

Higher Education Policy Changes in England - AY 2019/20

- **Full Time Tuition Fee Loans** – For Academic Year 2019/20, Higher Education providers will have registered with the Office for Students (OfS) as ‘Approved (Fee Cap)’ providers or ‘Approved Providers’. This, and whether providers have an Office for OfS Access and Participation Plan and with / without a Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF) will determine the fees they can charge.

An example of Maximum Fee Caps in 2019/20 for full-time courses at Approved (Fee Cap) Providers in England with (*without*) an OfS Access and Participation Plan are shown below: -

Rate	Maximum Fee Cap-without TEF Award 2019/20 AY £	Maximum Fee Cap – with TEF Award 2019/20 AY £
Full Year	£9,000 (£6,000)	£9,250 (£6,165)

- **Full Time Maintenance Loans** – Maximum loans for living costs for new and continuing full time students who started their courses on or after 1 August 2019 increased by forecast inflation (3.3%). The maximum loan for living costs for students living away from home and studying outside London was increased to £8,944, for students living away from home and studying in London to £11,672 and for students living at home to £7,529.
- **Disabled Students Allowance** -
 - For **Full Time Undergraduate** students, Non-Medical Helper Allowance increased to £22,603, the Specialist Equipment Allowance to £5,684, and the allowance for other disability related expenditure (General Allowance) to £1,899.
 - For **Part Time Undergraduate** students, the Non-Medical Helper Allowance increased to £16,951, the Specialist Equipment Allowance at £5,684 and the allowance for other disability related expenditure (General Allowance) at £1,424.
 - The maximum Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) for those on **Postgraduate** courses increased to £20,000.
- **Postgraduate Master’s** - Maximum loans for new students starting Postgraduate Master’s courses were increased by forecast inflation to £10,906.
- **Postgraduate Doctoral** – Maximum loans for new students were increased to £25,700 for the duration of the graduate Doctoral course. The yearly cap on funding, remained at £10,906.
- **Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan** – Same new process as Full-Time Tuition Fee Loans: -

Rate	Maximum Fee Cap-without TEF Award 2019/20 AY £	Maximum Fee Cap – with TEF Award 2019/20 AY £
Full Year	£6,935 (£6,750)	£4,625 (£4,500)

- **Part Time Maintenance Loan** - Based on 100% intensity of study, the maximum loan for living costs for part time students living away from home and studying outside London was increased to £8,944, for students living away from home and studying in London to £11,672 and for students living at home to £7,527.