<b>19,105</b>	<b>11,440</b>	<b>705</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>3,430</b>	570	1,795	1,005	60
<b>£20</b>	<b>3,965</b>	715	2,035	1,170	45
<b>£30</b>	<b>30,425</b>	5,280	15,275	9,265	600

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

3. To maintain consistency with the age eligibility criteria of the EMA scheme, the age of a student has been defined as their age on 30 September in the given academic year. Therefore for our purposes 6,565 students are classified as aged 15 as at 30 September 2007. These students reached the eligibility threshold of 16 between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 and 28 February 2008, and therefore were eligible for support from January 2008 onwards.

4. Table 2 shows that those aged 18 and 19 are more likely than younger recipients of EMA to be supported in the £30 category: 85% of those aged 18 or 19 are in this category, compared to 80-81% of younger students. EMA participants are

<sup>1</sup> Percentage calculated from General Register Office for Scotland Mid-2007 Population Estimates (as at 30 June 2007): <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/population-estimates/mid-2007-population-estimates-scotland/list-of-tables.html>, table 2.

most likely to be 16 or turn 16 during the academic year: more than two thirds (68%) were or turned 16 in 2007-2008. This represents 39% of all 16 year olds in Scotland<sup>2</sup>.

**Table 3: Total Students by Place of Study and Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	Students			Percentage		
	Total	School	College	Total	School	College
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,815</b>	<b>24,020</b>	<b>13,795</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>3,430</b>	2,335	1,095	<b>9%</b>	10%	8%
<b>£20</b>	<b>3,965</b>	2,790	1,170	<b>10%</b>	12%	8%
<b>£30</b>	<b>30,425</b>	18,890	11,535	<b>80%</b>	79%	84%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

5. Table 3 shows that almost two thirds of those on the EMA scheme (64%, 24,020 students) attend school. This represents 39% of all school pupils aged 16-19 in academic year 2007-2008<sup>3</sup>. School pupils are less likely than further education college students to be supported in the £30 category: 79% of school pupils receiving a payment under the EMA scheme are in the £30 category compared to 84% of college recipients.

**Table 4: Total Amounts Paid Out – Weekly and Bonus Payments by Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	Amounts Paid (£)			Percentage of Total Payments
	Total	Female	Male	
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,340,590</b>	<b>18,132,810</b>	<b>15,207,780</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>1,645,630</b>	903,350	742,280	<b>5%</b>
<b>£20</b>	<b>2,950,850</b>	1,532,480	1,418,370	<b>9%</b>
<b>£30</b>	<b>28,744,110</b>	15,696,980	13,047,130	<b>86%</b>

1. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

6. Table 4 shows that a total of £33.3 million was paid out under the EMA scheme in academic year 2007-2008. Of that, £28.7 million (86%) was paid to those supported in the £30 category. 54% of the total amount paid out went to females, this is consistent with 54% of all participants in the EMA scheme being female.

<sup>2</sup> This is based on the number of 16 year olds taken from the General Register Office for Scotland's Mid Year Population Estimates 2007 (as at 30 June 2007), Population by Single Year of Age table: <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/population-estimates/mid-2007-population-estimates-scotland/list-of-tables.html>, table 2).

<sup>3</sup> Data on school pupils comes from the School Census 2007 and the Independent School Census 2007.

**Table 5: Total Amount Paid Out – Weekly Payments by Gender and Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	Amounts Paid (£)			Percentage of Total Weekly Payments
	Total	Female	Male	
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,977,090</b>	<b>14,112,660</b>	<b>11,864,430</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>927,730</b>	509,000	418,730	<b>4%</b>
<b>£20</b>	<b>2,123,150</b>	1,103,030	1,020,120	<b>8%</b>
<b>£30</b>	<b>22,926,210</b>	12,500,630	10,425,580	<b>88%</b>

1. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

7. Table 5 shows that £26.0 million was paid out in weekly payments in academic year 2007-2008. Of this, £22.9 million (88%) was paid out to those in the £30 category.

