

Funding for Students after Brexit

Students starting in academic year 2020-2021

On 19 April 2019, the Scottish Government confirmed it would meet the cost of tuition fees for eligible EU students starting their course in 2020-21, for the duration of the course. This includes eligible students starting Higher National courses who progress directly to year two or three of a degree.

The commitment to provide tuition to EU students in academic year 2020-21 extends to all eligible EU nationals and associated groups, on eligible further education, higher education and postgraduate courses that currently attract tuition fee support from the Scottish Government.

Students starting in academic session 2021-2022 or later

Only EU nationals who are 'settled' or 'pre-settled' in the UK will remain eligible to apply for home tuition fees providing they meet the residency conditions.

General residence conditions

In general, to be eligible to apply for support (tuition fees, student loan, bursary and living-costs grants), you must meet the following conditions:

- be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the three years immediately before the relevant date (the first day of the first academic year of the course). If you fall short of being ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for the three year qualifying period, even by one day, you will not be eligible to apply for support under the normal residence conditions, and
- if you are not a UK or other EU national, you must have 'settled status' in the UK (as set out in the Immigration Act 1971) on the relevant date, and
- be ordinarily resident in Scotland on the relevant date. We will not treat you as being ordinarily resident in Scotland if your main purpose in coming here has been to receive full-time education and that you would have otherwise been living elsewhere.

Other EU nationals and associated groups, starting a course of study in academic year 2021-22 or later, are not eligible to apply to SAAS for tuition fee support and therefore will be charged the International rate for tuition fees by SRUC.

Irish Nationals starting in academic session 2021-2022 or later

Irish nationals who are living in the Republic of Ireland, who have been ordinarily resident in the Common Travel Area of the UK, Islands or Ireland for three years prior to the relevant date (for autumn start courses this is 1 August) who are studying in Scotland will be eligible to apply for a tuition fee loan of up to £9,250 from SAAS.