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#### Education Maintenance Allowances 2013-14

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Scotland's Chief Statistician today published statistics on Education Maintenance Allowances (EMAs) in the academic year 2013-14. This release contains information on all students at school or at a college in Scotland who received at least one payment under the EMA scheme. This is the seventh year of full roll out of EMAs.

#### 1. Summary of Key Findings

- **34,955 school pupils and college students received EMA payments in Scotland in the academic year 2013-14**, a decrease of 1.6% (560) from 35,515 in 2012-13 (Table 1).
- School pupils account for 69% of young people in receipt of EMA payment, with the remaining 31% being college students. Of the 70,980 school pupils aged 16-19 years old in Scotland, 34% (24,195) received an EMA payment in 2013-14 (Table 1).
- Of the EMA recipients whose deprivation classification was known, 34% (11,875) lived within Scotland's 20 per cent most deprived areas (Table 2).
- **The total spend on EMAs in 2013-14 was £28.2 million**, an increase of £0.4 million from £27.8 million in 2012-13 (Table 4). Of this, £20.4 million (72%) was paid out to school pupils, and the remaining £7.9 million (28%) was paid out to young people attending college (Table 5).

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## **2. Background to EMA**

EMAs were introduced across Scotland from August 2004 for 16 year olds. In academic year 2005-06 eligibility was extended to include all 17 year olds and in academic year 2006-07 eligibility was further extended to include 18 year olds. Full roll out to 19 year olds was completed in 2007-08.

Initially, the EMA scheme consisted of both weekly payments and additional bonus payments to recipients. The weekly payments consisted of £10, £20 and £30 categories, dependent on the household income of the recipient. Following satisfactory attendance and completion of a learning agreement, additional bonus payments of £150 each were payable in January and June.

In 2009 changes were made to the EMA scheme in response to the Scottish Government's '*16+ Learning Choices – First Step Activity and Financial Support*' consultation. The £10 and £20 payments were removed and the income threshold for the £30 payment was aligned with that of the 'away from home' element of further education bursaries (£20,351). An additional, higher income threshold (£22,403) was also introduced for families with more than one dependent child. These changes were introduced for new entrants to the EMA scheme at the beginning of the academic year 2009-10 and are reflected in this publication.

In June 2010 the Scottish Government announced that as of the 2010-11 academic year, EMA bonus payments would be withdrawn from all recipients (both new and existing). The Scottish EMA Regulations were also subsequently amended to ensure that those eligible young people who live in Scotland but study in England were able to receive EMA support for their studies.

Additional information on Education Maintenance Allowance in Scotland can be found at: <http://www.emascotland.com/>

