**Students from British Overseas Territories: Access to Student Finance in England from academic year 2022/23**

Persons who have settled status on arrival in the UK, who come to the UK from specified British Overseas Territories and who are starting full-time and part-time undergraduate courses in 2022/23 will be eligible for tuition fee loans in England.

To qualify, persons resident in the British Overseas Territories will need to satisfy the three-year ordinary residence requirement in the UK, Islands or specified British Overseas Territories. In addition, UK nationals and their family members resident in Gibraltar, and EU nationals and their family members who have a right to reside there arising from the Withdrawal Agreement, may continue to count residence in the EEA or Switzerland in order to qualify for student support for courses starting on or before 31 December 2027.

UK nationals and their family members in the British Overseas Territories already benefit from access to home fee status if they meet the residency requirement of 3 years in the UK, Islands and specified British Overseas Territories immediately before the start of the course. Family members of all persons settled when in the UK will now have access to home fee status.

Corresponding changes will be made in respect of students in the above categories who are starting postgraduate master’s degree courses and postgraduate doctoral degree courses in 2022/23 who will qualify for postgraduate loans and those starting further education courses in 2022/23 who will qualify for advanced learner loans.

The changes set out above demonstrate our commitment to supporting economic development in the British Overseas Territories and enabling those who wish to study at one of our world class education providers to be able to do so.

Persons with citizens’ rights in the UK under the EU Withdrawal Agreement, EEA EFTA Separation Agreement or Swiss Citizens’ Rights Agreement will be able to count periods of residence in EU and British Overseas Territories as part of the normal three-year qualifying period for eligibility for tuition fee loans.

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**I am a British Citizen living in the Falkland Islands and wish to study in England in 2022/23. Will I get a fee loan?**

Yes. Persons who are settled on arrival in the UK, such as those with full British citizenship, who have been living in the UK, Islands and British Overseas Territories for the 3 years immediately before the start of the course, and who are starting full-time and part-time undergraduate courses in 2022/23 or after will qualify for home fee status and a tuition fee loan.

**I am a Chilean citizen married to a Spanish citizen. We lived in the Cayman Islands before moving to England in August 2020. We have been granted pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. Will I get a tuition fee loan for a course in England starting in October 2022?**

Yes. If you are covered by the EU Withdrawal Agreement (and the SLC will accept your pre-settled status as evidence of this) you are eligible for home fee status and a tuition fee loan as you are the family member of an EU national, and you have lived in the UK, EEA, Switzerland and British or EU Overseas Territories for three years immediately before the start of the course.

**I am a British citizen who has been resident in Gibraltar since birth. I moved to Bermuda in November 2020. If I move to England in August 2022 and start my course in September 2022, will I be eligible for a tuition fee loan?**

Yes. Persons who are settled on arrival in the UK, such as those with full British citizenship, who have been living in the UK, Islands and British Overseas Territories for the 3 years immediately before the start of the course, and who are starting full-time and part-time undergraduate courses in 2022/23 or after will qualify for home fee status and a tuition fee loan.