



EU Portability

Information for students who want to study their entire degree in the EU.

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1 WHAT IS EU PORTABILITY?

Scottish domiciled students studying at eligible European universities can apply for the same bursary and loan support as Scottish domiciled students attending university in the UK.

2 ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for support, you must be studying an eligible undergraduate course at one of our approved European universities and meet our [residence](#) eligibility criteria. We will also take into account any [previous study](#) you may have been funded for.

3 ELIGIBLE UNIVERSITIES

As this is a pilot scheme, only students studying at approved universities will be eligible to apply to us for support. The universities selected deliver a wide range of undergraduate courses that are taught in English. The eligible universities are:



[Groningen University](#), Netherlands



[Maastricht University](#), Netherlands



[Malmo University](#), Sweden



[Rhine Waal University](#), Germany



[University of Southern Denmark](#), Denmark

4 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

You can apply to SAAS for the same support you would be entitled to if you were studying in Scotland, or the rest of the UK. The table below shows the funding arrangements for 2019-2020.

Young Student's Bursary				Independent Students' Bursary		
Family Income	Bursary	Loan	Total	Bursary	Loan	Total
£0 - £20,999	£2,000	£5,750	£7,750	£1,000	£6,750	£7,750
£21,000 – £23,999	£1,125	£5,750	£6,875	£0	£6,750	£6,750
£24,000 - £33,999	£500	£5,750	£6,250	£0	£6,250	£6,250
£34,000 and above	£0	£4,750	£4,750	£0	£4,750	£4,750

Care Experienced Student's Bursary		
Bursary	Loan	Total
£8,100	NIL	£8,100

You may want to contact the university you will be studying at to find out if you are entitled to any additional bursaries or scholarships from them.

Travel expenses

You can claim, in advance, the costs to get you abroad and back, between your home and your institution abroad, at the start and end of your year abroad. You can also claim the cost of medical insurance.

Travel insurance

You will be responsible for your own travel insurance.

Health insurance

Health insurance is advisable in addition to a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which you can apply for [online](#). You can claim the cost of health insurance through SAAS. Please note that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 31 October 2019, your access to healthcare is likely to change when visiting an EU country. You should check the position with your health insurance provider to ensure you can get access to any health treatment you may require.

Citizen Support Number

If you are studying at one of the universities in the Netherlands, you will need to apply for a Citizen Support number. **You will not be able to apply for a tuition fee loan from the Dutch Government without this.** Information can be found at the following website: <http://studentify.nl/municipality-registration-and-id/>.

You should contact the university you will be studying at to find out if you will be required to apply for something similar.

5 TUITION FEE ARRANGEMENTS

Students taking up this opportunity do not apply to SAAS for their tuition fees. Instead, the tuition fee arrangement depends on which country you choose to study in.

Please see the table below which outlines the tuition fee arrangements*:

University	Tuition fee arrangement
Malmö University, Sweden	No tuition fees.
Southern Denmark University, Denmark	No tuition fees.

Rhein Waal University, Germany	No tuition fees. The semester fees are currently approximately €250.00 (semester fees consist of different administration fees and, for the larger part, the so called semester ticket for free public transportation in Northrhine Westphalia).
Groningen University, Netherlands	EU tuition fees are approximately €2,083. Students can apply for a tuition fee loan from the Dutch Government.
Maastricht University, Netherlands	EU tuition fees are approximately €2,083. Students can apply for a tuition fee loan from the Dutch Government.

6 STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is your responsibility to make sure you have made an application and provided all of the required supporting documentation.

It is also your responsibility to contact the university you will be studying at to confirm accommodation, tuition fees and additional costs, as these are subject to change.

If you're abroad and need emergency help, you can contact the nearest [British embassy, consulate or high commission](#).

7 CHECKLIST

The checklist below gives you a rough idea of some of the things you may want to consider. This list is not exhaustive.