### 3. Analysis and Interpretation

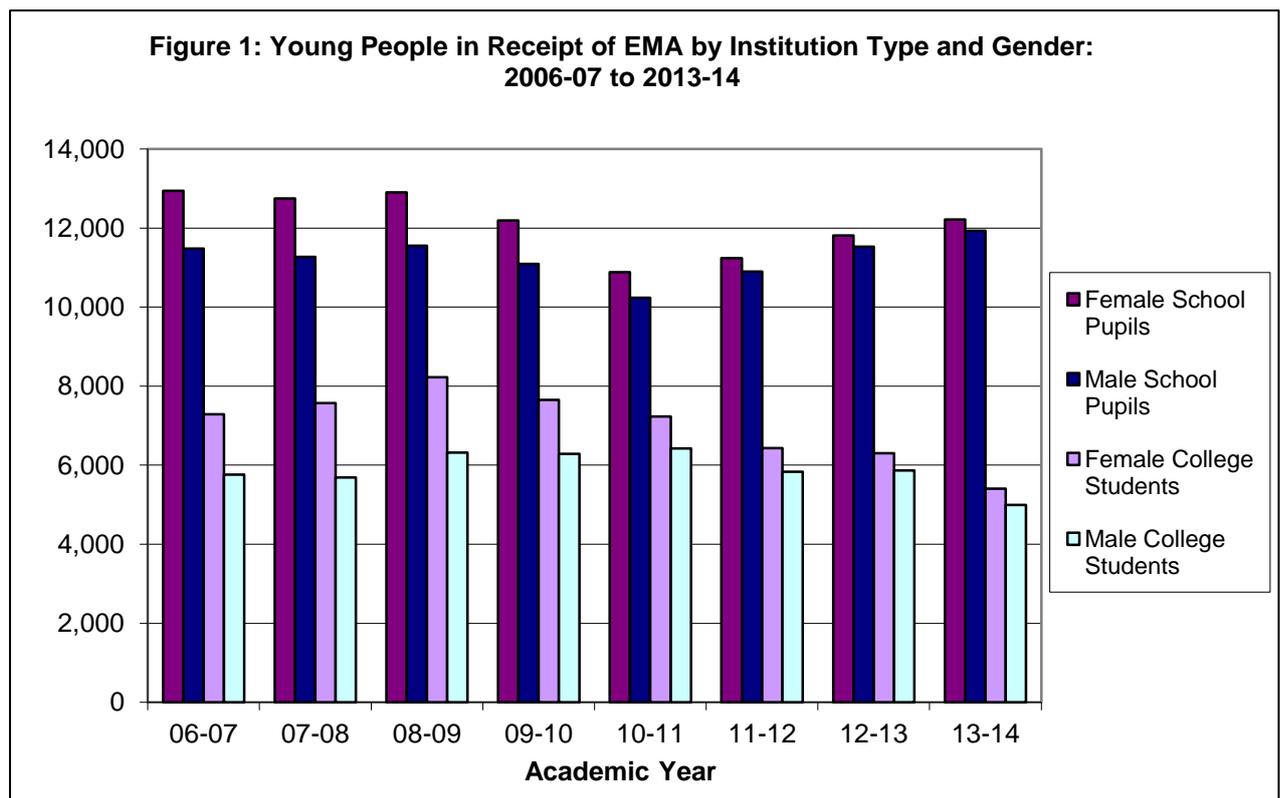
#### 3.1 Recipients of EMA

In 2013-14 there were 34,955 young people who received EMA payments, a decrease of 1.6% (560) from 35,515 in 2012-13. The majority (69% or 24,195) of EMA recipients accessed the scheme while studying at a Scottish school, with the remaining 31% (10,760) attending a Scottish college (see Table 1). Of the EMA recipients whose gender was recorded during the 2013-14 academic year 49% (16,920) were male, compared to 51% (17,625) that were female<sup>1</sup>.

Of all school pupils in Scotland aged 16 to 19 years old, 34% (24,195) received an EMA payment in 2013-14 (see Table 1).

##### 3.1.1 Gender

Figure 1 below allows comparison between the number of males and females that received an EMA payment according to which type of institution they attended.



[See Table 1, page 8]

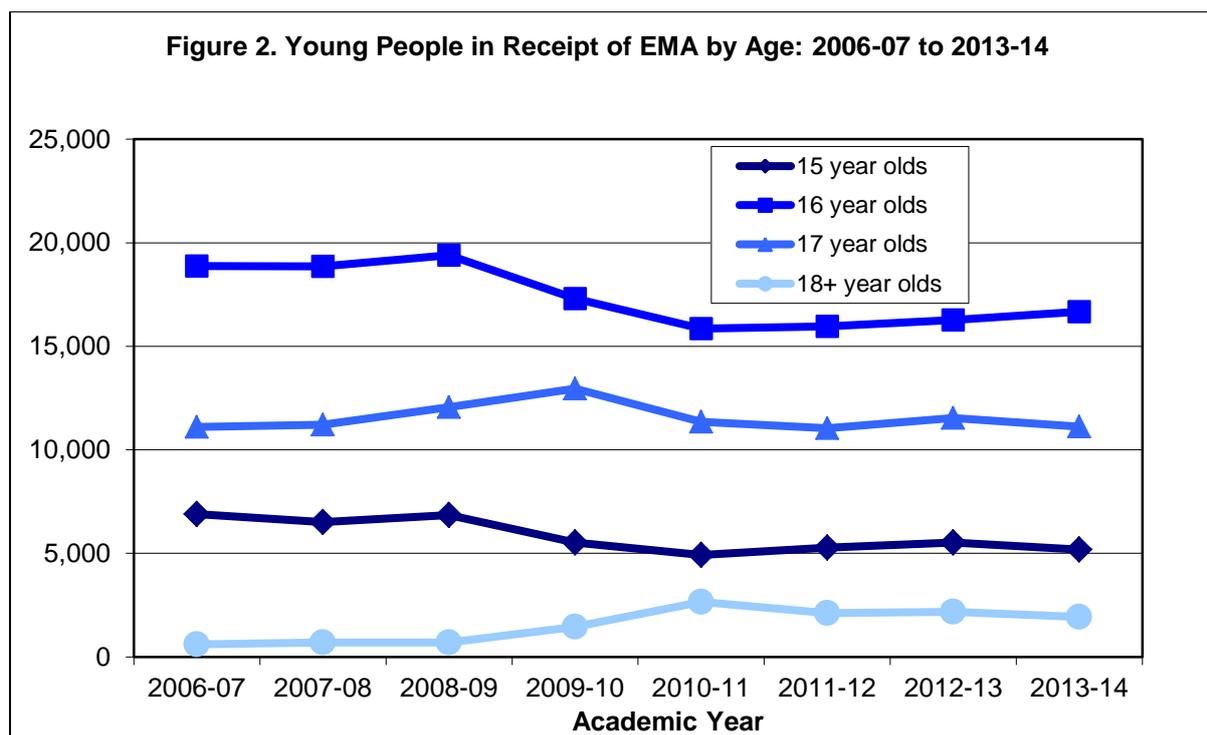
Figure 1 shows that the difference between the number of male and female EMA recipients has been gradually decreasing since 2008-09 for both school and college students, to almost equal levels in 2013-14. The total number of school pupils receiving EMA in 2013-14 is the highest level seen in the last four academic years.

<sup>1</sup> Gender was not recorded for 405 EMA recipients in 2013-14; 360 of which were college students.

At the same time, the number of college students receiving EMA has continued to steadily decline. This may be linked to the increase over recent years in the number of pupils staying on at school to S5 and S6.

### 3.1.2 Age

Figure 2 shows a time series of the different age groups that receive EMA in schools and colleges. Young people cannot receive EMA until they reach school leaving age. For data collection purposes age is recorded on 30<sup>th</sup> September each academic year, therefore there are some 15 year olds recorded as receiving EMA.



