



# TUITION FEES GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS UNDERTAKING A FULL-TIME COURSE 2017-2018

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## Tuition fees for students undertaking a full-time course

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### Tuition fees – previous study

If you have done a course of higher education before, and this was in session 1961-1962 or later, we will take into account:

- fees paid from UK public funds for all courses of higher education; and
- fees paid from other EU public funds for those who hold a degree

Please see the [previous study](#) section of our website for more information.

### Tuition fee amounts

Below is the amount of tuition fees we will pay for an eligible Scottish domiciled student each year of the course.

Type of course	Location of institution	
	Scotland	Rest of the United Kingdom
Publicly funded HNC, HND or equivalent	£1,285	Fee loan of up to £9,250
Publicly funded degree or equivalent	£1,820	Fee loan of up to £9,250
Publicly funded PGDE	£1,820	N/A
Publicly funded postgraduate	Fee loan of up to £5,500 (full-time) and £2,750 (part-time)	Fee loan of up to £5,500 (full-time)
Non-publicly funded courses	£1,205	Fee loan of up to £6,000

## Tuition fee cut-off dates

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The tuition fee cut-off dates are as follows:

**1 December**

For courses which start  
between **1 August and  
31 December**

**1 March**

For courses which start  
between **1 January and  
31 March**

**1 June**

For courses which start  
between **1 April and 30  
June**

### Withdrawing before the tuition fee cut-off date

If you withdraw from your course **before** the tuition fee cut-off date, we will not pay tuition fees or give you a tuition fee loan for your time in attendance. This may mean you will be entitled to help with your fees if you want to do another course of higher education in the future.

If you did a course of education prior to session 1999-2000, we paid full fees for one day in attendance, therefore regardless of when you withdrew, we must treat this as a funded year.

#### Example

John started year 1 of an undergraduate degree in September 2016 for which he applied to SAAS for tuition fees only. He withdrew from the course on 30 November 2016.

As John withdrew from his course before the tuition fee cut-off date, we will not pay tuition fees for his time in attendance. If John returns to do another course of higher education in the future, we won't take this year into consideration for the purpose of previous study.

### Withdrawing after the tuition fee cut-off date

If you withdraw from your course **after** the tuition fee cut-off date, we will pay tuition fees or give you a tuition fee loan for your time in attendance. This year of funding will be included for previous study purposes.

### Commencing a course after the tuition fee cut-off date

\*If you **start** a course after the tuition fee cut-off date, you are not normally entitled to tuition fees for your time in attendance. Your college or university will decide how much fees to charge you for your time in attendance. You will be responsible for the cost of the tuition fees.

\*Please note, this does not apply to those who are Registered With Attendance (RWA) who are registered full-time while studying on a part-time basis and using their plus one to fund their RWA year.

## Tuition fees for placements – undergraduate courses

A practical placement is when a student works for a company or organisation as part of their course. While on placement, eligible Scottish domiciled students will continue to receive funding from us. The amount of funding you get depends on whether the placement is for the full year or part of a year, and whether it is paid or unpaid.

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### Placement which is not a requirement of course

If the placement is not a requirement of the course you are doing, we cannot provide you with any funding during this time.

### Paid and unpaid placements

The following table outlines the funding available to eligible Scottish domiciled students who are undertaking a paid or unpaid, full or part-year placement.

Funding available	Paid		Unpaid	
	Full year	Part year	Full year	Part year
Tuition fees	Half *	Full **	Half *	Full **
Student loan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bursary	No	No ***	Yes	Yes
Living-cost grants (excluding DSA)	No	No ***	Yes	Yes
Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Travel expenses	No	No	No	No

*\* This is to cover administration costs the institution have while you are on placement. We do not pay the full fees as you are not in attendance at your institution during that year.*

*\*\* We will pay full fees as long as you are in attendance at your home institution for 10 weeks or more.*

*\*\*\* These allowances are not payable whilst you are on your placement however, you are entitled to claim them for periods you are not on placement.*

## **Language assistants**

Those on a language degree or joint language degree will have to spend time abroad but instead of studying at a university, you can choose to do a paid placement as a language assistant in a school. For such, we give you the same funding as all other paid placements.

## **Students who are not able to fund a paid work placement**

If you are unable to find a work placement, you can do your placement at an educational institution (for example, your own university). Such a placement does not attract any pay, so you will continue to receive the full funding package available to you as if you were not undertaking a placement.

Also, if you are unable to find a work placement, your university can allow you to remain in full-time attendance on the course with a placement undertaken in a later academic session. As long as the placement year does not extend the minimum period required to complete the course, such students will continue to receive the normal funding package available during their studies.

## **Applying for a paid or unpaid placement**

To ensure you receive the correct level of funding, you must indicate the placement route which applies to you on your application form for the year you are undertaking the placement.

Currently, the online application will ask you to confirm if you are undertaking a paid or unpaid placement. You will also be required to confirm the dates you will be on placement.

## Tuition fees for study abroad

### One year of a UK course abroad

Eligible Scottish domiciled students can apply for funding to study a full year or part year abroad. The funding available will depend if the course is part of an exchange or non-exchange programme and full-year or part-year.

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### Exchange year abroad

An exchange is when a student from a UK institution swaps places with a student from outside the UK and vice versa. It can be an **ERASMUS** or **non-ERASMUS** exchange.

**ERASMUS** stands for European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students. It is part of the Socrates programme of European education and promoted student mobility within Europe. This includes 27 EU countries, the 3 EEA countries and Turkey.

