

STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE

**Student Fees and Foundation Years Changes for the
academic year 2025/26**

TO:

HIGHER EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS
IN ENGLAND

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Dear colleague

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT FINANCE IN 2025/26:

Regulations setting maximum fee limits for the 2025/26 academic year were laid in draft on 20 January 2025. These Regulations also apply lower maximum fee limits for foundation years in classroom-based subjects starting in 2025/26.

The draft Statutory Instrument, Explanatory Memorandum, Impact Assessments and Equality Impact Assessments are available on legislation.gov.uk here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2025/9780348267990/contents>

A Written Ministerial Statement was laid on the same day, setting out the full Higher Education (HE) Student Finance package for 2025/26. This announced that maximum grants for full-time undergraduate students with adult or child dependants in 2025/26, maximum disabled students' allowance for undergraduate and postgraduate students with disabilities in 2025/26, and maximum postgraduate loans for students starting courses in 2025/26 will be increased by forecast inflation, 3.1%. The Written Ministerial Statement can be found here: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2025-01-20/hcws372>

Enquiries:

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