

STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE
STUDENT SUPPORT FOR THE 2019/20 ACADEMIC
YEAR

TO:

HIGHER EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS
IN ENGLAND

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Dear colleague:

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT FINANCE IN 2019/20:

**THE EDUCATION (STUDENT FEES, AWARDS AND SUPPORT ETC.)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2019**

1. Changes to student support for 2019/20 are set out in the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 142) which were laid before Parliament on **31 January 2019** and will come into force on **21 February 2019**. These Regulations are subject to Parliamentary Scrutiny.

**The Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support etc) (Amendment)
Regulations 2019 (“the 2019 Student Support Regulations”)**

2. The 2019 Student Support Regulations introduce a revised living costs support package for new and continuing undergraduate students in respect of an academic year beginning on or after 1 August 2019. They increase the maximum loan for living costs and long courses loan for new and continuing full-time students attending their courses in 2019/20 by 2.8% (forecast inflation). They also increase maximum maintenance grants and special support grants in 2019/20 for full-time students who started attending their courses before 1 August 2016 by 2.8%.
3. The 2019 Student Support Regulations increase maximum grants in 2019/20 for new and continuing full-time undergraduate students with dependants and maximum disabled students’ allowances (DSAs) for new and continuing full-time and part-time undergraduate students with disabilities in 2019/20 by

2.8%. These Regulations also increase maximum fee grants and course grants in 2019/20 for part-time students who started their courses before 1 September 2012 by 2.8%.

4. The 2019 Student Support Regulations increase maximum loans in 2019/20 for students starting postgraduate master's degree courses from 1 August 2019 by 2.8%.
5. The 2019 Student Support Regulations increase maximum loans in 2019/20 for students starting postgraduate doctoral degree courses from 1 August 2019 by 2.8%.
6. The 2019 Student Support Regulations increase the maximum DSA for postgraduate students by more than the rate of inflation from £10,993 in 2018/19 to £20,000 in 2019/20. This above inflation increase for 2019/20 will in particular help the most disabled postgraduate students with high support needs.
7. The 2019 Student Support Regulations introduce new rate of fee loan for students starting full-time accelerated degree courses from 1 August 2019 onwards. Maximum rates of loan are 20% higher than for corresponding regular intensity courses: £11,100 for a full year of study in 2019/20 at an Approved (Fee Cap) provider with an OfS Access and Participation Plan and a Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Award.
8. The 2019 Student Support Regulations create a new eligibility category in student finance regulations for 'Dubs Children' and their dependent children starting FE and HE courses in 2019/20 who will qualify for home fee status and student support.
9. In June 2018, the Home Office introduced a new category of limited leave to enter and remain in the UK for unaccompanied asylum seeking children relocated to the UK under the terms of Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 ('Dubs Children') who do not qualify for leave under the current Immigration Rules as refugees or other protection-based leave. This new category of leave also extends to dependent children of Dubs Children.
10. An electronic copy of the **2019 Student Support Regulations** can be accessed on the legislation.gov.uk website at:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2019/142/pdfs/ukxi_20190142_en.pdf
11. An **Explanatory Memorandum** setting out these changes in detail can also be accessed on the legislation.gov.uk website at:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/142/pdfs/uksiem_20190142_en.pdf

12. Detailed changes to grants and loans for living and other costs for the 2019/20 academic year are set out in detail in the **Student Finance Memorandum for the 2019/20 Academic Year** on the Student Finance England Practitioner's Website at:

<https://www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/media/1679/student-finance-memorandum-for-the-2019-20-academic-yearpdf.pdf>

13. An Equality Analysis of Higher Education Student Finance changes for undergraduates and postgraduates in 2019/20, can be found on the .GOV.UK website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-grants-and-loans-2019-to-2020-equality-analysis>

ORDERING COPIES OF REGULATIONS:

14. If you wish to order copies of Regulations, please access the TSO Shop website and click on the 'contact us' link at the top of the webpage:
www.tsoshop.co.uk

ENQUIRIES:

15. If you have any queries about the Regulations, please contact, in the first instance, the Student Finance England Practitioner Support Team: telephone 0300 100 0618; email SSIN_queries@slc.co.uk