



PN1 Notes

Notes to help you complete your application for student finance

2026/27

You can also apply online at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

This notes booklet will help you answer the questions on the application form. It will also advise you of the evidence you will need to supply to allow us to fully assess your entitlement to student finance, and whether it needs to be photocopies or originals. Where we ask you to send original evidence, this must be the version issued by the organisation who gave it to you. We cannot accept photocopies of the documents.

It can take up to 20 working days to process your original identity evidence. If you need to use your original identity evidence within this time, please send it to us after you have used it.

Who should complete the application form?

A student starting:

- A full-time course of higher education.
- A full-time sandwich course of higher education.
- A full-time Initial Teacher Training (ITT) course.
- A full-time distance learning course (if you are starting a full-time distance learning course, for reasons not relating to disability, you can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan and Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) only).
- A diploma or degree course in a health-related discipline who is eligible to apply for an income-assessed bursary from NHS England or NHS Wales.
- A degree course in nursing, midwifery or an allied health profession (including operating department practice).
- A diploma in operating department practice.
- A pre-registration postgraduate healthcare course.
- A degree, diploma or foundation degree in dental hygiene, dental therapy or dental hygiene and dental therapy.
- A qualifying Level 4/5 award, certificate, diploma or NVQ course with HTQ approval.

If you are not studying one of these courses do not complete this form.

Don't complete the form if you normally live in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, but you have moved or will be moving to England to undertake this course or a previous course which you were undertaking just before this course. If this is the case, you should contact whichever of the following organisations is relevant:

- Student Finance Wales (SFW)
- The Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)
- The Education Authority of Northern Ireland (EA)
- The Education Department of Guernsey or Jersey
- The Education Department for the Isle of Man

Where can I find more information about student finance?

You can find out more about all aspects of student finance at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Alternative formats

You can order forms and guides in Braille, large print or audio by emailing with your name, address, Customer Reference Number along with what form and format you require to: brailleandlargefonts@slc.co.uk or you can telephone us on **0141 243 3686**.

Please note, the above email address and telephone number can only deal with requests for alternative formats of forms and guides.

How can I contact you?

Visit www.gov.uk/studentfinance or call us on 0300 100 0607.

Section 1

Available student finance

If your course starts on or after 1 January 2027

Student finance is changing. Only complete this application if any of the following applies:

- You're a direct entrant going into year 2 of your course or later, and your course started before 1 January 2027.
- If you're continuing on a course you started in a previous academic year and you're applying for funding for that course for the first time.
- If you're starting a Master's course (Part 2) that leads to qualification as an architect after completing the degree level course (Part 1).
- If you're switching to full-time study and your course starts before 1 January 2027, after studying the same course on a part-time basis in previous years.

If none of these apply and your course starts from 1 January 2027, you'll need to apply for Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE). You can apply for LLE from September 2026. Go to www.gov.uk/lifelong-learning-entitlement for more information.

Childcare Grant

You may get help with some of your childcare costs, depending on your income and any income of your dependants, if you have dependent children aged under 15 at the beginning of the academic year - or under 17, if they have special educational needs - and you need childcare services for them. Your childcare provider must be registered or approved for you to receive this grant.

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

You can find out more about DSA at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

This can help pay for the extra course-related costs you may have as a result of your disability, including a long-term health condition, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty. This includes specialist equipment, a non-medical helper or special travel arrangements.

If you only want to apply for DSA, and not any other loans or grants, you should complete a DSA1 form instead of this one. You can download a DSA1 application form at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Section 2

Personal details

Nationality

- a** If you have been granted leave to remain as a Stateless Person, you can answer 'None' or 'Stateless' in the Nationality box.

National Insurance number

- a** If you do not provide your National Insurance number, payment of your loan(s) will be withheld and you will have to fund your own tuition fees and living costs until you have resolved this issue.

You will find your National Insurance number on any of the following:

- Your National Insurance number card or letter.
- A payslip.
- An Income Tax document such as a P45 or P60.

If you have never been given a National Insurance number, you should leave the box blank. You will be contacted if you need to take any action to obtain a National Insurance number.