[see Table 2, page 9]

As in previous years, the majority of EMA recipients were 16 years old (16,670 people: 48%). 18-year-olds make up the smallest number of EMA recipients (1,935 people: 6%).

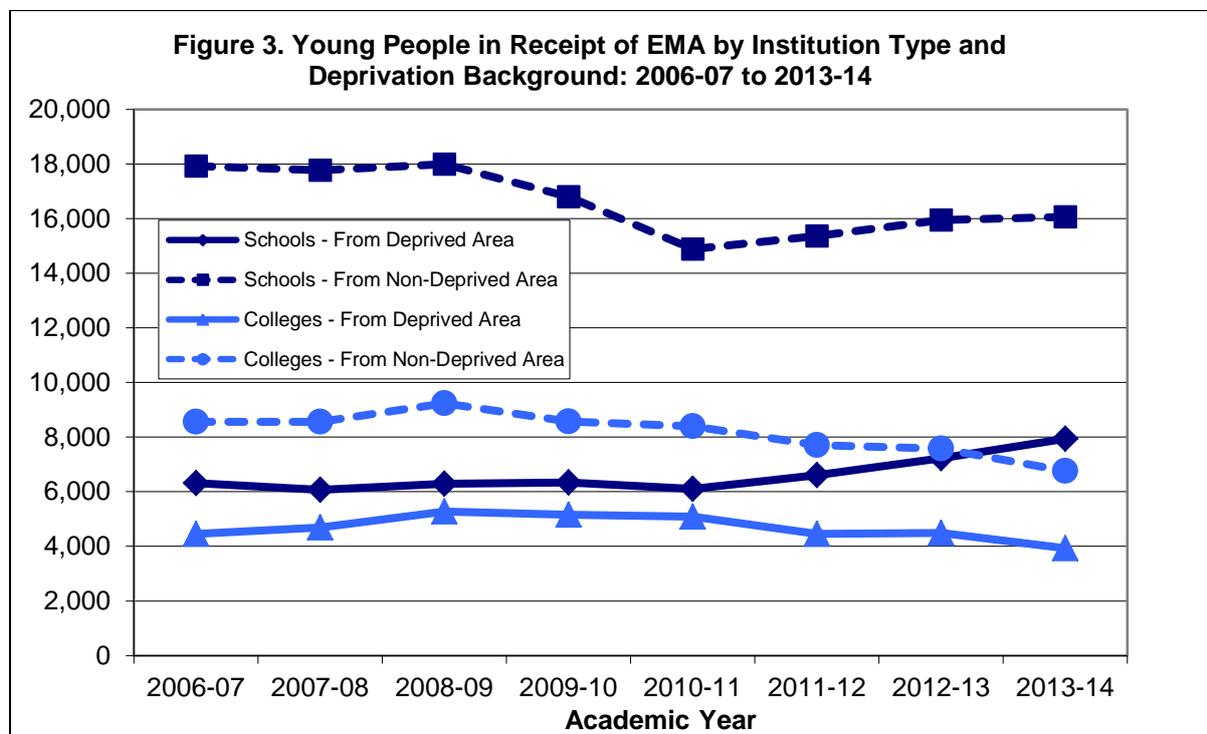
There was an increase in the number of 16 year olds receiving EMA in 2013-14 (up 2%, 395 young people) when compared to 2012-13. However, there were decreases across all other age groups; 345 less 15-year-olds (down 6%), 420 less 17-year-olds (down 4%), and 240 less 18+-year-olds (down 11%).

### 3.1.3 Deprivation

The majority of those in receipt of EMA are from non-deprived areas and therefore patterns for this group have tended to drive overall trends in EMA figures over the years. The proportion of EMA recipients living in Scotland's 20% most deprived areas in 2013-14 was the highest on record at 34.0% (11,875). This is an increase

of 1 percentage point since the previous year and 5.2 percentage points since 2006-07.

Figure 3 shows the numbers of EMA recipients by deprivation area.



[see table 3, page 9]