**Table 6: Total Amount Paid Out – Bonus Payments by Gender and Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	Amounts Paid (£)			Percentage of Total Bonus Payments
	Total	Female	Male	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,363,500</b>	<b>4,020,150</b>	<b>3,343,350</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>717,900</b>	394,350	323,550	<b>10%</b>
<b>£20</b>	<b>827,700</b>	429,450	398,250	<b>11%</b>
<b>£30</b>	<b>5,817,900</b>	3,196,350	2,621,550	<b>79%</b>

1. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number

8. Table 6 shows that a total of £7.4 million was paid out as bonuses. Of this, £5.8 million (79%) was paid out to those supported in the £30 category.

## **Section 2: Students on the EMA Scheme for the Full Academic Year 2007-2008**

9. This section looks at only those students who were on the scheme for the entire academic year 2007-2008 i.e. they received payments both before and after Christmas. This means that they were eligible to receive both bonus payments upon satisfying the terms of their learning agreement.

**Table 7: Students on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Gender and Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	Students			Percentage at Each Payment Level
	Total	Female	Male	
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,930</b>	<b>15,385</b>	<b>12,545</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>2,590</b>	1,435	1,155	<b>9%</b>
<b>£20</b>	<b>2,940</b>	1,550	1,390	<b>11%</b>
<b>£30</b>	<b>22,400</b>	12,405	10,000	<b>80%</b>

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

10. Table 7 shows that 27,930 students were on the EMA scheme for the entire academic year 2007-2008. As in Table 1 for all students on the scheme, the majority, 80%, were supported in the £30 category. 55% (15,385) were female.

**Table 8: Students on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Place of Study and Level of Payment 2007-08**

	Students			Percentage		
	Total	School	College	Total	School	College
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,930</b>	<b>17,355</b>	<b>10,575</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>2,590</b>	1,765	825	<b>9%</b>	10%	8%
<b>£20</b>	<b>2,940</b>	2,065	875	<b>11%</b>	12%	8%
<b>£30</b>	<b>22,400</b>	13,525	8,880	<b>80%</b>	78%	84%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

11. Table 8 shows that the majority of those on the EMA scheme for the entire year (62%) attend school. School based recipients of EMA are less likely than those attending colleges to be in the £30 support category: 78% of school pupils are in this category compared with 84% of college students. This is consistent with the proportions for all EMA recipients given in Table 3.



13. Table 10 shows that two thirds of students (66%, 18,395 students) on the EMA scheme for the entire year receive both bonus 1 and bonus 2 payments. Those in the £30 support category are less likely than those in either of the £10 or £20 categories to receive both bonuses: 64% of those whose level of payment is £30 received both bonuses compared with 72% of those in the £10 and £20 categories. Such students are more likely to receive no bonuses: 15% received no bonuses compared with 11% and 10% of those in the £10 and £20 categories. 86% of students on the scheme for the full year received at least one bonus payment.

### **Section 3: 2006-2007 – 2007-2008 Analysis**

14. An improved methodology has been applied to the further education college data in order to reduce the amount of over-counting of individuals that arises from there being more than one record for certain students (for example if they have moved college during the academic year). This involved identifying duplicate records for the same individual by looking at a combination of surname, first initial, gender and date of birth. Insufficient information was available in previous years to be able to implement this methodology. Direct comparisons between the academic year 2007-2008 and previous publications are affected by these changes as follows:

- Data from schools can be compared directly
- The college statistics, and therefore tables containing information on both school and college students, published last year cannot be compared directly with this publication.

15. In order to give an indication of change over time and to establish the extent of over-counting removed by the new method, a comparison of overall EMA recipient numbers in the academic years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 using the 2006-2007 methodology is given in Table 11. Such a comparison is only valid if the level of duplication of individuals is similar in both years. As the information we used to deal with the over-counting of individuals in 2007-2008 was not available in earlier years it is not possible to establish if this is the case, however we do not have any indication suggesting that the level of over-counting may have changed.

**Table 11: All Students by Level of Payment 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 (last year's methodology)**

Level	All students		Percentage of all students	
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,760</b>	<b>39,110</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	3,560	3,520	9%	9%
<b>£20</b>	3,925	4,050	10%	10%
<b>£30</b>	31,270	31,540	81%	81%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).
2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

16. Table 11 shows that using the method applied in previous years on the 2007-2008 further education college data results in an increase of almost 1,300 in the total

number of students on the EMA scheme compared to the total of 37,815 given in Table 1. This 1,300 comes from the college data.