Checklist	Comments	Complete
Applied to SAAS	Make sure you have applied for support before you leave. You must send us all of the documentation we ask for.	
Accommodation	Have you made the necessary arrangements? Remember, you will have to meet these costs.	
Benefits	If you are in receipt of benefits e.g. Disability Living Allowance or Child Benefit your entitlement may change if you opt to study abroad. You should contact your local Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) office for further advice.	
Flights	Have you booked and claimed the cost of your return journey?	
Health insurance	Useful information about healthcare abroad, including a country-by-country guide of reciprocal	

	health care agreements with the UK, is available from NHS Choices .	
Researching your country	The Foreign and Commonwealth Office website contains country profiles including information on culture, health and safety and crime. https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice .	
Travel insurance	You are responsible for your own travel insurance.	
Considered finances	You should fully consider the costs you will incur. It is your responsibility If you are eligible for the student loan/bursary, this will be paid in termly instalments.	
Vaccinations	You should contact your GP around 8 weeks before your trip to check whether you need any vaccinations or other preventive measures. You can find country specific information and advice at the National Travel Health Network and Centre .	
VISA/immigration	If you are a UK national you will not a VISA to study in the EU, however, if you hold another nationality you should check with the immigration department of the country you are studying in as the visa requirements may be different.	
Made a list of contacts	It would be helpful to take a list of important contacts with you.	
Citizen Support Number	If you are studying at a university in the Netherlands you will need to apply for a Citizen Support Number on your arrival. You should contact the university you will be studying at to find out if you will be required to apply for something similar.	

We advise that you speak to your host university before you go, as there may be other things that you need to consider.

8 CONTACT US

If you require any additional information please visit our website at www.saas.gov.uk or contact our dedicated helpline on **0300 555 0505**.



www.saas.gov.uk



www.facebook.com/saasfb



www.twitter.com/saastweet

The Scottish Government also have a dedicated section on their website which contains more detailed information:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/PortabilityPilot>

9 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q) Can I apply for a student loan from SAAS to pay for fees?

A) No, however tuition fee loans may be available available from the country in which you wish to study. For more information please see the tuition fee section under the relevant University page.

Q) Can I claim for accommodation costs?

A) No, you will have to meet these costs.

Q) Can I claim Disabled Students' Allowance & how will my support be managed?

A) Please contact the relevant University to discuss how your support will be managed and the support that will be available to you directly from the institution. For more information see the Additional Support Needs page for each institution. You may also be able to claim for the Disabled Students' Allowance from SAAS if there are costs associated with support required which are not covered by the institution. You may need to have a needs assessment before leaving Scotland.

Q) Can my support be paid into a bank account in my host country?

A) No, your support must be paid into a UK bank account.

Q) If, not will I be reimbursed for associated costs with transferring the funds from the UK to the host country?

A) No - you will have to meet these costs.

Q) I already have a degree, will the host country still pay my fees?

A) Please check this with the individual university. You will still be able to apply to SAAS for living cost support.

Q) I need to contact SAAS , is there a number to call from overseas which will get me through quicker?

A) Yes, SAAS will have a dedicated telephone number for students who start their studies between 2014-15 and 2017-18; +44300-555-0505

Q) Will the qualifications that I hold be accepted by the pilot universities?

A) As autonomous bodies, it is the universities who are responsible for setting admissions criteria and deciding which students to offer places to. Information on the general entry requirements for each university is available here:

- [Maastricht University](#)
- [Malmö University](#)
- [Rhine-Waal University](#)
- [University of Groningen](#)
- [University of Southern Denmark](#)

However, if you have any specific enquiries please contact the universities directly.

10 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – BREXIT

Q) Will my entitlement to tuition fees change when the UK leaves the EU?

A) Advice from the participating countries is that eligible students will continue to benefit from the existing tuition fee arrangements (see section 5) for the duration of your course, providing you commence your course while the UK remains in the EU. Please check the position with your university when you apply for a place.

Q) Will my health insurance be affected when the UK leaves the EU?

A) Please note that if the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 31 October 2019, your access to healthcare is likely to change when visiting an EU country. You should check the position with your health insurance provider to ensure you can get access to any health treatment you may require. Any health insurance should reflect that the UK may be a member of the EU up to 31 October 2019 only. You can claim the cost of health insurance through SAAS.