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Student Finance
2010/2011

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Eligibility Criteria

Residence

Normally a student must have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands for at least 3 years before the 1st day of the 1st academic year of their course

Eligibility Criteria

College

A student must attend an approved college to be able to get Support.

Approved colleges include –

- A University or College in the UK or ROI that is maintained out of public funds
- College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise
- Certain private colleges, specifically designated for student support

Eligibility Criteria

Course

A student must attend an approved course to get Support, eg

- First Degree
- Higher National Diploma
- Higher National Certificate
- Diploma of Higher Education
- Foundation Degrees
- Certain other courses

Entitlement – Tuition Fees

- The majority of students - can take out a Student Loan for Fees for the amount charged by the institution (max £3,290)
- Paid direct to the institution by SLC
- No income assessment involved
- Study first, pay back when student is earning more than £15,000 per year
- Fees may vary between courses and between universities

Entitlement – Tuition Fees

Studying in the UK

- **England** – up to £3,290 a year
- **Wales** – up to £3,290 a year
- **Scotland** – £1,820 a year, apart from Medicine where fees will be £2,895 a year
- **N Ireland** – up to £3,290 a year

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Entitlement – Tuition Fees

Studying in the Republic of Ireland

If attending a ROI college no Tuition Fees are payable – only a registration fee of €1,500 (2009/10 rate) which will be paid direct to the Institution upon receipt of an invoice by your local Student Finance office

Transfer or repeat students will be charged the full tuition fee

Entitlement – Living Expenses

Student Loans for Maintenance

- To help with living and study costs
- In 2010 ...

Max **£6,780** if living away from parents' home and studying in **London**

Max **£4,840** if living **away from parents' home** and studying outside London (elsewhere rate)

Max **£3,750** if living at **home**

Entitlement – Living Expenses

Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant

- Non-repayable grant for students from lower income households
- Applicable to those students studying at a HEI in the UK
- Worth up to £3,475 a year – depending on household income
- The Maintenance Loan will be reduced if a Maintenance Grant is payable
- SSG is available to students who have an underlying eligibility to Income Support or Housing Executive Benefits

Entitlement – Living Expenses

Higher Education Bursary

- Non-repayable grant for students from lower income households
- Applicable to those students studying at a HEI in the Republic of Ireland
- Worth up to £2,000 a year – depending on household income
- The Maintenance Loan will be reduced if a HE Bursary is payable

Entitlement – Living Expenses

Help if you have children or adult dependants

- **Parents' Learning Allowance** of up to £1,538 a year
- **Childcare Grant** of up to £148.75 a week for one child and £255.00 a week for two or more
- **Adult Dependants' Grant** of up to £2,695 a year

Entitlement – Living Expenses

Disabled Students' Allowance – a range of help available which is not means tested on household income

- Specialist equipment allowance of up to £5,266 for the whole course
- Non-medical helpers' allowance of up to £20,938
- General allowance of up to £1,759 per year
- Extra travel costs as a result of the disability

Entitlement – Help from the HEI

Higher Education Bursary Scholarship Scheme (HEBSS)

Institutions charging tuition fees of £3,290 may provide a minimum of £329 to students who are in receipt of full or partial Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant

Speak to the Institution to find out what it offers

Household income

Student Finance NI assesses household income based on:

Gross taxable income of the student excluding any earnings during institution term-time and holidays;
PLUS Gross taxable income of parent(s) / partners / step-parents;
LESS Deductions for payments into pension funds and £1,153 for each other dependent child in the household

Contribution Scales 2010/11

Income	Maint Grant	Elsewhere Rate of Loan	Maint Grant Plus Loan
£19,203	£3,475	£2,953	£6,428
£25,000	£2,201	£3,289	£5,490
£35,000	£689	£4,151	£4,840
£41,065	£50	£4,790	£4,840
£53,035	£0	£3,630	£3,630

Allied Health Professional Degrees

What do they cover ?