17. As the new methodology only applies to further education college data it is possible to look at the change over time for school pupils. Comparisons between academic years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 for schools only are given in Tables 12 and 13.

**Table 12: All School Students by Level of Payment 2006-2007 and 2007-2008**

Level	All students		Percentage of all students	
	2006-07	2007-08	2006-07	2007-08
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,430</b>	<b>24,020</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	2,390	2,335	10%	10%
<b>£20</b>	2,720	2,790	11%	12%
<b>£30</b>	19,320	18,890	79%	79%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).
2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

18. Table 12 shows that the total number of school pupils on the EMA scheme has decreased by 2% to 24,020 in academic year 2007-2008. The percentages of pupils in each category of support are similar in both years.

**Table 13: School Students on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Bonus Uptake and Level of Payment 2006-2007 and 2007-2008**

Level	All Pupils 2006-07				All Pupils 2007-08			
	Total	Both	One only	None	Total	Both	One only	None
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,315</b>	<b>12,080</b>	<b>3,920</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>17,355</b>	<b>13,420</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>1,285</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>1,780</b>	74%	21%	6%	<b>1,765</b>	82%	12%	5%
<b>£20</b>	<b>1,955</b>	73%	20%	7%	<b>2,065</b>	82%	13%	5%
<b>£30</b>	<b>13,585</b>	69%	23%	8%	<b>13,525</b>	76%	16%	8%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).
2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.
3. Bonus 1 is payable in January and bonus 2 is payable in June.

19. Table 13 shows that the percentage of school pupils in each payment category who received both bonus payments was higher in 2007-2008 than in 2006-2007. 77% of school pupils on the EMA scheme for the full year received both bonuses in 2007-2008 compared with 70% in 2006-2007.

#### **Section 4: Students from Deprived Areas 2007-2008**

20. This section looks at students from the 15%<sup>4</sup> most deprived areas in Scotland. To allow analysis of bonus uptake we have only included students who were part of the EMA scheme for the full academic year.

**Table 14: All Students and Student from 15% Most Deprived Areas on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	All students attending for the entire year	All students from deprived areas attending for the entire year	Percentage from deprived areas
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,930</b>	<b>6,140</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>£10</b>	2,590	270	10%
<b>£20</b>	2,940	360	12%
<b>£30</b>	22,400	5,510	25%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

21. Table 14 shows that 6,140 students on the EMA scheme for the entire academic year came from the 15% most deprived areas in Scotland. These students are over-represented on the EMA scheme: around 16%<sup>5</sup> of all 16-19 year olds in Scotland live in the 15% most deprived areas whereas 22% of those on the EMA scheme are from such areas. A quarter (25%) of those in the £30 support category are from deprived areas compared to 10% and 12% in the £10 and £20 categories respectively highlighting that the £30 category is targeted to those in deprived areas.

**Table 15: Students from the 15% Most Deprived Areas on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Gender and Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	Students from deprived areas			Percentage		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,140</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>270</b>	140	130	<b>4%</b>	4%	5%
<b>£20</b>	<b>360</b>	195	165	<b>6%</b>	6%	6%
<b>£30</b>	<b>5,510</b>	3,140	2,365	<b>90%</b>	90%	89%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

22. Table 15 shows that 90% (5,510 students) of those from the 15% most deprived areas were in the £30 support category compared to 80% of all students on the EMA scheme for the entire year (Table 7).

<sup>4</sup> This analysis uses the 2006 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) more details of which can be found at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD/Overview>.

<sup>5</sup> This percentage is based on calculations using the 16-19 year old population from General Register Office for Scotland's Small Area Population Estimates of population in each datazone as at 30 June 2007: <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/small-area-population-estimates/2007-small-area-population-estimates/list-of-tables.html>

**Table 16: Students from the 15% Most Deprived Areas on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Place of Study and Level of Payment 2007-08**

Level	Students from deprived areas			Percentage		
	Total	School	College	Total	School	College
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,140</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>270</b>	150	120	<b>4%</b>	5%	4%
<b>£20</b>	<b>360</b>	215	145	<b>6%</b>	7%	5%
<b>£30</b>	<b>5,510</b>	2,880	2,625	<b>90%</b>	89%	91%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).
2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

23. Table 16 shows that just over half (53%) of those on the EMA scheme for the full year from the 15% most deprived areas are attending school. This is 9 percentage points lower than the percentage of all students on the EMA scheme for the full year who attend school (62%, Table 8 and paragraph 11).

