

**STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE
(SSIN)**

Covid-19 Delays

To: Student Finance administrators and practitioners in institutions of higher education, further education or specialist colleges providing HE, and alternative providers; Student Finance advisors, and the Student Loans Company

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Dear Colleagues,

Delays in entering or returning to the UK due to Covid-19

1. The policy intent behind the existing Covid-19 flexibility guidance is to enable students to meet the ordinary residence requirements in Schedule 1 to the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 and associated regulations, including the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007, where they were otherwise prevented from doing so due to circumstances outside of their control as a result of Covid-19.
2. This SSIN provides additional clarity for providers in assessing home fee status on the intended scope of Covid-19 flexibility, in particular, to include situations where a person was prevented from entering the UK before Implementation Period (IP) completion day (31st December 2020) due to Covid-19.
3. In the case of a child of a Turkish worker where the person's access to student support and home fee status is dependent upon them having exercised their rights under the Ankara agreement before IP completion day, we would expect evidence to be provided that the child and parent had applied for the relevant visa before IP completion day.

Further Information

ENQUIRIES:

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