

Eligibility Criteria and Guidance - applying for a grant

Any grant provided by the Charity is done so at the discretion of the Charity's Trustees and there is no statutory or other right for an individual to receive a grant.

Who is eligible

You are eligible to apply if you are a:

- Pharmacist (including retired pharmacists) - who is or has been registered with the GPhC or the RPS

Note: Pharmacists who have not worked in the profession for 10 or more years following a career break or removal from the register (aside from those who have long term health conditions that prevent them from working) – financial support is limited to £1,500 over a maximum period of 3 months.

- A widow/widower or former long-term partner of a pharmacist - please see dependant definition as below
- A dependant of a pharmacist – a dependant is defined as follows: -
 - The spouse/civil partner of the applicant. In assessing whether the relationship is long-term, consideration will be given to a range of factors, including whether the partner's share a household, the length of time the relationship (minimum five years) has existed and any joint commitments or responsibilities (financial or other)
 - a child for whom the pharmacist (or their partner) is legally responsible and who is under 18 or under 19 if in further education and is dependent on their parent or guardian for financial support
 - the child of a pharmacist who is over 18 but, due to physical or mental disability, is dependent on his/her parent for financial support.
- Trainee Pharmacist - someone who is undertaking foundation training registered with the GPhC leading to qualification as a pharmacist. Eligibility to receive a grant begins once the trainee is registered for a registration placement with the GPhC and has actively started their placement. A trainee will be required to satisfy the charity that they are currently a trainee by providing a copy of their placement details or evidence of an application to sit a forthcoming registration assessment. (Grant capped at a maximum amount of up to £3,000)
- Pharmacy Student – a person undertaking a GPhC accredited course in Great Britain leading to eligibility to enter accredited foundation training and register as a pharmacist (The grant is capped at a maximum amount of up to £1,500 per academic year).

The following people are ineligible to apply for a grant from Pharmacist Support: -

- Those who have failed the pre-registration assessment three times.
- Those who meet eligibility criteria but are living outside of GB
- Pharmacy technicians

Savings

Applicants with total household savings (**applicant/spouse/partner only**) of more than £6,000, including money, stocks, shares, savings and second homes over the previous 90 days would be ineligible for a grant.

What grants can be given for:

Our grants are to support those struggling to meet their essential daily living expenses (such as bills, food, travel costs, rent costs) as a result of temporarily reduced income due to illness, suspension from the GPhC register, nursing/residential care costs, or other unplanned issues. We can also consider help towards an unexpected one-off essential cost such as:

- - essential household appliances/household appliance repair
- - essential car repairs
- - Disability equipment
- - Convalescence/respite care

Exclusions:

The Charity does not generally provide financial assistance to help with the following costs: -

- legal costs (including visa costs)
- tax arrears
- business expenses or debt
- long standing non-priority debts
- debts to family members
- large household repairs/renovations (beyond remedying a particular issue to the fabric of the building) such as replacement windows, roofs, new bathrooms, or kitchens
- property maintenance and service charge costs for landlords
- university tuition fees
- costs for items that have already been purchased.
- costs associated with pharmacists undertaking second or higher degree
- private healthcare (including medical tests for e.g., autism, dyslexia etc and IVF)
- private school fees
- support for someone currently serving a prison sentence
- money to family members living outside of GB