Student Money and Accommodation Advice

Full Time Undergraduates Repeat Funding

**Please note:** This information is for UK/Home undergraduate students who meet the eligibility rules to receive Student Finance England funding and are repeating a year of their course

Student Finance Eligibility and plus one year

If you receive a Tuition Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan, Maintenance Grant and/or Special Support Grant from [Student Finance England (SFE)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/going-back-to-uni-or-repeating-a-year) or the Tuition Fee Loan only from the EU Team, you may be eligible for full funding to repeat a year or part year of study.

All SFE/EU-funded full-time students are eligible for one extra year of funding during their full-time undergraduate studies. SFE term this a ‘Gift Year’. If this is the first time you are repeating a year, and if you have **never** previously studied a full-time higher education course before starting on your current course, you will normally be eligible for full funding to repeat a year. This applies even if you are repeating your full-time degree on a part-time basis (PTR mode of study code) **Assessment Only students are not eligible for repeat funding**, further details are below.

**Previous Repeat years**

If you have already used up your ‘Gift Year’, either because you have already repeated a year (either at this university or a previous university) or because you have studied on another Higher Education course in the past, you will only be eligible for Tuition Fee Loan and the Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant for this repeat year if you had evidence of ‘compelling personal reasons’ which affected your studies in 2023–24 or in an earlier year of study.

If you did not have ‘compelling personal reasons’ for needing to repeat, or if you do not have independent evidence of your circumstances, you will be required to pay your own fees for the repeat year. If you are funded by SFE, you will not receive get the Maintenance Grant or the Special Support Grant (if you normally receive these). You will however be eligible for the Maintenance Loan and any additional grants, such as Disabled Students’ Allowance, the Parent Learning Allowance, and the Childcare Grant. If you are funded by the Student Finance EU Team, you will not receive any funding for the repeat year in this situation.

**Compelling Personal Reasons**

If you had personal or medical problems which affected your performance during 2023–24 (or relevant previous year) and if you have independent evidence of these (e.g. a doctor’s letter), you can ask SFE for repeat funding on the grounds of ‘compelling personal reasons’ (CPR). SFE or the SFE EU Team can award you an extra year’s funding on CPR grounds if they accept your evidence.

If you did not have CPR 2023–24 (or relevant year), but you did leave a previous course for ‘compelling personal reasons’ or had such reasons for repeating an earlier year of your current course, and you have independent evidence of this (such as a doctor’s letter), you can ask for this evidence to be considered retrospectively. This may then reinstate an additional year’s funding. You can only do this if you know that SFE/SFE EU Team has not already seen the evidence of your mitigating circumstances and has not already taken them into account for a previous year’s additional funding.

**Assessment Only**

You must be attending timetabled lectures and in attendance on the course to be eligible for SFE funding, thus you mode of study must be FT or PTR, if you are classed as Assessment only no funding through SFE or the Hardship Fund can be made, you will need to speak to your School Office in regards to your Assessment only Status being changed.

How to contact us

Please visit [www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/advice) for up-to-date appointment times and online booking form.

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