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HIGHER EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS
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Dear colleague:

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT FINANCE IN 2022/23:

**THE EDUCATION (STUDENT FEES, AWARDS AND SUPPORT)
(AMENDMENT) (No. 3) REGULATIONS 2021**

1. Changes to student support for 2022/23 are set out in the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021 No. 1348) which were laid before Parliament on **2 December 2021** and will come into force on **23 December 2021**. These Regulations are subject to Parliamentary scrutiny.

The Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (“the 2022/23 Student Finance Regulations”)

2. The 2022/23 Student Finance Regulations:
- a. introduce a revised living costs support package for new and continuing full-time students attending undergraduate courses in respect of an academic year beginning on or after 1 August 2022 (the 2022/23 academic year).
 - b. increase maximum loans for living costs and long courses loans for new and continuing full-time students attending their undergraduate courses in 2022/23 by 2.3% (forecast inflation).
 - c. increase maximum maintenance grants and special support grants in 2022/23 for full-time students who started attending their undergraduate courses before 1 August 2016 by 2.3%.
 - d. increase maximum grants in 2022/23 for new and continuing full-time undergraduate students with adult or child dependants by 2.3% (adult dependants’ grant, childcare grant, parents’ learning allowance).

- e. increase maximum loans for living costs in 2022/23 for part-time students attending degree level and equivalent courses who started their courses on or after 1 August 2018 by 2.3%.
 - f. increase maximum loans in 2022/23 for students starting postgraduate master's degree courses from 1 August 2022 by 2.3%.
 - g. increase maximum loans in 2022/23 for students starting postgraduate doctoral degree courses from 1 August 2021 by 2.3%.
3. The 2022/23 Student Finance Regulations also make the following changes for 2022/23:
- a. Current and former employees of the UK Government and their family members that have been relocated from Afghanistan to the UK under the Home Office's Relocation and Assistance Scheme will qualify for student support and home fee status in relation to new higher education courses from 1 August 2022 onwards if they have been resident in the UK and Islands since the grant of such leave. They will also qualify for advanced learner loans for further education courses. Students who are in this category will not need to demonstrate three years ordinary residence in the UK and Islands before the start of a course.
 - b. Home fee status and tuition fee loans are extended to the family members of all persons settled in the UK who are starting courses in 2022/23, subject to three years residence in the UK and Islands immediately before the start of the course. Currently only the family members of UK nationals are eligible under this category.
 - c. 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. 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.
 - i) In addition, eligible persons in Gibraltar may continue to count residence in the EEA or Switzerland to qualify for

student support for courses starting on or before 31 December 2027.

- ii) 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 three years in the UK, Islands and 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.

- d. Corresponding changes are made through the 2022/23 Student Finance Regulations 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.

- e. A number of other minor policy and technical changes which are set out in the Explanatory Memorandum to the Regulations.

4. An electronic copy of the **2022/23 Student Finance Regulations** and **Explanatory Memorandum** can be accessed on the legislation.gov.uk website at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/1348/contents/made>

5. Detailed changes to grants and loans for living and other costs for the 2022/23 academic year are set out in detail in the **Student Finance Memorandum for the 2022/23 Academic Year** on the Student Finance England Practitioner's Website at:

<https://www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/media/1906/20210714-financial-memorandum-for-202223.pdf>

6. An **Equality Analysis** of Higher Education Student Finance changes for undergraduates and postgraduates in 2022/23, can be found on the .GOV.UK website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-student-finance-2022-to-2023-equality-analysis>

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7. 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:
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8. If you have any queries about the Regulations, please contact, in the first instance, the Student Finance England Practitioner Support Team:
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