Identity evidence details

- b2** If your UK passport has expired you must send a photocopy of your UK birth or adoption certificate.
- b3** If you don't have a valid UK passport you can send us a photocopy of your UK birth or adoption certificate. If you're a non-UK national, we'll ask you for some identity information at section 3.

Previous loans

- c If you are behind with repayments on a previous loan, you should not apply for student finance until you have resolved this issue.

If you have any Mortgage Style (MS) loans please call your debt owner on the telephone number shown on the most recent correspondence that you have received from them. If you don't know who your debt owner is please call **0300 100 0632** for advice.

If you have any Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) loans, please call **0300 100 0611** for advice.

Armed Forces

- d You may be eligible for support to study a distance learning course outside of England if you or your family member (who you live with) is currently serving outside England in one of the following:

- The Naval Service (Royal Navy and Royal Marines)
- The Army
- The Royal Air Force
- The Royal Military Police
- The Gurkhas

The following family members will be eligible students:

- A spouse or civil partner living with a member of the UK Armed Forces serving outside England
- A child, step-child or adoptive child living with a member of the UK Armed Forces serving outside England
- A dependent parent living with either:
 - A child who is a member of the UK Armed Forces serving outside England; or
 - The child's spouse or civil partner who is a member of the UK Armed Forces serving outside England.

- e If you are in the Armed Forces
You need to send a letter confirming your name, your address (or BFPO address) and which country you were ordinarily resident in before you were based at your current location. It must also confirm the country you're currently based in.

If your family member is in the Armed Forces, you need to send a letter confirming the following:

The letter you send must be signed, stamped and dated by the Armed Forces Unit Records Office.

- their name
- their address (or BFPO address)
- your name
- their relationship to you
- where they're currently based
- if you have been ordinarily resident in the UK, which country they were ordinarily resident in before they were based at their current location
- if you've never been ordinarily resident in the UK, which country they signed up for the Armed Forces in

Contact details

- e We'll use this address to send you any letters or to return your evidence. This can require a signature, so please provide a secure address and avoid using temporary or PO Box addresses. You can update your address at any time by logging into your online account or by calling us.

Evidence e

Question	Evidence of	Evidence item requested
b3	Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of UK birth or adoption certificate.
b3	Name change Required if your name has changed from that which appears on your birth certificate or passport.	A photocopy of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of name deed, or • Marriage/divorce certificate, or • A final or conditional order, or • Civil partnership/dissolution certificate.

a1 Where you will be living

If you have a British Forces Post Office address, you should give this. We use this address to make sure you're completing the correct student finance application.

a2 UK national

You are a UK national if you have a UK passport or are eligible to apply for one.

If you have provided your UK passport details in section 2, you do not need to send any further evidence of your UK nationality.

If you are resident in a British Overseas territory and are unable to send an original copy of your passport or UK birth certificate, your local authority can confirm they have seen this and email a scanned copy of it to the appropriate British consulate for it to be posted to SLC on your behalf.

Armed Forces

If you, your parents or partner are members of the Armed Forces, you must apply for student finance in the UK country where you were ordinarily resident when you/they enlisted. This may not always be your country of residence at the time of the enlistment, for example, if you permanently live in another area of the UK and only moved due to the enlistment.

We can accept certified photocopies of your residency evidence, stamped with your unit stamp. You should use your BFPO address for all correspondence.

a3 Irish citizen

If you hold a UK passport, you should provide your passport details in section 2 as you do not need to send further evidence of your nationality.

a4 Family member of a UK national

By family member, you must be the:

- husband, wife, civil partner;
- direct descendant

of a UK national.

A direct descendant is defined as the biological child, grandchild, great-grandchild and so on, of a person. For example, you are a direct descendant of your mother, your grandmother, your great-grandmother, and so on.

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b1**.