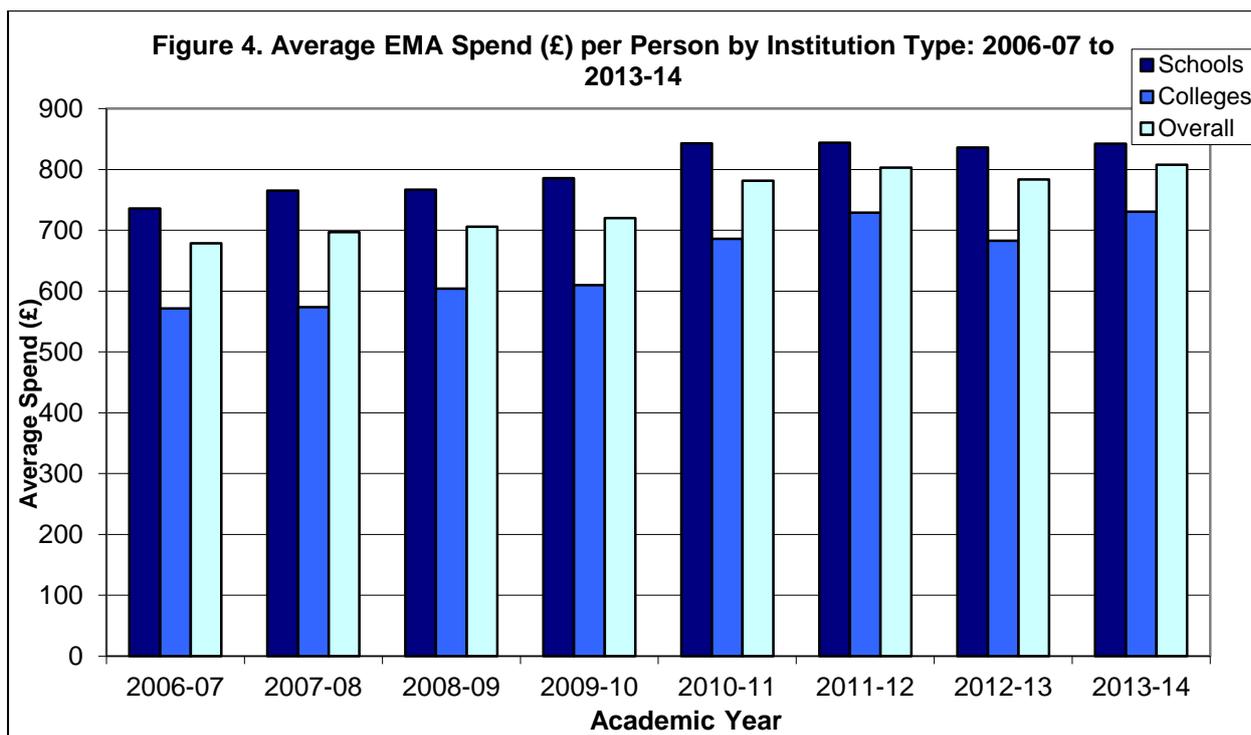
### 3.2 EMA Spend

#### 3.2.1 Total Spend

The total spend on EMAs in 2013-14 was £28.2 million, an increase of £0.4 million from £27.8 in 2012-13. The increase was driven by an increase in spend for school pupils (up £0.9 million from £19.5 million to £20.4 million), while spend for college students decreased over the same period (down £0.5 million from £8.3 million to £7.9 million). The proportion of EMA spend paid out to school pupils in 2013-14 was 72% compared to 70% in 2012-13 (Table 5).

#### 3.2.2 Average Spend (excluding bonus payments)

Figure 4 charts the development of the EMA scheme's average annual spend per person (student/pupil) in each of the last eight academic years. Average EMA spend was calculated by dividing the total **weekly payments** paid out by the number of people who received an EMA payment each year. Weekly payments have been used instead of total spend to allow comparisons with previous years' data. This is because bonus payments ceased as of the 2010-11 EMA scheme (detailed in Tables 4 and 5).



[see table 5, page 11]

The above graph shows that the average EMA spend per person increased in 2013-14 (£25 higher than in 2012-13). Average EMA spend has steadily risen in previous years, with the exception of a slight dip in 2012-13. At £808 per person, the average spend is 19% higher than in the 2006-07 academic year. The differences in average spend between 2006-07 and 2013-14 are summarised in the table below.

| Table A        | 2006-07 |                 |                 | 2013-14 |                 |                 | Increase    |
|----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
|                | Number  | Weekly Payments | Average Payment | Number  | Weekly Payments | Average Payment |             |
| <b>School</b>  | 24,430  | 17,975,080      | <b>£736</b>     | 24,195  | 20,374,920      | <b>£842</b>     | <b>£106</b> |
| <b>College</b> | 13,050  | 7,455,005       | <b>£571</b>     | 10,760  | 7,859,705       | <b>£730</b>     | <b>£159</b> |
| <b>Total</b>   | 37,480  | 25,430,085      | <b>£678</b>     | 34,955  | 28,234,625      | <b>£808</b>     | <b>£129</b> |

One explanation for these average increases is the removal of the £10 and £20 payment levels after 2008-09. Since all students now receive the maximum £30 weekly payment, the average spend per person would be expected to be higher in subsequent academic years.

#### 4. Tables

**Table 1. Young people in receipt of EMA by institution type and gender: 2006-07 to 2013-14**

|                         | <b>Academic Year</b> | <b>Total</b>  | <b>Male</b>   | <b>Female</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>All Institutions</b> | 2006-07              | <b>37,480</b> | 17,245        | 20,235        |
|                         | 2007-08              | <b>37,275</b> | 16,955        | 20,320        |
|                         | 2008-09              | <b>39,000</b> | 17,870        | 21,130        |
|                         | 2009-10              | <b>37,230</b> | 17,385        | 19,850        |
|                         | 2010-11              | <b>34,780</b> | 16,660        | 18,115        |
|                         | 2011-12              | <b>34,390</b> | 16,730        | 17,660        |
|                         | 2012-13              | <b>35,515</b> | 17,400        | 18,115        |
|                         | <b>2013-14</b>       | <b>34,955</b> | <b>16,920</b> | <b>17,625</b> |
| <b>Schools</b>          | 2006-07              | <b>24,430</b> | 11,485        | 12,945        |
|                         | 2007-08              | <b>24,020</b> | 11,270        | 12,750        |
|                         | 2008-09              | <b>24,460</b> | 11,555        | 12,905        |
|                         | 2009-10              | <b>23,290</b> | 11,095        | 12,190        |
|                         | 2010-11              | <b>21,120</b> | 10,240        | 10,880        |
|                         | 2011-12              | <b>22,135</b> | 10,900        | 11,235        |
|                         | 2012-13              | <b>23,335</b> | 11,530        | 11,810        |
|                         | <b>2013-14</b>       | <b>24,195</b> | <b>11,930</b> | <b>12,220</b> |
| <b>Colleges</b>         | 2006-07              | <b>13,050</b> | 5,760         | 7,290         |
|                         | 2007-08              | <b>13,255</b> | 5,685         | 7,570         |
|                         | 2008-09              | <b>14,540</b> | 6,315         | 8,225         |
|                         | 2009-10              | <b>13,945</b> | 6,285         | 7,655         |
|                         | 2010-11              | <b>13,660</b> | 6,420         | 7,235         |
|                         | 2011-12              | <b>12,255</b> | 5,830         | 6,430         |
|                         | 2012-13              | <b>12,175</b> | 5,870         | 6,305         |
|                         | <b>2013-14</b>       | <b>10,760</b> | <b>4,995</b>  | <b>5,405</b>  |

