



## EU and EEA Undergraduate Funding 2017-18 (includes Switzerland) Student Money and Accommodation Advice

**Please note:** the government has confirmed that EU students will continue to remain eligible for undergraduate, master's, and postgraduate financial support if starting courses in academic years 2017/18 or 2018/19. The decision means EU students starting courses in 2017/18 or 2018/19 will have access to student loans for the duration of their course, even if the course concludes after the UK's exit from the EU.

### Full-time students

Students who are EU nationals and who meet all of the eligibility criteria can apply for a government loan of up to £9,250 to pay their tuition fees. This is paid directly to the University.

#### (1) Loan to Pay Tuition Fees

If you are an EU national who has been ordinarily resident in the EU/EEA or Switzerland for three years prior to the start of your course you can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan. The three years date from 1 September 2014 if you are beginning your course in September 2017, or 1 January 2015 if your course starts in February 2018.

You should apply on form EU17(N). If you apply for the course through UCAS, you will be sent this application form. You can also call 0141 243 3570 to request the form or download it from [www.gov.uk/student-finance/](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/). You should apply prior to 26 May 2017 to ensure your funding is in place for the start of your course, although you can still apply after this date. EU students must apply using the paper application. There is no online application.

#### (2) Tuition Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan, and Grant

If you are an EU national and have been ordinarily resident in the UK for five years prior to the start of your course (1 September 2012 for Sept starters; 1 January 2013 for Feb starters), or you are the child of a Swiss\* national and have been living in the UK/EEA/Switzerland for three years prior to the start of your course you may be eligible for full student support (including maintenance support).

The Full-Time Undergraduate Information Sheet on our website gives details of the funding package available, including how to apply: [www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/infosheets)

\*For students who start a course on or after 1 September 2017, their Swiss parent(s) must be living in

the UK, for example as a worker, student or self-sufficient person, on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

### **(3) EU and EEA migrant workers (including Swiss migrant workers)**

It may be possible for you to receive additional student support as detailed at **(2)** if you have been resident in the EEA during the three years prior to the start of the course (dates given in **(1)** above), and are working in the UK. You must also be resident in England on the first day of the first academic year of the course. This is 1 September 2017 for courses starting September 2017 and 1 January 2018 for courses beginning in February 2018.

In such cases **ONE** of the following should apply to you:

- You have been working in the UK and **continue** to work while studying
- You have been working in the UK in a job related to your course of study
- You have recently been made unemployed in the UK
- You commute from the EEA/Switzerland to work in the UK (frontier worker)
- Family member of EEA/Swiss worker or self-employed person

You will need to provide evidence of your employment history and status in the UK in the form of original payslips, tax returns, benefit payments and passport.

Full funding information, including how to apply to Student Finance England can also be found here: [www.gov.uk/student-finance/](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/).

Regulations governing funding for EU/EEA migrant workers and their families are complex and subject to change, therefore this information sheet is a guide only.

### **(4) Non EU/EEA nationals**

In some cases non-EU/EEA nationals who have a relevant family member who is an EU or EEA national may qualify for some financial support. Also if you are the child of a Turkish national working in the UK you could qualify for assistance. You are advised to contact UKCISA (outside the UK: +44 20 7788 9214; inside the UK: 020 7788 9214), website: [www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk).

### **Part-time students**

You may be eligible to receive a loan from the UK government to cover tuition fees – you would need to be an EU national who has lived in the EU, EEA or Switzerland for three years prior to the start of your course. See dates under **(1)**. You can request an application form for a part-time fee loan from the Student Finance EU Team on 0141 243 3570 or download it at: [www.gov.uk/student-finance/](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/). For those with residency as detailed in **(2)** and **(3)** University bursaries may be available depending on circumstances.

### **All students**

#### **Previous study**

- If you have gained an honours degree either in the UK or elsewhere you will probably not be eligible for funding for a second degree.
- Previous full-time attendance on a higher education course in the UK or elsewhere at a publicly funded institution where you did not obtain a qualification is also taken into account when calculating full-time funding entitlement, so you may not be eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan for some/all of the course.

- Previous higher education part-time study where a qualification has been achieved can also affect funding entitlement.

## **Working in the UK**

Every worker in the UK must apply for a National Insurance number. Follow the link for how to apply: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/ni/intro/number.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/ni/intro/number.htm)

## **How to contact us**

Telephone your Student Hub and ask to book a phone or face-to-face appointment with a Student Money and Accommodation Adviser:

Aldgate – 020 7133 7002; Holloway – 020 7133 7001; Moorgate – 020 7133 7003

Email: [advice.studentservices@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:advice.studentservices@londonmet.ac.uk)

Website: [www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice)

The EU countries are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

The EEA includes EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Switzerland is neither an EU nor EEA member but is part of the single market - this means Swiss nationals have the same rights to live and work in the UK as other EEA nationals.

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