If you are claiming student finance as the child or step-child of a UK national, the term 'child' means a person 'under the age of 21; or dependants of the person or the person's spouse or civil partner.'

a5 Settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme

If you have been granted settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme you need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b1**.

a6 Child of a Swiss national

To get student finance as a child of a Swiss national, your parent or step-parent must have settled or pre-settled status through the EU Settlement Scheme, and be resident in the UK on the first day of the first academic year. You must have pre-settled status and be ordinarily resident in the UK, Gibraltar, EEA or Switzerland for three years prior to the first day of your first academic year.

Go to the residency status section on page 9 to find out when your academic year starts.

You need to give us some details about you and your family member's identity and residency at question **b2**.

a7 EEA or Swiss worker

My family member is my:

- husband, wife, civil partner;
- parent(s), step-parent;
- child or step-child;
- other direct ascending or descending line family member (only applicable to EEA worker family members)

A direct descendant is defined as the biological child, grandchild, great-grandchild and so on, of a person. For example, you are a direct descendant of your mother, your grandmother, your great-grandmother, and so on.

A direct relative in the ascending line is defined as the biological parent, grandparent, great-grandparent and so on, of a person. You are a direct relative in the ascending line of your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, and so on. Other family relationships are excluded from the definitions above.

To get student finance as the family member of an EEA or Swiss national who is working, has worked or is looking for work in the UK, you and your family member must have settled or pre-settled status through the EU Settlement Scheme.

If your parent is the EEA or Swiss worker, the term ‘child’ means a person ‘under the age of 21; or dependants of the person or the person’s spouse or civil partner.’

This does not apply in cases where the EEA or Swiss worker parent has died or left the UK and the child is staying on in the UK to finish their education.

If you were granted this leave

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b1**.

If your family member was granted this leave

You need to give us some details about you and your family member’s identity and residency at question **b2**.

a8 Child of a Turkish worker

To get student finance as the child of a Turkish worker, your Turkish parent or step-parent must be working in the UK on the first day of your course.

You must also send us your birth certificate or equivalent.

As proof of your parent’s employment in the UK, you must send their contract of employment.

You must also send the Home Office letter confirming your parent has extended leave to remain in the UK after 31 December 2020.

You need to give us some details about you and your family member’s identity and residency at question **b2**.

a9 Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) or the Afghanistan Response Route (ARR)

If you were granted this leave

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

Expiry date

If you were granted this status without an expiry date you should mark the expiry date box as N/A (not applicable).

If your family member was granted this leave

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

Expiry date

If your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
- parent(s), step-parent

were granted this status without an expiry date you should mark the expiry date box as N/A (not applicable).

You need to give us some details about you and your family member’s identity and residency at question **b4**.

Afghan Locally Employed Staff Ex-Gratia Scheme

This scheme was for previous employees of the UK government who resigned or were made redundant from their post. Afghan nationals relocated to the UK under this scheme are not eligible for student funding.

a10 ‘Settled status’

‘Settled status’ means that you can live in the UK permanently without the Home Office placing any restrictions on how long you may remain.

You are free from any restriction if any of the following apply:

- You are a British citizen.
- You have been granted ‘Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain’.
- You have a right of abode in the UK.

Further information about immigration issues can be obtained from the Home Office.

If you have been granted indefinite leave to enter or remain in the UK as a victim of domestic violence or abuse, provide details at question a15. If you have been granted ‘Indefinite Leave to Remain’ in the UK as a bereaved partner, provide details at question a18.

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b1**.

a11 Ukraine Scheme**If you were granted this leave**

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

If your family member was granted this leave

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

You must have been the spouse or civil partner of the person with leave on the date of the leave application.

If you're the child or step-child of the person with leave, you must have been the child or step-child on the date of leave application, and also under the age of 18 on that date.

You need to give us some details about you and your family member's identity and residency at question **b4**.

a12 Refugee status

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

If you are claiming student finance as the child or step-child of a refugee, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you are claiming student finance as the husband, wife or civil partner of a refugee, you must have been their husband, wife or civil partner at the time of their application for asylum.

Expiry date

If you or your

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
- parent(s), step-parent

were granted refugee status without an expiry date you should mark the expiry date box as N/A (not applicable).