Figures in this table have been rounded to the nearest 5

**Table 2. Young people in receipt of EMA by deprivation background and age: 2006-07 to 2013-14**

| Deprivation Background   | Academic Year  | Age           |              |               |               |              |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|                          |                | Total         | 15           | 16            | 17            | 18+          |
| All Areas                | 2006-07        | 37,480        | 6,895        | 18,870        | 11,110        | 600          |
|                          | 2007-08        | 37,275        | 6,505        | 18,865        | 11,210        | 690          |
|                          | 2008-09        | 39,000        | 6,850        | 19,400        | 12,055        | 690          |
|                          | 2009-10        | 37,230        | 5,520        | 17,305        | 12,950        | 1,450        |
|                          | 2010-11        | 34,780        | 4,915        | 15,855        | 11,345        | 2,650        |
|                          | 2011-12        | 34,390        | 5,280        | 15,955        | 11,040        | 2,115        |
|                          | 2012-13        | 35,515        | 5,525        | 16,275        | 11,540        | 2,170        |
|                          | <b>2013-14</b> | <b>34,955</b> | <b>5,180</b> | <b>16,670</b> | <b>11,120</b> | <b>1,935</b> |
| Deprived areas (SIMD 20) | 2006-07        | 10,780        | 2,015        | 5,325         | 3,250         | 180          |
|                          | 2007-08        | 10,760        | 1,810        | 5,440         | 3,280         | 220          |
|                          | 2008-09        | 11,575        | 2,095        | 5,650         | 3,610         | 215          |
|                          | 2009-10        | 11,495        | 1,725        | 5,340         | 3,895         | 480          |
|                          | 2010-11        | 11,195        | 1,545        | 5,085         | 3,690         | 710          |
|                          | 2011-12        | 11,060        | 1,660        | 5,135         | 3,625         | 580          |
|                          | 2012-13        | 11,725        | 1,805        | 5,415         | 3,820         | 615          |
|                          | <b>2013-14</b> | <b>11,875</b> | <b>1,780</b> | <b>5,680</b>  | <b>3,775</b>  | <b>580</b>   |
| Non-Deprived Areas       | 2006-07        | 26,470        | 4,835        | 13,420        | 7,810         | 405          |
|                          | 2007-08        | 26,330        | 4,670        | 13,325        | 7,880         | 425          |
|                          | 2008-09        | 27,240        | 4,720        | 13,670        | 8,390         | 455          |
|                          | 2009-10        | 25,370        | 3,755        | 11,810        | 8,915         | 805          |
|                          | 2010-11        | 23,290        | 3,335        | 10,645        | 7,560         | 1,470        |
|                          | 2011-12        | 23,075        | 3,580        | 10,700        | 7,330         | 1,280        |
|                          | 2012-13        | 23,515        | 3,695        | 10,735        | 7,625         | 1,285        |
|                          | <b>2013-14</b> | <b>22,830</b> | <b>3,370</b> | <b>10,900</b> | <b>7,275</b>  | <b>1,135</b> |

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Deprivation category was identified for over 99% of EMA recipients. For more information please refer to the methodological note (page 12).

Revisions have been made in the 18+ column for 2006-07 to 2009-10 following identification of omitted data.

**Table 3. Young people in receipt of EMA by deprivation background and institution: 2006-07 to 2013-14.**

| Year           | Total         |                    |                        | Schools       |                    |                        | Colleges      |                    |                        |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|                | Total         | From Deprived Area | From Non-Deprived Area | Total         | From Deprived Area | From Non-Deprived Area | Total         | From Deprived Area | From Non-Deprived Area |
| 2006-07        | 37,480        | 10,780             | 26,470                 | 24,430        | 6,320              | 17,920                 | 13,050        | 4,460              | 8,555                  |
| 2007-08        | 37,275        | 10,760             | 26,330                 | 24,020        | 6,075              | 17,770                 | 13,255        | 4,685              | 8,560                  |
| 2008-09        | 39,000        | 11,575             | 27,240                 | 24,460        | 6,290              | 18,000                 | 14,540        | 5,280              | 9,240                  |
| 2009-10        | 37,230        | 11,495             | 25,370                 | 23,290        | 6,340              | 16,800                 | 13,945        | 5,155              | 8,570                  |
| 2010-11        | 34,780        | 11,195             | 23,290                 | 21,120        | 6,110              | 14,890                 | 13,660        | 5,085              | 8,400                  |
| 2011-12        | 34,390        | 11,060             | 23,075                 | 22,135        | 6,610              | 15,365                 | 12,255        | 4,455              | 7,710                  |
| 2012-13        | 35,515        | 11,725             | 23,515                 | 23,335        | 7,230              | 15,945                 | 12,175        | 4,495              | 7,575                  |
| <b>2013-14</b> | <b>34,955</b> | <b>11,875</b>      | <b>22,830</b>          | <b>24,195</b> | <b>7,945</b>       | <b>16,070</b>          | <b>10,760</b> | <b>3,930</b>       | <b>6,755</b>           |

