

Applications open
week of 9 June 2025

**You may be entitled if
you receive ANY
of these benefits:**

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ✓ Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- ✓ Universal Credit and net household earnings not exceeding approved threshold

**FREE SCHOOL
MEALS AND
UNIFORM
ALLOWANCE**



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Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance

- Check eligibility and apply through EA Connect
- Info on how to apply at www.eani.org.uk/fsm



If you receive **ANY**
of these benefits
you will need a
**Proof of Benefit
Letter to apply**

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Income Support



Income Related Employment
and Support Allowance



Income Based
Jobseeker's Allowance



Guarantee Element of
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- ▶ Apply before last Friday in July to have support in place by 1 September

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How do I apply?

- 1 Log on to/register with EA Connect
- 2 Check your eligibility on EA Connect
- 3 Add each child you wish to claim for
- 4 Start your application
- 5 Upload supporting documentation
- 6 Confirm all info is correct and submit your application






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Applying for _____

Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance

If you require help...

-  www.eani.org.uk/fsm
-  028 9047 0233
-  mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk

1. Are you eligible?

You must be:

- in receipt of a qualifying benefit OR
- be an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT).

Qualifying Benefits:

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding the approved threshold.

OR

Special Diet:

- You may be eligible for Free School Meals if your child has a statement of Special Educational Needs and is designated to require a Special Diet.
- You can apply via EA Connect

2. What documentation do you need?

You will be asked to upload proof that you are receiving a qualifying benefit:

- Your most recent Universal Credit Claimant Statement or
- Proof of Benefit letter (if you are in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or the Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit).

3. What else do you need?

- National Insurance Number
- Children's names
- Dates of Birth
- Schools they will be attending
- Address
- E-mail and telephone number
- Bank or building society account and sort code details.

4. Where do you apply?

Apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance for the new school year beginning September, through the Education Authority's online portal, EA Connect. If you haven't already registered an EA Connect account, it's quick and easy to do. Information can be found on the EA website.



5. What happens next?

We aim to process applications within 4 weeks. However, in the busy period of June to September, this can take up to 5 weeks. Please do not contact EA for an update on your application within the 5 weeks of submitting your application. If you have provided incorrect or insufficient supporting documentation, you will receive a tailored email advising you to resubmit your application with details of the correct documentation you need to provide.

You will receive an email from EA once your application has been approved and processed.



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Free School Meals Allowance

Special Diet applications

APPLY NOW



- ✓ Log in to EA Connect
- ✓ Check eligibility
- ✓ Pupil has Statement of SEN (Stage 3) and requires a medically prescribed special diet
- ✓ Apply before the end of July to have support in place for 1 September



Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance Applications now open

- 1** Check your eligibility
- 2** Apply on EA Connect
- 3** Apply before end of July