If you were granted this leave

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

If your family member was granted this leave

You need to give us some details about you and your family member's identity and residency at question **b4**.

a13 Humanitarian Protection

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

If you are claiming student finance as the dependent child or step-child of a person granted Humanitarian Protection, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you are claiming student finance as the husband, wife or civil partner of someone who has been granted Humanitarian Protection, you must have been their husband, wife or civil partner at the time of their application for asylum.

If you were granted this leave

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

If your family member was granted this leave

You need to give us some details about you and your family member's identity and residency at question **b4**.

a14 Stateless Person

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

If you are claiming student finance as the child or step-child of someone who has been granted this status, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you are claiming student finance as the husband, wife or civil partner of someone who has been granted this status, you must have been their husband, wife or civil partner at the time of their application.

Expiry date

If you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
- parent(s), step-parent

were granted this status without an expiry date you should mark the expiry date box as N/A (not applicable).

If you were granted this leave

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

If your family member was granted this leave

You need to give us some details about you and your family member's identity and residency at question **b4**.

a15 Victim of domestic violence or abuse

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

If you are claiming student finance as the dependent child or step-child of a person granted leave to enter or remain as a victim of domestic violence, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you were granted this leave

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

If your family member was granted this leave

You need to give us some details about you and your family member's identity and residency at question **b4**.

a16 Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

If you are claiming student finance as the dependent child or step-child of a person granted leave to enter or remain under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

a17 Calais leave

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

a18 Bereaved partner

You need to send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

If you or your parent or step-parent have been granted 'Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain' in the UK as a bereaved partner, you will have received a letter from the Home Office confirming this.

If you are claiming student finance as the child or step-child of a person granted 'Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain' in the UK as a bereaved partner:

- you must have a form of Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain;
- you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the UK Home Office.

If you were granted this leave

You need to give us some details about your identity and residency at question **b3**.

If your family member was granted this leave

You need to give us some details about you and your family member's identity and residency at question **b4**.

Section 3

Residence – continued

a19, a20 & a21 Long residency

You must have been living in the UK and Islands legally for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course.

You must have held a form of leave to remain in the UK issued by the Home Office during that time. This will usually be limited leave to remain or discretionary leave to remain, but other types of leave are also acceptable.

If you had more than one type of leave to remain during the 3 years before the start of the first academic of your course, you must have applied for the second type of leave before the last one expired.

You must be living in England on the first day of the first academic year of your course.

If you're under 18 on the first day of the first academic year of your course, you must have lived in the UK for at least 7 years.

If you're 18 or older on the first day of the first academic year of your course, you must have been living in the UK for at least half of your life, or 20 years, whichever is less.

If your leave to remain in the UK expires while you're studying, we'll ask you to send us documents to show that you have a new form of leave.



If you answered 'No' to all the questions in this section, you are not eligible for student finance from Student Finance England. You may still be able to get tuition fee only funding, for example, if you are an EU/EEA national, an Irish citizen, a British citizen who has been resident in the British Overseas Territories or a Chagossian. For more information on Fee Support only funding go to www.gov.uk/studentfinance

c2& Residency status

c3

Date study begins between	Date academic year begins
1 August until 31 December inclusive	1 September
1 January until 31 March inclusive	1 January
1 April until 30 June inclusive	1 April
1 July until 31 July inclusive	1 July

c4 Residency status

We require this information because your family member's residence history may affect your eligibility for student finance. Make sure this person knows you are giving us their details.

If you were under 18 years old in the three years before the first day of the first academic year of your course, we need this information as we assume that you were resident in the same place as your parents. If they lived or worked outside of:

- the UK and Islands, or
- in the case of an EEA or Swiss national, outside of the UK, Gibraltar, EEA or Switzerland

in the three years before the first day of the first academic year of your course, we'll ask for evidence to show that this was a temporary break in residence.

If you have a spouse or partner, we assume that you have been resident in the same place as them. If they lived or worked outside of:

- the UK and Islands, or
- in the case of an EEA or Swiss national, outside of the UK, Gibraltar, EEA or Switzerland

in the three years before the first day of the first academic year of your course, we'll ask for evidence to show that this was a temporary break in residence.