**Non-ERASMUS** is any country that is not part of ERASMUS.

### *Tuition fees – Full year*

If your home university is in Scotland, we will pay the full amount of tuition fees straight to your home university on your behalf.

If your home university is in the rest of the UK, and you are on an ERASMUS exchange, the Higher Education Funding Council will pay 85% of your fees direct to your university. You can apply to us for a loan to pay the remaining 15% of your fees. If you are on a non-ERASMUS exchange, you can apply to us for the normal loan to pay you fees up to £9,250.

### *Tuition fees – Part year*

If you are in attendance at your home university for 10 weeks or more, we will pay your tuition fees as follows:

- If your home university is in Scotland, we will pay the full normal fee.
- If your home university is elsewhere in the UK, you can apply for a fee loan to pay the full normal fee or a lower amount.
- If you are abroad for part of the year and you are in attendance at your home university for less than 10 weeks, we will pay half the normal fee to your home university.

## **Non-exchange year abroad**

### ***Tuition fees – Full year***

If your home university is in Scotland, we will pay half the normal tuition fee straight to your home university on your behalf. If your home university is elsewhere in the UK, we will give you half the normal tuition fee loan.

### ***Tuition fees – Part year***

If you will be abroad for part of the year and you are in attendance at your home university for 10 weeks or more, we will pay your fees as follows:

- If your home university is in Scotland, we will pay the full normal fee.
- If your home university is elsewhere in the UK, you can apply for a fee loan to pay the full normal fee or a lower amount.
- If you are abroad for part of the year and you are in attendance at your home university for less than 10 weeks, we will pay half the normal fee to your home university or if studying in the rest of the UK, give you half the normal tuition fee loan.

The table on the next page provides a summary of the funding available, depending on the type of study abroad for eligible Scottish domiciled students.

## **Applying for a period of study abroad**

To ensure you receive the correct level of funding, you must indicate the study abroad route which applies to you on your application form for the year you will be studying abroad.

Currently, the online application will ask you to confirm if you will be studying abroad for some or all of the year. You will also be required to confirm the country you will be studying in, the dates you will be abroad and if the period abroad is a compulsory part of your course.



## Study abroad – funding available

Funding available	Exchange		Non-exchange		Language assistants (Paid placements)	
	Full year	Part year	Full year	Part year	Full year	Part year
Tuition fees	Full*	Full*	Half	Full	Half	Full
Bursary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No*
Living-cost grants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No*
Loan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flights and medical insurance (non-income assessed)	Only if the study abroad is compulsory	Only if the study abroad is compulsory	Only if the study abroad is compulsory	Only if the study abroad is compulsory	No	No

\* We will pay tuition fees if your university is in Scotland.

If the university is elsewhere in the UK, and you are on an ERASMUS exchange, the Higher Education Funding Council for England will pay 85% of your tuition fees. Eligible Scottish domiciled students can ask us for a loan to pay the remaining 15%. If you are on a non-ERASMUS exchange, you can ask us for a loan to pay all or part of your fees up to £9,250.

\*\* The bursary and living-cost grants are not payable whilst you are on your study abroad placement, however, you are entitled to claim them for the periods you are not on placement.

## Graduate entry courses

We do not pay tuition fees or offer a tuition-fee loan for a graduate entry course (one that is only available to those who have a degree) regardless of whether they got funding for their previous course. This is because we can only pay tuition fees for a course that the Scottish Funding Council gives block grant money to an institution for. Second degrees do not attract block grant money.

The graduate entry courses we are aware of are as follows.

- The accelerated two or three year LLB
- The accelerated two year AHP courses
- The four year Veterinary medicine degree
- The four year Medicine course (this is not available at a Scottish institution)
- The two/two and half year diploma in nursing

## Allied Health Professions

### Cross border arrangements

Scottish domiciled students doing an Allied Health Professions (AHP) course in Scotland, apply to us for all their funding. Due to long standing historic arrangements, Scottish domiciled students who commenced their degree before 2017-18 and are studying elsewhere in the UK, have to apply to two funding bodies in the UK for their full funding package.

Below is a list of courses leading to a qualification that gives professional registration in one of the Allied Health Professions (AHP) that we fund at undergraduate level.

- Diagnostic Imaging (degree only)
- Diagnostic Radiography
- Dietetics
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Orthoptics
- Orthotics
- Paramedics
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry (chiropody)
- Prosthetics
- Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Radiography
- Radiography and Oncology
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Speech and Language Pathology
- Therapeutic Radiography

### **Cross border arrangements**

***Scottish domiciled students studying an AHP course in the rest of the UK (students who commenced the degree in 2016-17 or earlier)***

If you are a Scottish domiciled student who commenced an AHP course in the rest of the UK before 2017-18, you must apply to the funding body in the country you study in for your tuition fees, bursary, living-costs grants and placement expenses. The amount you can get will depend on the funding package of the country where you study. You will not have to take out a loan to cover the cost of tuition fees as the funding body where you study will meet these costs. You should apply to us for your loan for living costs.

***Rest of the UK domiciled students studying an AHP course in Scotland (students who commenced the degree in 2016-17 or earlier)***

We will meet the cost of the RUK fee of up to £9,250. You will not have to take out a loan for this. We will also give you a bursary, placement expenses and any appropriate living-costs grants. For the reduced level maintenance loan, you should apply to the funding body in the area of the UK you normally live in.

# Contact Us

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## Further information, advice and guidance

Copies of guidance notes and booklets can be found on our website at - [http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms\\_and\\_guides](http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms_and_guides)