

BREXIT

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1 CURRENT POSITION

Under European Union (EU) reciprocal arrangements the Scottish government provides tuition fee (and in some limited cases living-cost) support for eligible EU students and their family members, coming to Scotland to study. Due to various EU treaties, students from the European Economic Area (EEA), Switzerland and Turkey may also be entitled to student support in certain circumstances.

There has been no change so far to the right of EU nationals to reside in the UK. Scotland as part of the UK remains part of the EU, and EU nationals working and studying in Scotland continue to be able to exercise their rights under EU Freedom of Movement until Brexit.

Following the UK's decision to withdraw from the EU, on [24th March 2017](#) the Scottish Government confirmed that eligible students who start their course in academic year 2018/2019 would be eligible for funding for the duration of their course.

2 STUDENTS STARTING IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

On [1st February 2018](#), the Scottish Government confirmed it would meet the cost of tuition fees for eligible EU students starting their degrees in 2019-20, for the duration of their course.

The commitment to provide free tuition to EU students in academic years 2019-2020 extends to all eligible EU nationals and associated groups, on eligible further education, higher education (including nursing) and postgraduate courses that currently attract tuition fee support from the Scottish Government.

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3 STUDENTS STARTING IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

We are not in a position to confirm our funding policy for EU nationals and associated groups, starting a course of study in academic year 2020-2021, as we are awaiting the outcome of negotiations between the UK Government and the EU.

However, we are aware that students are starting consider where they would like to study in 2020 and we will provide a further advice as soon as we are able to; so please check back here regularly.

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4 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Residence

To be eligible for funding you must meet the residence conditions, which are laid out in legislation: further information is available in our full [residence eligibility rules](#).

Funding

Further information about the funding available can be found here on our funding pages:

- [Full-time students](#)
- [Part-time students](#)

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5 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Here are answers to some of the most common questions we have been receiving from EU students. This section will be updated regularly as more information becomes available.

Q: I am part-way through my degree in Scotland and I currently receive funding from SAAS. Now that the UK has voted to leave the EU, will I still be able to apply for support?

A: Yes, you can apply to SAAS for funding for the duration of your course.

Q: I have been offered a place at a university in Scotland starting in autumn 2019; will I be able to apply for tuition fees from SAAS?

A: Yes, you can apply to SAAS for funding for the duration of your course.

Q: I have been accepted for a place at a Scottish university starting in autumn 2019. However, I am planning to defer entry until autumn 2020. Will I be able to apply for funding from SAAS?

A: We are not in a position to confirm our funding policy for EU nationals and associated groups, starting a course of study in academic year 2020-2021, as we are awaiting the outcome of negotiations between the UK Government and the EU.

Q: After I complete my HNC/HND I plan on to progress onto a degree in 2019-2020. Will I be able to apply for funding from SAAS?

A: Yes, you will be eligible to apply to SAAS for tuition fees for your degree course, providing you commence that in 2019-2020.

Q: After I complete my degree I plan to progress onto a postgraduate degree in 2020-2021. Will I be able apply for funding from SAAS?

A: We are not in a position to confirm our funding policy for EU nationals and associated groups, starting a course of study in academic year 2020-2021, as we are awaiting the outcome of negotiations between the UK Government and the EU.

Q: Will I be able to continue to live and work in the EU after I complete my studies?

A: You can find further information about the rights of EU and EEA nationals to live and work in the UK post-Brexit on the [UK Government](#) and [Home Office](#) websites.

Q: I have a question about funding that is not covered here – where can I get further advice?

A: If you can't find the information you need on our website, you can contact us through the SAAS Application Portal, email, phone, post or in person, please visit our [Contact Us page](#) for further details.