

# EU Undergraduate Student Finance

## Post 21/22 academic year

EU students who start studying from September 2021 will need settled or pre-settled status in order to be able to access Student Finance funding and be charged £9250 tuition fees. Those with settled status will be able to access tuition fee and maintenance loan funding. Those with pre-settled status will be able to access a tuition fee loan only.

If an EU student has no prior residency in the UK and has therefore been unable to apply for settled or pre-settled status, they will need a visa in order to study in the UK. They will be unable to access UK Student Finance funding and will be charged the international tuition fees for their course.

There is more information [here](#).

## Pre 21/22 academic year

EU undergraduate students who started their course before the 21/22 academic year can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance England. In order to be eligible you must:

- be an EU national, or the family member of an EU national
- have lived in the EEA or Switzerland for three years or more before the start of your course, and
- be studying on a course that qualifies for student finance.

### **How is the Tuition Fee Loan paid?**

Student Finance pay your tuition fees straight to the university or college in three instalments once they have told Student Finance you are registered on your course.

### **Do I have to pay it back?**

Yes, but not until you have finished or left your course and your income is over the threshold set by the Government (currently £26575). If you choose to live outside the UK after your course the threshold for repayment might be different. You can find out more about repaying your loan by following [link](#).

### **Can I apply for help with my living costs?**

EU students can normally only get help to pay for their tuition fees. However, in some circumstances you might be able to apply for help with your living costs in the same way as a UK national, either because of the length of time you have lived in the UK or because you or your family are a migrant worker, as detailed below.

### **Have you been living in the UK for five or more years?**

If you have been living in the UK for five or more years before the start of your course and your main reason for moving to the UK was not to receive full-time education, you can apply as if you were a UK national. You would need to provide evidence of your residence to Student Finance.

### **Are you a migrant worker?**

You might be able to apply for additional student finance as a migrant worker if you, or a family member, are working in the UK and are a national of an EEA country or Switzerland. You have to be living in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of your course (1st September for most students) and have been living in the EEA or Switzerland for at least three years before the start of your course. Please contact The Advice Centre for further advice about the process involved and the evidence required.

### **Further guidance**

For further guidance on finance for EU students and obtaining evidence for Student Finance contact The Advice Centre.

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