

STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS for UNDERGRADUATES AND POSTGRADUATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

TO:

HIGHER EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS
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Dear colleague

Higher Education Student Support for 2023/24

Higher education student support arrangements for the 2023/24 academic year were announced by the Government in a Written Statement in Parliament on 11 January 2023.

The HE student support arrangements for 2023/24 are:

- Maximum fee limits and fee loans for full-time, full-time accelerated and part-time undergraduate courses in 2023/24 remain at 2022/23 levels.
- An increase in maximum loans for living costs of 2.8% for full-time and part-time undergraduate students for 2023/24.
- An increase in maximum dependants' grants for full-time undergraduate students with adult and child dependants of 2.8% for 2023/24.
- An increase in maximum disabled students' allowance for full-time and part-time undergraduate and postgraduate students by 2.8% for 2023/24.
- An increase in maximum loans for new students starting postgraduate master's degree and doctoral degree courses of 2.8% for 2023/24.

A link to the Written Statement on the www.parliament.uk website is below:

[Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament.](https://www.parliament.uk)

The student support arrangements for 2023/24 are set out in detail at the Annex below.

Changes to HE student finance for 2023/24 are expected to be made through Regulations laid in Parliament later this month and will be subject to Parliamentary Approval.

Enquiries:

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

Annex

Higher Education Fees and Student Support for 2023/24: Details

1) Fees for full-time and part-time undergraduate students.

Maximum fees for full-time and part-time undergraduate courses will remain at 2022/23 levels in 2023/24.

The maximum fee for standard full-time courses offered by Approved (Fee Cap) Providers with an Access and Participation Plan (APP) and a Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Award (TEF) will remain at £9,250 in 2023/24.

The maximum fee for full-time accelerated degree courses offered by Approved (Fee Cap) Providers with an APP and a TEF will remain at £11,100 in 2023/24.

The maximum fee for part-time courses offered by Approved (Fee Cap) Providers with an APP and a TEF will remain at £6,935 in 2023/24.

Lower maximum fees will remain at 2022/23 levels in 2023/24 for (i) courses offered by providers without an APP and/or a TEF (ii) years of study under the Turing Scheme (iii) overseas study years (iv) work placement years and short final years of full-time courses.

Students undertaking courses at Approved (Fee Cap) Providers will be able to apply for up-front tuition fee loans to meet the full costs of their tuition.

Maximum fees for undergraduate courses offered by Approved Providers are not capped. Students undertaking courses at Approved Providers will be able to apply for up-front tuition fee loans towards the costs of their tuition which will remain at 2022/23 levels in 2023/24: up to £6,165 for a standard full-time course; up to £7,400 for a full-time accelerated degree course and up to £4,625 for a part-time course.

2) Living costs support for full-time undergraduate students.

Loans for living costs for new full-time students and continuing full-time students starting their courses on or after 1 August 2016.

Maximum loans for living costs for new full-time students and eligible continuing full-time students starting their courses on or after 1 August 2016 will be increased by 2.8% in 2023/24.

The maximum loan for living costs for 2023/24 will be £9,978 for students living away from home and studying outside London. The equivalent loan rate for students living away from home and studying in London will be £13,022; for those living in the parental home during their studies, £8,400; and for those studying overseas as part of their UK course, £11,427.

Loans for living costs for new full-time students and continuing full-time students starting their courses on or after 1 August 2016 who are eligible for benefits.

Maximum loans for living costs for new full-time students and eligible continuing full-time students starting their courses on or after 1 August 2016 and who are eligible for benefits, will be increased by 2.8% in 2023/24.

The maximum loan for living costs for 2023/24 will be £11,374 for students who are eligible for benefits who are living away from home and studying outside London. The equivalent loan rate for students who are eligible for benefits who are living away from home and studying in London will be £14,202; for those living in the parental home during their studies, £9,910; and for those studying overseas as part of their UK course, £12,720.