Evidence

Check the table below to make sure you send us the correct evidence about your nationality and residency. Please note that we may contact you at a later date if we need any further information or evidence to confirm what you've told us in your application.

If we find that any of the information or evidence you provide is false or incorrect you may not receive financial support, any support you have received may be withdrawn and you could be prosecuted.

Section 3

Residence – continued

Question	Evidence of	Original evidence item required
a2	UK nationality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you were born outside the UK and have a British birth certificate issued by a British Consulate, send this instead of your passport, a letter or other document.
a3	Irish citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ROI or EU passport.
a4	Family member of a UK national	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your family member's passport; and Proof of your relationship with your UK national family member. This may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - your marriage or civil partnership certificate; or - a birth certificate showing your name and the UK national's name; and - the marriage or civil partnership certificate if you or the UK national are a step-parent or step-child.
a5	Settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you've been awarded settled or pre-settled status by the government of Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man, you need to send a copy of the paper evidence of your status that you were sent.
a6	Parent/step-parent's Swiss nationality and your relationship to them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your birth certificate or equivalent.
a7	Residency of Swiss national parent/step-parent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter signed by your parent to confirm they are/were living in the UK on the first day of your academic year; and Bank statement; or Payslip (showing home address); or Tenancy agreement/Mortgage statement; or Recent utility bill; or Local Authority correspondence; or Government department correspondence.
a7	Employment of the EEA or Swiss national who is working, has worked or is looking for work in the UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P60 or letter from employer; or Audited accounts, tax returns or details of income if self-employed; or Letter from employer confirming intention to continue working while studying; or P45, P60 or letter from previous employer if currently looking for work or previously worked in the UK.
a8	The child of a Turkish worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your birth certificate or equivalent.
a8	Turkish worker's employment in the UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your parent's or step-parent's contract of employment as proof of their employment in the UK. You must also send the Home Office letter confirming your parent has extended leave to remain in the UK after 31 December 2020.

Question	Evidence of	Original evidence item required
a9	Relationship to person granted leave under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) or the Afghanistan Response Route (ARR) if it is not you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of your relationship to the person who has been granted leave under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) or the Afghanistan Response Route (ARR)
a11	Ukraine Schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of your relationship to the person who has been granted leave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - your birth certificate; and - the marriage or civil partnership certificate if they are your step-parent.
a12	Relationship to person holding Refugee status if it is not you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of your relationship to the person who has been granted refugee status.
a13	Relationship to person holding Humanitarian Protection status if it is not you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of your relationship to the person who has been granted Humanitarian Protection status.
a14	Relationship to person holding Stateless Person status if it is not you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of your relationship to the person who has been granted Stateless Person status.
a15	Relationship to person holding this status if it is not you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof you are the child or step-child of a person with indefinite leave to remain in the UK as a victim of domestic violence or abuse. • Proof of your relationship to your parent or step-parent such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - your birth certificate; and - the marriage or civil partnership certificate if they are your step-parent.
a16	Relationship to person holding this status if it is not you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of your relationship to the person who has been granted leave to remain under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016.

Section 3

Residence – continued

Question	Evidence of	Original evidence item required
a17	Relationship to person holding this status if it is not you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of your relationship to the person who has been granted this status.
a18	Relationship to person holding this status if it is not you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof you are the child or step-child of a person with indefinite leave to remain in the UK as a bereaved partner. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - your birth certificate; and - the marriage or civil partnership certificate if they are your step-parent.
a19, a20 & a21	If on the first day of the first academic year you'll be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • under 18 and have lived in the UK for at least seven years or • 18 or above and have lived in the UK for at least half of your life or 20 years 	<p>School letter and records on headed paper, signed by the Deputy Head or Head Teacher within the school. The letter and records should confirm dates you were in attendance of the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from a GP. • Confirmation of university/college attendance. • Council tax bill. • Payslips/P60/P45/self-assessed tax return. • Confirmation of employment from your employer. This should be on company headed paper and signed by a senior member of staff with contact details provided.

You will not be able to apply for an NHS funded course that started on or after 1st August 2019 at a university or college in Northern Ireland.

