

In 2018, the Scottish Government committed to providing access to free sanitary products for students in schools, colleges and universities.

Statement of Intent

This is the UHI Moray Statement of College-Based Provision, based on dedicated future funding from the Scottish Government:

Scotland has subsequently become the first UK nation to offer free sanitary products for all, as part of the 2020 Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill.

UHI Moray has been delivering on the Scottish Government requirement to provide access to free sanitary products in schools, colleges, and universities, to support equality, dignity and rights for those who menstruate, and to ensure that lack of access to products does not impact on an individual's ability to fully participate in education at all levels.

We are fully committed to student care and work hard to educate and empower our students throughout their learning journey. Ending period poverty is an important strand in this work and The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 has given us a platform to provide accessible, free products to all students who need them.

Students can access these products at:

- Student Services
- In all toilets on all campuses (Moray Street, Linkwood and Biblical Gardens)
- In Student Residencies
- HISA office (Highlands and Islands Student Association)
- Products may be part of the community Foodbank service on campus

They are accessible throughout whole year except when our campuses are closed for public holidays and the 2 week Christmas break. All students are asked if they wish to stock up during the break through our Student Newsletter, HISA and social media.

Students can also order through "Hey Girls", an organisation that delivers direct to student's homes. They can choose from various products including:

- single use pads
- washable period pants
- single use tampons
- menstrual cups

Consultation & Engagement

We encourage feedback through mail drops, newsletter and HISA.

Acting on feedback

We received feedback that the baskets in the toilets were too public with individuals not wanting people to see they were accessing the products. A decision was made to put bags hanging on the door inside cubicles where access could be more discreet.

Next Steps

UHI Moray will continue to work creatively and thoughtfully, in promoting period dignity across our campuses.