## **South Downs Campus Financial Assistance Scheme**

## Income Based Benefits accepted for the Financial Assistance Scheme Evidence Required 2017/18

Benefit	Can South Downs College accept?	Evidence Required	Notes
Tax Credits Award – Child Tax Credit ONLY	No – Not on its own	N/A	You need to be in receipt of one of the below listed Income Based Benefits. If income is very low but you do not receive any income based benefits please talk to a member of the Student Finance and Travel Support Team.
Tax Credits Award – with Working Tax Credit	Yes, if criteria met	All pages of your Tax Credit Award Notice for April 2017 to April 2018 showing you receive Working Tax (not just Child Tax) in your current address.	New entitlement commences every April. If you are not issued a new Tax Credit Award Notice please provide your latest Tax Credit Annual Review statement plus a bank statement dated from July 2017 onwards showing a Working Tax Credit payment going in.
Income Support	Yes, if criteria met	A letter from Job Centre Plus dated from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017 stating you currently receive this benefit. The letter must be in your current address.	The letter must show an amount received.
Job Seeker's Allowance (income based)	Yes, if criteria met	All pages of your notification showing that you receive income based Jobseeker's Allowance. The notification letter must be in your current address and dated after from 1st April 2017.	The letter must show you receive income based Job Seeker's Allowance – <b>not</b> 'contribution based'.
Employment & Support Allowance (income related)	Yes, if criteria met	All pages of your notification showing that you receive income related Employment & Support Allowance. The notification letter must be in your current address and dated from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017.	The letter must show you receive income related Employment & Support Allowance – <b>not</b> 'contribution based'.
Council Tax Reduction (other than single occupancy)	Yes, if criteria met	Letter or annual bill in your current address dated from April 2017 showing you receive this benefit.	25% single occupancy is <b>not</b> a benefit.
Housing Benefit	Yes, if criteria met	Local Council letter in your current address dated from April 2017 to March 2018.	
Pension Credit (Guarantee Element)	Yes, if criteria met	<u>All pages</u> of your State Pension (guarantee element), issued by the Pension Service, dated from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017.	This letter must be in your current address
Universal Credit (other than Child Tax Element)	Yes, if criteria met	<u>All pages</u> of your Award Notice, which can be printed from your online account, dated from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017.	