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**Table 4. EMA Spend (£) by Level of Weekly Payment and Payment Type: 2006-07 to 2013-14.**

| Weekly Payment Level | Academic Year  | Number of Recipients | Payment Type      |                   |                |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                      |                |                      | Total             | Weekly Payments   | Bonus Payments |
| <b>Total</b>         | 2006-07        | 37,480               | 32,433,285        | 25,430,085        | 7,003,200      |
|                      | 2007-08        | 37,275               | 33,340,440        | 25,977,090        | 7,363,350      |
|                      | 2008-09        | 39,000               | 35,441,160        | 27,537,960        | 7,903,200      |
|                      | 2009-10        | 37,230               | 33,193,010        | 26,802,110        | 6,390,900      |
|                      | 2010-11        | 34,780               | 27,177,220        | 27,177,220        | 0              |
|                      | 2011-12        | 34,390               | 27,613,140        | 27,613,140        | 0              |
|                      | 2012-13        | 35,515               | 27,817,195        | 27,817,195        | 0              |
|                      | <b>2012-13</b> | <b>34,955</b>        | <b>28,234,625</b> | <b>28,234,625</b> | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>£10</b>           | 2006-07        | 3,440                | 1,607,320         | 905,020           | 702,300        |
|                      | 2007-08        | 3,380                | 1,645,480         | 927,730           | 717,750        |
|                      | 2008-09        | 3,495                | 1,738,660         | 978,460           | 760,200        |
|                      | 2009-10        | 1,165                | 568,800           | 326,400           | 242,400        |
|                      | 2010-11        | 135                  | 35,000            | 35,000            | 0              |
|                      | 2011-12        | 0                    | 40                | 40                | 0              |
|                      | 2012-13        | 0                    | 0                 | 0                 | 0              |
|                      | <b>2013-14</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>£20</b>           | 2006-07        | 3,820                | 2,750,320         | 1,995,070         | 755,250        |
|                      | 2007-08        | 3,905                | 2,951,000         | 2,123,150         | 827,850        |
|                      | 2008-09        | 3,915                | 2,989,630         | 2,141,680         | 847,950        |
|                      | 2009-10        | 1,530                | 1,176,490         | 862,840           | 313,650        |
|                      | 2010-11        | 205                  | 113,210           | 113,210           | 0              |
|                      | 2011-12        | 0                    | 300               | 300               | 0              |
|                      | 2012-13        | 0                    | 280               | 280               | 0              |
|                      | <b>2013-14</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>£30</b>           | 2006-07        | 30,220               | 28,075,645        | 22,529,995        | 5,545,650      |
|                      | 2007-08        | 29,990               | 28,743,960        | 22,926,210        | 5,817,750      |
|                      | 2008-09        | 31,595               | 30,712,870        | 24,417,820        | 6,295,050      |
|                      | 2009-10        | 34,530               | 31,445,290        | 25,611,340        | 5,833,950      |
|                      | 2010-11        | 34,425               | 27,022,140        | 27,022,140        | 0              |
|                      | 2011-12        | 34,385               | 27,611,360        | 27,611,360        | 0              |
|                      | 2012-13        | 35,510               | 27,816,915        | 27,816,915        | 0              |
|                      | <b>2013-14</b> | <b>34,955</b>        | <b>28,234,625</b> | <b>28,234,625</b> | <b>0</b>       |

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**Table 5. EMA Spend (£) by Institution Type: 2006-07 to 2013-14**

