

# Martec training

## Learner Financial Support

EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) has now been stopped, however, there is new financial help called bursaries which are available if you are starting or carrying on with a course with Martec this year.

You could get a bursary of £1,200 a year if you are a young person in care or a care leaver; or are claiming income support; or are disabled and receiving Employment Support Allowance **and** Disability Living Allowance.

If none of these apply to you but you are facing genuine difficulties with money, then you may still be able to apply for a bursary from our Bursary Fund.

Unlike EMA this Bursary Fund will be administered by Martec as your training provider. We will be awarding bursaries to young people and will decide on the amount and what it can be used for.

### **WHAT IF I HAVE ALREADY BEEN GETTING EMA?**

If you first started getting EMA in 2009, you will continue to receive the same weekly payments from 2011 into 2012.

If you first started getting EMA of £30 per week in 2010, you will receive £20 a week while you study from 2011 into 2012.

If you were getting EMA of £20 or £10 in 2010 you will cease to receive this but if you are facing money difficulties you could apply for a bursary.

If you are in care, a care leaver, on income support or receiving both Employment Support Allowance **and** Disability Living Allowance, your weekly EMA payments will be replaced with a bursary of £1,200 a year from September 2011. You will receive that bursary direct from Martec as your training provider.

### **HOW MUCH WILL I GET?**

How much you get will depend on your own personal circumstances and will be decided by Martec as your training provider. It may depend on how much money is already coming into your household. The bursary may be actual cash payments or 'in-kind' e.g. travel passes, meals or equipment and protective clothing that you will need for the course you will be undertaking.

**The new Bursary scheme starts from September 2011 – you can apply for a bursary now!**

Please call into the Reception of Martec training and ask for an application form or you may call us on 01782 717272.