**Table 17: Students from the 15% Most Deprived Areas on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Bonus Uptake, Gender and Level of Payment 2007-08**

	All Pupils			Female			Male			
	Total	Both	One bonus only	Total	Both	One bonus only	Total	Both	One bonus only	None
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,140</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>£20</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>£30</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>16%</b>

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

3. Bonus 1 is payable in January and bonus 2 is payable in June.

Table 17 shows, as we saw for all students on the scheme for the full year in Table 10, that those supported in the £30 category are less likely than those in the £10 and £20 categories to receive both bonus payments. 60% of those from deprived areas receive both bonuses compared to 66% of all those on the scheme for the entire year. Female students from deprived areas in the £10 and £20 categories are less likely to receive both bonuses than male students in the same categories. 83% of students from the 15% most deprived areas received at least one bonus compared with 86% of all those on the EMA scheme for the entire year.

## **Section 5: Students from Deprived Areas 2006-2007 Publication Correction**

24. This section contains corrected versions of the tables on students from deprived areas contained in last year's publication. These corrections account for errors which were picked up during quality assurance. The main sources of error were incorrect coding of male and female further education college students and the inclusion of further education college students who were not part of the EMA scheme for the entire academic year: the former did not affect the overall total but the latter did, the correction of which resulted in a decrease by almost 1,100 in the number of students. School information was not affected by these errors, though an improvement to the data resulted in a difference of less than 10 pupils, in the overall total.

25. The changes to the methodology for dealing with the college dataset described in Section 3 mean that it is not possible to directly compare figures in this section with those for 2007-2008 where college students are included.

**Table 18: All Students and Student from 15% Most Deprived Areas on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Level of Payment 2006-07**

	<b>All students attending for the entire year</b>	<b>All students from deprived areas attending for the entire year</b>	<b>Percentage from deprived areas</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,025</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>£10</b>	2,575	270	10%
<b>£20</b>	2,780	320	12%
<b>£30</b>	21,665	5,200	24%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).
2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

26. The correction has decreased the percentage of all full year EMA participants from deprived areas by four percentage points from 25% to 21%. The proportion in the £30 support category has reduced by 5 percentage points from 29% to 24%.

**Table 19: Students from the 15% Most Deprived Areas on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Gender and Level of Payment 2006-07**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Students from deprived areas</b>			<b>Percentage</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>2,555</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>270</b>	150	115	<b>5%</b>	5%	5%
<b>£20</b>	<b>320</b>	170	150	<b>6%</b>	5%	6%
<b>£30</b>	<b>5,200</b>	2,910	2,290	<b>90%</b>	90%	90%

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).
2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

27. The corrected total number of female students from deprived areas has increased by around 25 whereas that for male students has decreased by around 1,100.

**Table 20: Students from the 15% Most Deprived Areas on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Place of Study and Level of Payment 2006-07**

Level	Students from deprived areas			Percentage		
	Total	School	College	Total	School	College
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>£20</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>£30</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>92%</b>

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

**Table 21: Students from the 15% Most Deprived Areas on the EMA Scheme for the Full Year by Bonus Uptake, Gender and Level of Payment 2006-07**

Level	All Pupils						Female			Male		
	Total	One bonus		Total	One bonus		Total	One bonus		Total	One bonus	
		Both	only		None	Both		only	None		Both	only
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>3,285</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>2,555</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>490</b>
<b>£10</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>£20</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>£30</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>2,910</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>20%</b>

1. Student numbers have been rounded up or down to the nearest 5 (e.g. 1, 2 round down to 0; 3, 4 round up to 5).

2. Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

3. Bonus 1 is payable in January and bonus 2 is payable in June.

28. The correction has resulted in the number of female students receiving both bonuses increasing by around 255 and the number of males receiving both bonuses has decreased by around 245.

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