

Anaesthesia Associates

National Funding Model Guidance 2023-24

Introduction and purpose of this document

NHS England (NHSE) remains committed to investing in the growth of the Anaesthesia Associate (AA) workforce and have pledged to support a sustainable increase in the numbers of Anaesthesia Associates across England until 2024.

This guidance document provides information relating to the national funding model for AAs in 2023-24, including salary support, tuition fee contribution and education supervision. The national investment model for AAs includes the following:

Salary support allowance

A consistent salary support offer for all students, of 100% in Year 1 and 50% in Year 2 at the following rates (including on-costs):

- £40,190 (national rate)
- £42,261 (Fringe)
- £46,402 (Outer London)
- £48,472 (Inner London)

This funding is available to support new AA students only. It cannot be utilised for existing AAs or Student AAs, or other theatre workforce education programmes.

This salary support is a maximum allowance, and as such any arrangements over and above these values must be accounted for by the employer.

Tuition fee

A tuition fee contribution of up to £6,500 per student per annum. The tuition fees are a contribution for all students undertaking an AA postgraduate course in England.

It is important to note that this is a tuition fee contribution, so any additional fees such as those for international students must be covered by the employer.

The tuition fee contribution can be utilised for existing AA programmes and new blended learning programmes (nationally commissioned). Further information of each of them can be found at the following:

1. [Birmingham University](#)
2. [Lancaster Medical School](#)

3. [University College London](#)

Educational supervision

A contribution of £2,700 per student per annum, towards educational supervision.

Funding Requirements

Expressions of interest are welcome from NHS Trusts that currently employ AAs as well as those seeking to introduce the role to their services.

Organisations are required to complete an Expressions of Interest form (EOI) for funding. An EOI guidance document can be found [here](#), along with other useful resources and appropriate NHSE contact details for your region.

All organisations are required to advertise the Student AA post externally via NHS Jobs for a minimum of 30 days. Professional regulation (such as NMC and HCPC) cannot be listed as essential criteria, and the person specification should not exclude any eligible students from applying.

For any further information please contact MAPS@hee.nhs.uk.