- Chiropody, Dental Hygiene/Therapy, Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Orthoptics, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Prosthetics, Radiography, Speech and Language Therapy, etc
- Income assessed bursary of up to £2,355 (2009/10 rate which is not normally repayable)
- Reduced rate student loan of up to £2370 – apply to your local Student Finance office
- Tuition fees paid

Allied Health Professional Degrees

If studying an Allied Health Professional Degree in the UK the student needs to apply for the NHS Bursary to the authority where the Institution is situated, ie

England – The NHS Student Grants Unit, Hesketh House, 200-220 Broadway, Fleetwood, Lancashire, FY7 8SS – 0845 358 6655

Scotland – The Student Awards Agency for Scotland, 3 Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9HH – 0845 111 1711

Wales – The NHS Wales Student Awards Unit, 3rd Floor, 14 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9LJ – 029 201 96167

Northern Ireland – apply to your local Student Finance NI office

Nursing Courses

If studying a Nursing Degree / Diploma at the University of Ulster or Queen's University students need to apply for full funding to the following authority –

Central Services Agency

Bursary Administration Unit (Nursing),

Business Services Organisation,

2 Franklin Street

BELFAST

BT2 8DQ Tel No 028 9055 3661

Social Work Degrees

Students studying a social work degree at a NI HEI will get funding from Student Finance NI and the DHSSPS, ie

- Student Finance NI – Fee Loan, Maintenance loan and Maintenance or Special Support Grant
- DHSSPS – non means-tested bursary, contribution to work based learning expenses

Part-time HE Courses

Eligible courses are -

- at least one academic year's duration
- at least 50% of a full-time course

Eligible students –

- are not bound by age limits
- do not have a degree

Support for eligible students will consist of –

- meanstested Tuition fees up to a maximum of £1,230
- a meanstested Grant of £265 towards the costs of books, travel and other course costs

Important

- Students can also apply for assistance through the Disabled Students' Allowance
- Previous study may impact on financial support available

How to apply for support for HE

- Application forms are available from your local Student Finance NI office or apply online at www.studentfinancenl.co.uk
- Complete form fully and return to your local Student Finance NI office
- Ensure correct postage is paid (1st class not sufficient)

How to apply for support for HE

The following information must be provided with the application form –

- Original Birth certificate or valid Passport.
A birth certificate must be accompanied by an Identity Confirmation form – download from www.studentfinancenl.co.uk
- National Insurance Number
- Student bank account details
- Details of student's income and that of their household

[What happens next?]

- Student Finance NI determines eligibility and entitlement
- SLC sends notification of entitlement and payment schedule letters
- Student takes notification to University at enrolment time
- SLC pays the support termly into the student's bank / building society account

[Student Responsibility]

It is essential students keep Student Finance NI office informed of any Change of Circumstances, eg

- Name / marital status
- Address (home / lodging)
- Transfer / Suspension or Withdrawal from course / college

[Repayments]

- Student Loans are only repayable once students have left their course and are earning over £15,000 a year
- Repayments based on what is earned, eg earnings at £18,000 pay back £22 a month
- Grants are not repayable unless a student withdraws / suspends from their course or a re-assessment is required

How to Contact us



By telephone on: 0845 6000 662



By post or personal visit:
Your local Student Finance NI office



Visit our web site at:
www.studentfinancenl.co.uk

Further Education Awards

- Non-advanced courses, eg AVCE, BTEC Nat Dip, NVQ, GNVQ at local colleges of F&HE
- Student aged 19 on 1 July 2010
- Support for fees
- Meanstested bursary (£2,050 2009/10 rate)
- Childcare
- Support for Disabled Students

Further Education Awards

Closing Dates

Full time - 30 June 2010

Part time - 30 September 2010

To obtain an application form :

Write to Student Finance NI
 Further Education Awards Section
 1 Hospital Road
 Omagh

Telephone: 028 8225 4546

Email: feawards@welbni.org or

download www.welbni.org

Forms are available from mid March 2010