

## Student Finance - EU Students (2020/21)

### EU Referendum

At the time of writing there has been confirmation from the UK Government that European Union (EU) students for academic years 2019/20 and 2020/21 will continue to receive financial support and home fee status. For further details, please refer to:

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

It has also been confirmed that EU students who have already commenced a course in the UK will continue to receive their funding for the duration of their course.

The information in this leaflet will not be relevant for EU students starting in 2021/22.

For the latest statements from the University following the referendum vote, please visit:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/eu/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/eu/)

### What is the difference between EU and EEA?

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

[www.gov.uk/eu-eea](http://www.gov.uk/eu-eea)

### I am an EU national, what help can I receive from Student Finance?

As an EU national you may be eligible to receive a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance for the full amount of tuition fees charged by the University (currently £9,250). This is paid directly to the University on your behalf.

### I have previously studied at Higher Education (HE) level, can I still apply for this funding?

Usually you can only get student finance for your first higher-education qualification. As a general rule, Tuition Fee Loans are available for the full length of your course, plus one extra year if needed. If you have already had student finance for part of a course that you did not complete, the number of years for which you can get funding is worked out as: Length of current course + one additional year - years of previous study

However, you may qualify for a tuition fee loan for the duration of your course if you already have a degree but you're starting a Nursing or Midwifery course in 2017.

### How do I determine the level of my previous study?

If you need to clarify the level of an overseas qualification for Student Finance, you will need to contact the National Recognition Information Centre (UK NARIC) for verification:

[www.naric.org.uk/naric/](http://www.naric.org.uk/naric/)

### How do I apply?

You will need to complete the EU19N form (new students) or a EUPR1A form (for continuing students) and send this to Student Finance. These forms can be found at:

[www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance)

*Please note that EU students cannot currently use the Student Finance online account service. Although EU students may be able access the online account service, any changes made online will NOT be reflected within Student Finance's systems. EU students must call the relevant call centre if they wish to make changes to their application.*

### How do I repay this loan?

How you pay the loan back depends on where you are working. In brief, if you work in the UK, repayments are deducted automatically from your salary (currently at a rate of 9% of everything you earn over £26,575). If you work overseas, you will need to complete an Overseas Income Assessment Form to enable the Student Loans Company to calculate how much you need to repay as your monthly repayments will be based upon the earnings threshold for your destination country.

Further information for the Income Contingent Repayment scheme can be found at:

[www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk/](http://www.studentloanrepayment.co.uk/)

### Can EU students get any help with living costs too?

If you are an EU National who has been resident in the UK for five years before the first day of the first month of the start of your course, i.e. 1 Sept, 1 Jan, and 1 April (whichever is closest to the start of your course) you may be entitled to the full Student Support package. This includes Tuition Fee Loans, Student Loans for living costs. If you meet this residency criteria you should apply to Student Finance England for the whole funding package at:

[www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

If you are working in the UK, you may also find the information in our Student Finance – EEA Migrant Worker guidance useful:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/eea-migrant-workers/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/eea-migrant-workers/)

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

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/student-finance-overview/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/student-finance-overview/)

### **I am a part time EU student. Can I get any help?**

If you are an EU student who meets the eligibility criteria described at the beginning of this factsheet you will be able to apply for a tuition fee loan for your part-time course. In addition, you should fit all the following criteria:

- You are studying for a degree, HND, HNC or similar
- You are taking a minimum of 25% of the course per academic year
- Your course lasts at least one year
- You do not already hold a degree level qualification

For more information please see our Student Finance – Part Time Students guidance:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/pt-students/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/pt-students/)

### **Does the University of Manchester offer any support?**

For Students who commenced their course in 2015 or later, information regarding funding opportunities can be found at:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/funding-opportunities/undergraduate-eu-student/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/funding-opportunities/undergraduate-eu-student/)

### **I am a national of an EEA country. Can I get financial support from Student Finance?**

Unfortunately, individuals who are from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland are not entitled to support for tuition fees. However, if you work in the UK you may be entitled to support as an EEA Migrant Worker. For more information see our Student Finance - EEA Migrant Workers guidance:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/eea-migrant-workers/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/eea-migrant-workers/)

In addition, students who are from certain European Overseas Territories will not qualify for fee support, but will be charged the 'home fee' rate of £9,250. If you have any queries regarding the fee you are charged, contact the Fee Status team at the Student Services Centre:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/tuition-fees/assessments/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/tuition-fees/assessments/)

The full list of overseas territories can be found at:

[www.ukcisa.org.uk/cms\\_content\\_panel.aspx?id=3554](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/cms_content_panel.aspx?id=3554)

### **Are there any other funding options available to me as an EU/EEA student?**

Please see our EU Funding for Living Costs pages for further information:

[www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/eu-student-funding/](http://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/finances/a-z/eu-student-funding/)

### **Useful Links**

Student Finance

[www.gov.uk/contact-student-finance-england](http://www.gov.uk/contact-student-finance-england)

Student Finance Guidance

[www.gov.uk/student-finance/eu-students](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/eu-students)

Student Room Forums: [www.thestudentroom.co.uk/content.php?r=5659-Student-Finance](http://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](mailto:studentsupport@manchester.ac.uk)**

*Please note that the information in this guide is intended for Students applying for finance through the Student Finance England system, if you have applied for funding through alternative systems the regulations may differ.*

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