



Student finance is available to help part-time EU students studying in England pay the tuition fees their university or college charges.

### Tuition Fee Support

Eligible EU students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the fee charged by their university or college. This means they won't have to pay for tuition fees up front.

Students can apply for up to:

- £6,935 if they're studying at a publicly-funded university or college
- £4,625 if they're studying at a privately-funded university or college

If they're studying at a privately-funded university or college, their course may cost more than the maximum Tuition Fee Loan available.

It's up to the student to pay any difference between the amount of Tuition Fee Loan they can get and the amount their university or college charges.

### Bursaries and scholarships

Universities and colleges may offer other sources of financial help, such as bursaries or scholarships. Students should speak to the university or college or check their website for details.

## Eligibility

Whether a student can get student finance depends on their:

- personal circumstances
- course
- university or college

### Personal circumstances

Students must meet certain criteria on nationality and residency, and previous study.

### Nationality and residency

**A student is likely to be eligible if:**

- they're an EU national, or the family member of an EU national; and
- they've been resident in the EEA or Switzerland for three years before the start of their course.

There are some circumstances where an EU student can apply for student finance as a UK national, for example:

- they've been living in the UK for at least five years before the start of their course;
- they, or a family member, are working in the UK; or
- they're the child of a Swiss national or Turkish worker who's working in the UK.

For more information about what they can get, see the 'Loans for part-time study' factsheet.

### Previous study

Students can usually only get student finance for their first higher-education course. If the student has already studied a higher-education course in the UK, they might not get help for a second course.

Students can only have a maximum of 16 years of part-time funding. Anything over this amount will have to be self-funded by the student.

### Course eligibility

For the course to be eligible, it must be in England and be of a certain type, leading to a recognised higher-education qualification.

The most common examples include:

- First degree, for example a BSc, BA or BEd
- Foundation Degree, for example a FdA, FdSc or FdEng
- Higher National Certificate (HNC)
- Higher National Diploma (HND)
- Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- Some Initial Teacher Training (ITT) courses

This isn't a comprehensive list and if students have any doubts, they should check with the university or college offering the course.

### University or college eligibility

The university or college is eligible if it's in England and is either:

- publicly funded, which means it gets funding from the UK Government; or
- privately funded, but running individual courses that receive public funding.

## How to apply

They should apply as soon as the application service opens.

New students should download an EUPTL1 form at [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance), fill it in and return it to us.

### Evidence

We can't process the student's application until we have all the information we've asked for.

Students applying for the first time need to send evidence of their identity – usually their passport or national identity card.

### Certified copies

When an EU student is asked to send evidence, this can be an original or a certified copy. A certified copy is a photocopy of an original document which must be stamped and signed as being a true copy of the original by a person of good standing. The person certifying the copy must not be related to the student and they must provide their name, job title, address and contact number.

The student should download a Certifier Checklist form at [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance), then complete and return this checklist with any certified evidence they send us.

### What happens next?

Once we've assessed the student's application, we'll send them a Student Finance Entitlement letter showing how much Tuition Fee Loan they can get. Students should keep this letter as they might have to show it to their university or college when they register.

### Starting university or college

Students have to register at university or college before we can make the first payment. They'll usually do this in their first week.

The university or college will then let us know the student has registered and we'll make the first payment.

We'll pay the Tuition Fee Loan directly to the university or college in three instalments.

If the student has applied for less Tuition Fee Loan than the university or college is charging for their course, they must make arrangements to pay the remainder themselves.

Student Finance Services is a service provided by the Student Loans Company. We provide financial support on behalf of the UK Government to students from the EU entering higher education in England.