Course details

- b1** If the course details you give us can't be confirmed yet, your student funding may be delayed.
If you are studying on an accelerated degree course, you will be able to get funding of up to £11,750.
Direct Entry means coming direct into a course programme on the 2nd or 3rd year of a course.
- b2** If you are unsure about the tuition fee amount you will be charged, please contact your university or college.

- c** A full-time postgraduate Initial Teacher Training (ITT) course is a course taken after a first degree has been attained (Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and equivalent courses). These are courses of at least one academic year in length and completed in no more than two. Other full-time ITT courses of up to 2 years in length such as some Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PgCE) or Cert in Education (CertEd) courses, do not require a degree as an entry requirement.

A postgraduate healthcare course is a designated pre-registration course in an allied health profession subject, nursing or midwifery that leads to a Postgraduate Diploma or Masters qualification.

Level 4-5 courses that are recognised as full-time undergraduate qualifications (e.g. HND, HNC, Cert HE etc.) can attract HE student finance without the need for approval as a higher technical qualification.

If you're not sure if your course is an approved Higher Technical Qualification, speak to your university or college. If it isn't, you won't be eligible for Tuition Fee Loan, Maintenance Loan, Grants for Dependents, or Disabled Students' Allowance. You may be eligible for Advanced Learner Loan.

Go to www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan to find out more.

Note, not all approved Higher Technical Qualifications will qualify for Higher Education student finance and you may instead be eligible for Advanced Learner Loan. For more information speak to your university or college.

If you're a direct entrant onto the 2nd (or later) year of a course that qualified for Advanced Learner Loan in the academic year that the course initially commenced, you can't get Higher Education student finance. You may be eligible for Advanced Learner Loan. Go to www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan to find out more.

Term details

If you have applied for income assessed support you may be eligible to apply for Travel Grant.

- d** You must tell us if where you're living changes and you may be asked to give evidence of this. This is so we can make sure you get the right amount of student finance. You can update any changes in your online account.
- e** You should select 'Work placement' if you will be working in the UK or abroad as part of your course during this academic year or your placement is part of a sandwich course.

If you're studying an Initial Teacher Training course, you should select 'University or college' for any time you'll spend in teaching practice.

You must tell us if where you'll spend most of your time changes. This is so we can make sure you get the right amount of student finance. You can make these changes in your online account.

- f2** If you're applying for funding from the Turing Scheme or Taith, you can't get a payment for the same travel expense from both SFE Travel Grant and the Turing Scheme or Taith.

Placement details

- g** If you don't know where your placement will be yet, you should let us know as soon as possible.
If your placement is an unpaid placement that is not listed you will only be entitled to a reduced rate Maintenance Loan.

Evidence **e**

Question	Evidence of	Photocopied evidence item required
c	Distance learning for a reason related to a disability	<p>For distance learning at a college/university that would otherwise require attendance on that course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You and a qualified medical professional, who is registered with the General Medical Council (GMC) in the UK, must complete a Medical Declaration form (DLML). Once you've submitted your application and we've reviewed it, we will send you the form for you and the medical professional to complete. <p>For distance learning courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You and a qualified medical professional, who is registered with the General Medical Council (GMC) in the UK, must complete a Medical Declaration form (DLML). Once you've submitted your application and we've reviewed it, we will send you the form for you and the medical professional to complete. <p>You do not need to provide evidence from a college/university confirming that you are unable to attend an equivalent full-time course due to a disability.</p> <p>If you're studying on a full-time distance learning course because you or your family member is currently serving in the Armed Forces outside of England, you don't have to send evidence of a disability.</p>
g	Unpaid placement type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photocopied evidence confirming the location of your unpaid placement.

Previous study

- a1** This includes any undergraduate or postgraduate course you have attended whether it was in the UK or overseas.
- a3** You can find the level of any qualifications you have achieved on the certificate you were given. If you are unsure of the level of a qualification you should contact the university or college you attended.
- a4** If you hold Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status, you may be able to apply for student finance (Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan/Special Support Loan) for a teacher training course. This will allow you to achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and have achieved the Secretary of State's Teacher Standards. If you already hold QTS, you will only be able to apply for a Maintenance Loan/Special Support Loan for a further teacher training course.

