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Study Leave for Foundation Doctors

This document should be read in conjunction with the [All Wales Study Leave Policy for Doctors and Dentists in Training](#).

Entitlements – Time & Budget

The time entitlement in Foundation is split between the F1 and F2 years of training.

Foundation Year 1	Foundation Year 2
Up to 2 days for ALS course completion ¹	3 days for F2 Study Days ²
Up to 5 days for tasters ³	5 days generic teaching ²
Up to 2 days general study leave ⁴	Up to 5 days for tasters ³
	Up to 8 days for general study leave ⁴
Total – Up to 9 days	Total – Up to 21 days

No Study Budget available	£480 study budget
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Foundation Doctors undertaking a Specialised F1 Programme are also entitled to take up to 5 additional days and £250 of study leave budget to support the academic component of their post.

¹ The ALS course is arranged by local postgraduate centres, usually towards the start of the training year. Study leave may only be agreed for the in-person teaching elements of the course, and Self-Directed Time (SDT) can instead be used to complete any associated eLearning modules.

² F2 Study Days and generic teaching are timetabled by Health Boards and attendance is compulsory.

³ Careers/Leadership tasters should ideally be undertaken within the same Health Board, although they can be undertaken within Wales where there is a specific reason.

⁴ General study leave can be taken to attend/present at conferences and for sitting exams necessary for career advancement. *Time off to prepare for exams and “private study” is not permitted.*