

## **EU and EEA Undergraduate Funding 2020/21 (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 year 2020/21. The decision means EU students starting courses in 2020/21 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**

Undergraduate students who are EU nationals and who meet all of the eligibility criteria can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £9,250. 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 consecutive years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course you can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan. The three years date from 1 September 2017 if you are beginning your course in September 2020, or 1 January 2018 if your course starts in February 2021.

You should apply on paper form EU20(N). There is no online application. 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 31 May 2020 to ensure your funding is in place for the start of your course, although you can still apply after this date.

#### **(2) Tuition Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan and supplementary support**

If you are an EU national and have been ordinarily resident in the UK for five consecutive years immediately before the first day of the first academic year of your course (1 September 2015 for September starters; 1 January 2016 for February starters), or you are the child of a Swiss\* national and have been living in the UK/EEA/Switzerland for three consecutive years immediately before the first day of the first academic year of your course you may be eligible for full student 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 2019, 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

The Regulations referred to throughout this information sheet are the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 (2011/1986) as amended by, the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (2012/1653), the Education (Student Support and European University Institute) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (2013/1728). 2014/15. Regulations 4,120,137 and 159 of the above apply to this information sheet.

first academic year of the course.

### **(3) EU and EEA migrant workers (including nationals of Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland)**

If you work in the UK, you may be eligible for full student support under the migrant worker rules. You do not need three or more consecutive years of residence in the UK to be considered under this route.

Please note: You should only apply as a migrant worker if you believe you meet the additional eligibility criteria below. Migrant worker applications involve a longer review and assessment process. If you are within 12 weeks of starting your course, and have not submitted a migrant worker application, we strongly advise you to initially apply as an EU student in order to secure your Tuition Fee Loan.

If you have been rejected as a migrant worker you may still be eligible for the Tuition Fee Loan as an EU student. Contact the Student Money and Accommodation Advice team for help if you are unsure of your funding eligibility, if you encounter problems with your application, or if you are refused funding.

To be considered as a migrant worker you must:

- be an EU, EEA national or Swiss national (this includes nationals of Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein) and,
- be resident in England on the first day of the first academic year of your course (1 September 2020 for courses starting September 2020 and 1 January 2021 for courses beginning in February 2021). You must have evidence that you were resident in the UK on and before this date and,
- have been ordinarily resident in the EEA or Switzerland for at least three consecutive years by this date and,
- be working in the UK and intend to continue to work throughout your course.

If this is your first Student Finance England application, you can choose to apply online or use the paper application PN1 (for 'Home' students). If you already receive the EU Tuition Fee Loan you cannot apply online.

Student Finance England will ask for evidence of your employment history and status in the UK and will request evidence of your continued employment at the start of each term. They will base their decision on your earnings and your employment. If they believe your earnings are too low they may refuse your application. There are special rules for migrant workers who have been made redundant or are working in an area related to their course. You can also apply as a migrant worker if you start working during your course but may not be eligible for the full amount of Maintenance Loan and/or supplementary grants.

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 government to cover your tuition fees – you would need to be an EU national who has lived in the EU, EEA or Switzerland for three consecutive years immediately before the first day of the first academic year of your course. See dates under **(1)**.

Part-time students must apply via an EUPTL1 paper application form. You cannot apply online. 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 new students with residency as detailed in **(2)** and **(3)** the part-time Maintenance Loan may be available.

## 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

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

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

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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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