|                 | Academic Year | Number of Recipients | Total             | Weekly Payments   | Bonus Payments |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total</b>    | 2006-07       | 37,480               | 32,433,285        | 25,430,085        | 7,003,200      |
|                 | 2007-08       | 37,275               | 33,340,440        | 25,977,090        | 7,363,350      |
|                 | 2008-09       | 39,000               | 35,441,160        | 27,537,960        | 7,903,200      |
|                 | 2009-10       | 37,230               | 33,193,010        | 26,802,110        | 6,390,900      |
|                 | 2010-11       | 34,780               | 27,177,220        | 27,177,220        | 0              |
|                 | 2011-12       | 34,390               | 27,613,140        | 27,613,140        | 0              |
|                 | 2012-13       | 35,515               | 27,817,195        | 27,817,195        | 0              |
|                 | 2013-14       | <b>34,955</b>        | <b>28,234,625</b> | <b>28,234,625</b> | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Schools</b>  | 2006-07       | 24,430               | 22,923,580        | 17,975,080        | 4,948,500      |
|                 | 2007-08       | 24,020               | 23,537,100        | 18,374,400        | 5,162,700      |
|                 | 2008-09       | 24,460               | 24,182,020        | 18,755,020        | 5,427,000      |
|                 | 2009-10       | 23,290               | 23,477,730        | 18,295,230        | 5,182,500      |
|                 | 2010-11       | 21,120               | 17,805,960        | 17,805,960        | 0              |
|                 | 2011-12       | 22,135               | 18,678,480        | 18,678,480        | 0              |
|                 | 2012-13       | 23,335               | 19,503,310        | 19,503,310        | 0              |
|                 | 2013-14       | <b>24,195</b>        | <b>20,374,920</b> | <b>20,374,920</b> | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Colleges</b> | 2006-07       | 13,050               | 9,509,705         | 7,455,005         | 2,054,700      |
|                 | 2007-08       | 13,255               | 9,803,340         | 7,602,690         | 2,200,650      |
|                 | 2008-09       | 14,540               | 11,259,140        | 8,782,940         | 2,476,200      |
|                 | 2009-10       | 13,945               | 9,715,280         | 8,506,880         | 1,208,400      |
|                 | 2010-11       | 13,660               | 9,371,260         | 9,371,260         | 0              |
|                 | 2011-12       | 12,255               | 8,934,660         | 8,934,660         | 0              |
|                 | 2012-13       | 12,175               | 8,313,885         | 8,313,885         | 0              |
|                 | 2013-14       | <b>10,760</b>        | <b>7,859,705</b>  | <b>7,859,705</b>  | <b>0</b>       |

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**Table 6. EMA Spend (£) by Gender: 2006-07 to 2013-14**

| Academic Year | Number of Recipients |               | Total Payments (£) |                   | Weekly Payments (£) |                   | Bonus Payments (£) |           |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|
|               | Male                 | Female        | Male               | Female            | Male                | Female            | Male               | Female    |
| 2006-07       | 17,245               | 20,235        | 14,847,315         | 17,585,970        | 11,663,865          | 13,766,220        | 3,183,450          | 3,819,750 |
| 2007-08       | 16,955               | 20,320        | 15,207,780         | 18,132,660        | 11,864,430          | 14,112,660        | 3,343,350          | 4,020,000 |
| 2008-09       | 17,870               | 21,130        | 16,250,880         | 19,190,280        | 12,636,180          | 14,901,780        | 3,614,700          | 4,288,500 |
| 2009-10       | 17,385               | 19,850        | 15,527,450         | 17,664,240        | 12,545,450          | 14,255,640        | 2,982,000          | 3,408,600 |
| 2010-11       | 16,660               | 18,115        | 12,939,870         | 14,237,350        | 12,939,870          | 14,237,350        | 0                  | 0         |
| 2011-12       | 16,730               | 17,660        | 13,327,560         | 14,285,580        | 13,327,560          | 14,285,580        | 0                  | 0         |
| 2012-13       | 17,400               | 18,115        | 13,544,105         | 14,273,090        | 13,544,105          | 14,273,090        | 0                  | 0         |
| 2013-14       | <b>16,920</b>        | <b>17,625</b> | <b>13,631,460</b>  | <b>14,344,895</b> | <b>13,631,460</b>   | <b>14,344,895</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>  |

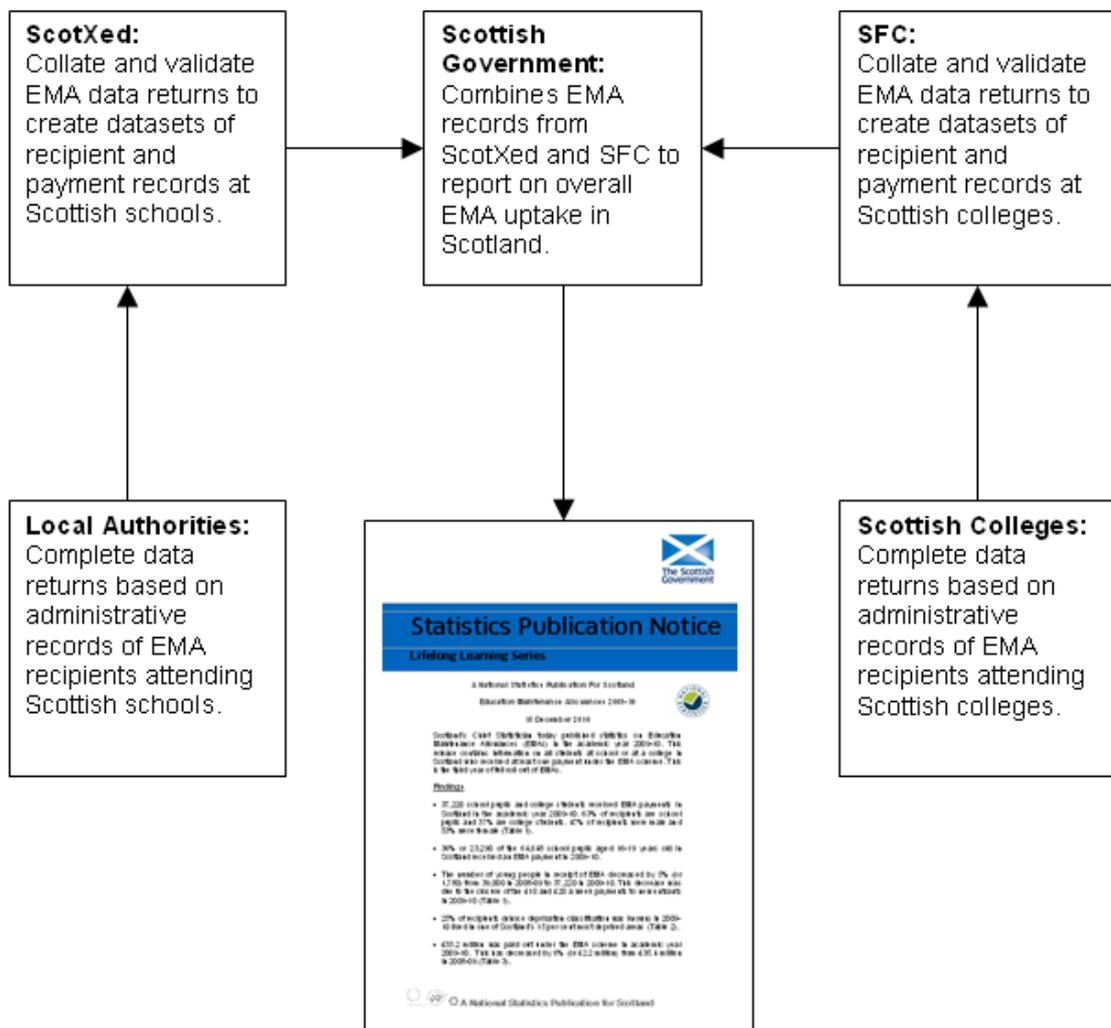
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## 5. Methodological Note

