

Support when you leave college

You may have finished your studies with us, but we still care about your financial wellbeing. Read on to find out what forms of external support are available and how you access them . . .



General benefits support

Make sure you receive all the help you are entitled to by visiting:

<https://www.mygov.scot/benefits-support/>

Contact your local council to help you claim your benefits or get in touch with one of the other organisations below for help and advice with issues like housing, debt and employment.

Young Scot

Find out everything you need to know about which benefits are available in Scotland, whether you are eligible to receive them and how to go about making a claim.

<https://young.scot/get-informed/national/what-benefits-can-i-claim-in-scotland>

Welfare Rights – Dundee and Angus

The Welfare Rights Team can help sort out a wide range of benefit and tax credit problems. They can identify which benefits you may be entitled to, assess the merits of your case if you want to challenge a decision, and represent you at tribunal, if applicable.

Contact details for Dundee:

**Dundee House, 50 North Lindsay Street,
Dundee DD1 1FA.**

Tel: **01382 431188**

(Advice Line Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm)

Email: welfare.rights@dundeecity.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-welfare-fund/>

Contact details for Angus:

**Ravenswood Office, New Road,
Forfar DD8 3AG.**

Tel: **03452 777 778**

Email: accessline@angus.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.angus.gov.uk/debtadvice>

Voluntary Action Angus

Tel: **01307 466113**

Email: info@voluntaryactionangus.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau

CAB gives impartial, independent advice and assistance to help you resolve a wide range of issues, including benefits, debt, housing, work-related problems, consumer issues and more.

**Dundee Citizens Advice Bureau, Level 4,
Wellgate Centre, Dundee DD1 1DB.**

Tel: **01382 307494**

Website: <https://www.dundeecab.org.uk/get-advice>

**Angus Citizens Advice Bureau, 11 Millgate,
Arbroath DD11 1NN.**

Arbroath: **01241 870661**

Montrose: **01674 673263**

Forfar: **01307 467096**

Website: <https://www.anguscab.org.uk/>

CONNECT Service

The CONNECT team is part of Council Advice Services (CAS) and gives assistance to anyone requiring help with income maximisation, benefit form filling, benefit problems and budgeting.

Tel: **01382 431188**

Email: welfare.reform@dundeecity.gov.uk

Money Talk Team

This service helps explain how to make the most of your income and make sure you are not paying more than you need to for services like gas, electricity and internet.

You can chat to the Money Talk Team by calling **0800 085 7145**, or by setting up a meeting at your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Website: <https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/who-are-money-talk-team>

Shelter Scotland

For advice on benefits and other problems related to housing.

Tel: **0808 800 4444**

(Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Website: https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/about_us/local_services

Brooksbank Centre

Offers help with budgeting, bankruptcy, benefit checks, benefit claim forms, negotiating with creditors on clients' behalf (money advice) and mortgage to rent/shared ownership scheme.

Appointment surgeries, drop-in sessions and telephone advice are also available. Home visits can be arranged for those who cannot manage into one of the project bases. Translation service available on request.

Brooksbank Centre and Services, Pitairlie Road, Dundee DD4 8DG.

Tel: **01382 432450**

Email: bbpartnership@hotmail.co.uk

Turn 2 Us

This charity helps people in financial hardship find advice on benefits, housing, jobs and legal issues.

Website: <http://advicefinder.turn2us.org.uk>

The Scottish Welfare Fund

This Fund helps families and people in Scotland who are on low incomes through Crisis and Community Care Grants.

You can apply for:

Crisis Grant – if you are in crisis because of a disaster (like a fire or flood), or an emergency (like losing your money or unexpected expense).

Community Care Grant – to help you or someone you care for to start to live, or to carry on living, a settled life in the community.

Website: <https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-welfare-fund/>

Further help with money problems

Scotland's Financial Health Service – find information and advice on debt, managing money, housing, homelessness and ethical lending at <https://www.scotlandsfinancialhealthservice.gov.uk/>

National Debtline – get free, confidential and independent debt advice on 0808 808 4000.

Money Advice Scotland – find details of agencies that give independent financial advice at <https://www.moneyadvicescotland.org.uk/>

Student Information Scotland

Designed to give students, parents and carers education, funding and finance information. For the first time, further and higher education funding information is available in one place, helping new and current students make informed choices.

Whether you're planning to study at college or university, use the mobile-friendly Budget Calculator to help you balance your budget, or the Funding Checker to find out what funding you can get.

Website:

<https://www.studentinformation.gov.scot/>

While we are working remotely you can contact our Student Services Team by email: guidance@dundeeandangus.ac.uk