If you're already professionally registered in the discipline you want to study, you're not eligible for funding if your new course is in the same discipline. For example, if you're registered as an Adult Nurse, you wouldn't be eligible for funding for an MSc in Adult Nursing. If you've already received funding for a pre-registration postgraduate healthcare course from SFE, and you achieved a qualification, you won't be eligible for any additional funding. You may be eligible for postgraduate DSA.

- a5** If you have compelling personal reasons, for example illness or bereavement, for leaving a previous course you should send evidence to make sure you get the correct amount of student finance.

Other information

- b1** If you are eligible to apply for a social work bursary from the National Health Service Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) you should answer 'No' to this question because this is a separate bursary to those offered by the National Health Service (NHS) or the Department of Health (DoH).

If you're studying on a Paramedic course at an English university/college and are eligible to apply for tuition fee and/or living cost support from your local ambulance/health trust, you should answer yes to this question.

- b2** If you are eligible to apply for an **income assessed** bursary or award, the only element of student finance you are eligible to apply for is the non-income assessed part of the Maintenance Loan and this will be at a reduced rate.

If you are eligible to apply for a **non-income assessed** bursary - you are **not** eligible for any student finance. The only exception would be if you are a seconded student studying a health related course and you have been advised that you cannot apply for any bursary at all, either income or non-income assessed.

If you are unsure about your eligibility for a bursary, contact the NHSBSA.

Evidence

Question	Evidence of	Photocopied evidence item required
a5	Compelling personal reasons for not achieving a qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photocopied evidence that supports the reasons you have given.

Loan request section

Maintenance Loan

This loan is paid in instalments directly to you and is to help cover your living costs throughout the academic year.

If you are starting a full-time distance learning course on or after 1 September 2012 (for reasons not relating to disability) you can **only** apply for a Tuition Fee Loan. If you're a care leaver you can get the maximum Maintenance Loan without it being based on your household income.

Tuition Fee Loan

The maximum tuition fee amount you are charged may vary depending on which country you will be studying in.

Your Tuition Fee Loan will be paid directly to your university or college in three instalments within the academic year.

You will be liable for your Tuition Fee Loan from the first day of each term **not** the date when the instalment is paid to your university or college.

If you're studying at an eligible university or college you can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £9,790, or up to £11,750 if you're studying on an accelerated degree course.

Foundation years

Students studying an eligible foundation year in a classroom-based subject, like business, social science or humanities can get a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £5,760.

Studying in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland

Students studying an eligible foundation year in a classroom-based subject, like business, social science or humanities can get a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £5,760. Please be aware that if you are studying a foundation year in a classroom-based subject at a Northern Irish, Scottish or Welsh Higher Education Provider, they may still charge up to £9,790.

Students studying an eligible foundation year in science, engineering, subjects allied to medicine and creative and performing arts can get a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £9,790.

Liability date	% of total Tuition Fee loan that you will be liable for
First day of Term 1	25%
First day of Term 2	50%
First day of Term 3	100%

If you are unsure when your term starts please contact your university or college.

Each payment is made after we receive confirmation from your university or college that you have registered at the start of each term, or if you are studying by full-time distance learning, that you are undertaking your course. Interest will be charged from the day we pay the Tuition Fee Loan to your university or college.

If you are in the first year of a graduate entry medical or dental programme course you can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £6,125 (where the fee charged is up to £9,790). However, you will need to pay the first £3,665 of the tuition fee amount charged by your university or college in your first year. You may receive funding from the NHS for following years.

Special Support Loan

This loan is for students who are aged 60 or over on the first day of the first academic year of their course. It is paid in instalments, directly to you and is to help cover your personal living costs throughout the academic year.

If you're a care leaver you can get the maximum Special Support Loan without it being based on your household income.

Applying for a loan at a later date or changing the amount requested

You can apply for a Maintenance Loan, Special Support Loan or Tuition Fee Loan any time in the academic year provided you are within the time limit. The time limit for applying is usually by the ninth month after the start of your academic year.

