

**STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE**

**HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT FINANCE  
ARRANGEMENTS for UNDERGRADUATES AND  
POSTGRADUATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20.**

**TO:**

HIGHER EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS  
IN ENGLAND

**SSIN 02/19**

**22 November 2018**

Dear colleague

**The Higher Education Student Finance Package for 2019/20.**

The higher education student finance package for the 2019/20 academic year for undergraduate students in England was announced by the Government in a Written Statement in Parliament on 22 November 2018.

The main changes to HE student finance for 2019/20 are:

- An increase in maximum loans for living costs of 2.8% for undergraduate students for 2019/20.
- An increase in maximum disabled students allowances for undergraduate students with disabilities and dependants grants for full-time undergraduate students with adult and child dependants by 2.8%.
- An increase in maximum loans for new students starting postgraduate master's and doctoral degree courses by 2.8% for 2019/20.
- An increase in maximum disabled students allowance for postgraduate students to £20,000 for 2019/20.

A link to the Written Statement (which sets out the changes in more detail at the end of the statement) is below:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-11-22/HCWS1103/>

On 19 November 2018, the Government published its response to the consultation on accelerated degrees. The Written Statement and the more detailed Government response to the consultation can be accessed at the link below:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-11-19/HCWS1091/>

For students starting full-time accelerated degrees course on or after 1 August 2019, the maximum full-rate fee limit at an Approved (Fee Cap) Provider with an Access and Participation Plan and a Teaching Excellence Framework Award in 2019/20 will be £11,100, 20% higher than the £9,250 maximum fee limit for a standard degree course in 2019/20.

Changes for HE Student Finance for 2019/20 are set out in full in the **Student Finance Memorandum for the 2019/20 Academic Year** published on the same website as this information note.

Changes to HE student finance will be made through Regulations laid in Parliament and are subject to Parliamentary Approval.

### **Enquiries:**

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