Loans for living costs for new full-time students and continuing full-time students starting their courses on or after 1 August 2016 who are aged 60 or over on the first day of the first academic year of their course.

The maximum loan for living costs in 2023/24 for new full-time students and eligible continuing full-time students starting their courses on or after 1 August 2016 who are aged 60 or over on the first day of the first academic year of their course, will be increased by 2.8% to £4,221.

Maintenance grants and special support grants for full-time students who started their courses before 1 August 2016.

The maximum maintenance grant and special support grant for eligible full-time students who started their courses on or after 1 September 2012 but before 1 August 2016, will be increased by 2.8% to £4,121 in 2023/24.

Loans for living costs for full-time students who started their courses before 1 August 2016.

Maximum loans for living costs for eligible students who started their courses on or after 1 September 2012 but before 1 August 2016, will be increased by 2.8% in 2023/24.

The maximum loan for living costs will be £7,153 for students who are living away from home and studying outside London. The equivalent loan rate for students living away from home and studying in London will be £9,980; for those living in the parental home during their studies, £5,689; and for those studying overseas as part of their UK course, £8,498.

Long Courses Loans.

Maximum long courses (living costs) loans for new and continuing students who are attending full-time courses that are longer than 30 weeks and 3 days during the academic year will be increased by 2.8% in 2023/24. The maximum long courses loan will be £107 a week for students who are living away from home and studying outside London. The equivalent loan rate for students living away from home and studying in London will be £138 a week; for those living in the parental home during their studies, £71 a week; and for those studying overseas as part of their UK course, £148 a week.

3) Targeted support for undergraduate students with dependants and undergraduate students with disabilities.

Dependants' Grants.

Maximum dependants' grants (adult dependants' grant, childcare grant and parents' learning allowance) will be increased by 2.8% in 2023/24 for all new and continuing full-time undergraduate students.

The maximum adult dependants' grant will be increased to £3,354 in 2023/24.

The maximum childcare grant payable in 2023/24, which covers 85% of actual childcare costs up to a specified limit, will be increased to £188.90 per week for one child only and £323.85 per week for two or more children.

The maximum parents' learning allowance payable in 2023/24 will be increased to £1,915.

Disabled Students' Allowance.

The maximum Disabled Students' Allowance for full-time and part-time undergraduate students will be increased by 2.8% to £26,291 in 2023/24.

4) Support for part-time undergraduate students.

Loans for living costs for new part-time students and continuing part-time students starting degree level courses on or after 1 August 2018.

Maximum loans for living costs for new part-time students and continuing part-time students who started degree level courses on or after 1 August 2018 will be increased by 2.8% in 2023/24.

The maximum loan for living costs for 2023/24 will be £9,978 for part-time students living away from home and studying outside London. The equivalent

loan rate for part-time students living away from home and studying in London will be £13,022; for those living in the parental home during their studies, £8,400; and for those studying overseas as part of their UK course, £11,427.

The same rates of loan will apply to part-time students starting level five pre-registration healthcare courses on or after 1 August 2018 and those starting part-time higher technical qualifications on or after 1 August 2023.

Entitlement to part-time loans for living costs is awarded on the basis of the student's intensity of study compared to a full-time course, with a minimum study intensity of 25% required to qualify for the part-time loan for living costs.

5) Support for postgraduate students.

Loans for students undertaking postgraduate master's degree courses.

Maximum loans for new students starting postgraduate master's degree courses in 2023/24 will be increased by 2.8% to £12,167.

Loans for students undertaking postgraduate doctoral degree courses.

Maximum loans for new students starting postgraduate doctoral degree courses in 2023/24 will be increased by 2.8% to £28,673.

Disabled Students' Allowance.

The maximum Disabled Students' Allowance for postgraduate students will be increased by 2.8% to £26,291 in 2023/24, in line with the changes to the undergraduate DSA.

More details of Higher Education student finance arrangements for the 2023/24 academic year will be published on Government websites in due course.