

Student Finance - EEA Migrant Workers

EU Referendum (Brexit)

At the time of writing there has been confirmation from the UK Government that European Union (EU) students starting a course in the academic years 2019/20 and 2020/21 will continue to remain eligible for undergraduate, masters, postgraduate and advanced learner financial support. This information will not be relevant for EU students starting in 2021/22.

The details of this announcement can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eu-student-funding-continued-for-202021>

Overview

This document covers the basics of student funding arrangements for EEA Migrant Workers and their families. EEA Migrant Workers are defined as nationals from EEA member states who are exercising their right to work in the UK.

The rules are complicated, therefore for more detailed information you are advised to contact the Student Finance Non UK team:

Telephone: 0141 243 3570

Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 8.00pm

European Economic Area (EEA) Migrant Worker Applications
Student Finance England
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Darlington
DL1 9AZ

Who is an EEA Migrant Worker?

An EEA migrant worker is classed as a non-UK EEA national or a Swiss national in the UK who is, or was (in certain circumstances) working in the UK on either a full or part time basis. You do not have to be a migrant worker on the first day of the first month of the first academic year of your course but you do have to have been ordinarily resident on that date.

Which are the member states?

A list of EU and EEA countries can be found at:

www.gov.uk/eu-eea

Most EEA nationals have no restrictions on working in the UK however, if you are a national of Croatia please see:

www.gov.uk/croatian-national

What is the difference between being an EU student and an EEA Migrant Worker?

As an EEA Migrant Worker you may be eligible to receive tuition and living cost support from Student Finance – subject to your household income.

As an EU student, you would qualify for tuition fee support only. Please see our EU Student Factsheet for further information(www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/student-finance-eu-students/). If you are an EU National and have been resident in the UK for five years before the first day of the first month of the start of your course, i.e. 1st September, 1st January and 1st April (whichever is closest to the start of your course) you may be entitled to the full Student Support Package.

What is the criteria to be assessed as an EEA Migrant Worker?

You need to be:

- Ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of the first month of the start of your course, i.e. 1st September, 1st January and 1st April (whichever is closest to the start of your course)
- Ordinarily resident in the EEA for three years prior to the commencement of the course.
- Authorised to work in the UK (Croatian workers only).

In addition, you must prove one of the following:

- Prior to starting your course you worked and you continue to work either full or part-time while studying. The number of hours is not defined however where only a limited number of hours are worked this may be an indication that the employment activities are purely marginal and ancillary therefore support would not be offered.
- You have been working in the UK, stopped when you started your course, but you can demonstrate a link between your previous employment and your studies e.g. if you were working as a Health Care Assistant and you gave up your job to study a Degree in Nursing.
- You get a job after you have started your course and continue to work while studying. But remember you must also have been resident on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

Student Finance will also consider if employment in the UK was taken up solely for the purpose of becoming eligible for student support. If they find this to be the case, they will not bestow financial support.

How do I apply for funding?

You should download the PN1 form for both fee and living cost support from Student Finance England at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

You will also need to supply the following evidence:

- *National Insurance Number*
- *Passport/National I.D. card (originals)*
- *Student bank account details*
- *Your income details*
- *Your parent's household income details- you should provide income details from the previous tax year i.e. April to April*
- *All addresses prior to the start of the course*

Documents should be translated and notarised into English. For further information relating to Notaries and what they do, please visit:

www.thenotariessociety.org.uk/

You will also be contacted by Student Finance to provide evidence of your employment status at the start of each term in order to continue to receive your funding.

Family Members

As a family member of an EEA Migrant Worker, you may also qualify for financial support. Family members include:

- *Spouse/civil partner*
- *Direct descendants under the age of 21 or dependant on the person or the person's spouse or civil partner*
- *Direct relatives in ascending line (parent or step-parent) or that of his spouse or civil partner (please note that this point does not include Swiss workers)*
- *Child of Turkish worker*

What support would I qualify for?

You may be able to apply for the following funding:

- *Loans for living costs*
- *Tuition fee support*
- *Funding for any dependents*
- *Travel Grant*
- *Disabled Students' Allowance*

If you qualify for this funding, it is important that you continue to work while you are studying or you may lose your status and therefore funding. It is also important to consider this if going on a placement/study abroad year.

Please see our Student Finance Overview guidance for further information regarding full financial support:

www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/student-finance-overview/

Useful Links

Student Finance

www.gov.uk/contact-student-finance-england

Student Room Forums:

www.thestudentroom.co.uk/content.php?r=5659-Student-Finance

If you have a query which is not answered here, please contact studentsupport@manchester.ac.uk

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