### 5.1 Data Sources

These statistics are collected by the Scottish Government from local authorities which administer Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payments to school pupils, and the Scottish Funding Council, which administers EMA payments to college students. Data returns from Local authorities are collated and validated by ScotXed, while those collected from colleges are collated and validated by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) before being submitted to the Scottish Government.

Where analysis refers to institutions rather than schools or colleges, data from both Scottish schools and Scottish colleges has been combined to report on all Scottish institutions.



## **5.2 Coverage**

EMAs are means tested payments to young people attending school or further education college on a full time basis. The data included in this publication cover all those participating in the EMA scheme, but not necessarily all those who are eligible to participate.

Although measures are taken within both the school and college data to minimise the chances or more than one record being created for the same student, an element of duplication is likely to still occur where a student moves from school into college in the same academic year. At the moment there is not a reliable way of identifying such cases. Efforts are being made to improve the collection of Scottish Candidate Numbers (SCNs) for EMA recipients in colleges. If this succeeds it may be possible to use SCNs, possibly in combination with other student characteristics, to identify those who move between school and college and therefore reduce any associated over-counting.

## **5.3 Age of Recipients**

In this publication the age of recipients refers to their age on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

## **5.4 School Pupil Population**

The proportion of all 16-19 year old school pupils that are in receipt of EMA is calculated in this publication using public and private school population data for Scotland. Following a consultation on the scope of Scottish Government School Statistics publications in September 2010, statistics have ceased to be collected and published on the Independent School Census. This year, the number of pupils aged 16-19 attending an Independent School in Scotland was estimated using proportions obtained from historic data. This estimation was then added to the 2013 Pupil Census figure of publicly funded secondary school pupils to achieve an estimate of the total 16 to 19 year old school population. This methodology will be reviewed in future years' publications.

## **5.5 Activity Agreements**

Activity Agreements were rolled out nationally on 1 April 2011. An Activity Agreement is an agreement between a young person and an advisor that the young person will take part in a programme of learning and activity which helps them to become ready for formal learning or employment. The young person may receive an EMA in return for complying with this agreement.

Within this publication, young people who receive an EMA in return for complying with an Activity Agreement are included in the School category.

## **5.6 Recipients from Deprived Areas of Scotland**

Analysis of entrants from deprived areas of Scotland is based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (2012) combines 38 indicators across 7 domains, namely: income, employment, health, education, skills and training, housing, geographic access and crime. The overall index is a weighted sum of the seven domain scores. The weighting for each domain is based on the relative importance of the domain in measuring multiple deprivation,

the robustness of the data and the time lag between data collection and the production of the SIMD.

EMA recipients from deprived areas are those whose home address was within one of the 20 per cent lowest ranked areas in Scotland. The SIMD is split into 6,505 small areas called datazones, with the 20 per cent lowest ranked areas comprising of datazones 1 to 1301. A process of postcode matching was undertaken to identify which datazones recipients belonged to prior to study. In 2013-14, 99.3% of recipients were successfully matched through this process. Those recipients whose postcodes belonged to one of the 20% lowest ranked datazones in the SIMD are classified as entrants from deprived areas.

More information on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation can be found at the following web address: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD>.

### **5.7 Data Presentation**

In all datasets figures on recipients have been rounded to the nearest 5 (0, 1 and 2 being rounded to 0). Figures on EMA spend have not been rounded. Unknown values are not displayed individually in tables but are included in totals. Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding and the inclusion of unknown values. Unless stated otherwise, percentages in tables are calculated from unrounded values. Percentages in the text of the publication are calculated from the figures displayed in the tables.

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