You can apply for a Maintenance Loan, Tuition Fee Loan or Special Support Loan, or change the amount you originally requested at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

a2 In the legal care of a local authority

If you have at any consecutive point been in the custody or care of a local authority but have been back in the legal care of your parents at any time since then, you will not be considered independent.

a4 Having the care of a person under the age of 18 means that you look after a child and the child lives with you, irrespective of your relationship with the child.

b Irreconcilable estrangement

You will normally be considered irreconcilably estranged from your parents if you have not had verbal or written contact with either of your biological or adoptive parents, or your only living parent before the start of your academic year, and this will not change.

You will **not** be considered irreconcilably estranged from your parents because:

- you do not get on with your parents;
- you do not live with them;
- your parents do not want to give details of their income; or
- your parents choose not to provide you with financial support.

c To be considered as supporting yourself financially you must have been meeting your own living costs for at least 3 years (this does not have to be 3 consecutive years) from any of the following sources:

- Income from employment;
- Benefits;
- State studentships;
- Scholarships, exhibitions and bursaries.

You would not be considered as supporting yourself financially if you are meeting living costs from money paid by a parent.

Evidence e

If you've been granted 'leave to remain' in the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 or you are the dependent child of someone who has, you don't need to send any evidence of independence.

Question	Evidence of	Photocopied evidence item required
a4	Care of a child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of evidence that shows you are receiving Child Benefit, Child Tax Credit or the child element of Universal Credit.
c	Supporting yourself financially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A photocopy of your P60s or benefit information.

Section 8

Student financial questions

The academic year is determined by when you begin your study, see page 24 for academic year dates.

Unearned income

a You may be asked to confirm any estimated income at a later date.

If your actual income is different from your estimated income we will reassess your entitlement to student finance. This may change the level of financial support you receive.

When working out your taxable unearned income, you should **not** include:

- **earnings from full or part-time work** such as holiday work or work you do during term-time;
- any Maintenance Loan or grant payments you may receive;
- payments you receive from your parents under a covenant;
- maintenance payments you expect to receive for your children. These maintenance payments should be included as part of your children's income in question 8c;
- Teacher Training Bursaries;
- Higher Education Bursary (for care leavers);
- bounties paid by the armed services to reservists or disablement or invalidity pensions; or
- ISAs.

Payments from an employer

b1 You should **only** provide an amount here if you are being released from employment by your employer to attend your course. If this is the case, you should only include salary or wages that you will receive from that employer for days you are actually attending your course and have been released from your employment to do so. Any earnings from salary or wages entered here may affect your student finance entitlement.

Do not provide any amount here if you are a student who is working while studying but have not been specifically released by your employer to attend your course.

Dependent children

c You must include any income the child received from working, interest earned on savings, investments and any maintenance payments you received for your children as part of **their** income in this question.

Don't include income from sources such as Child Benefit, Child Tax Credit, child element of Universal Credit, Government Child Trust or minimal sums of money from other sources when entering a child dependant's income.

If your child dependants' income will be at least 15% less than it was in tax year 2024-25 you can apply for a current year income assessment. This means we would use their expected income for tax year 2026-27 instead of their actual income for 2024-25 when working out your grant entitlement. If you want to be assessed using expected income for tax year 2026-27 use the additional notes pages at the back of the form to give us details.

Evidence **e**

Question	Evidence of	Photocopied evidence item required
c	Child's income	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send photocopies of evidence showing child's income from all sources after tax and National Insurance contributions in tax year 2024-25.

Section 9

Special Support

You will be assessed once we have received your photocopied evidence. If you do not have the evidence now, you should still send your application and send the evidence as soon as possible.

Evidence **e**

Category	Photocopied evidence item(s) required
You are a lone parent or lone foster parent of a child, or young person under 20 who is in full-time education below higher education level or on an approved training course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent Child Benefit letter, Tax Credit Award Notice or Universal Credit Award letter.
You have a partner who is also a student, and one or both of you have care of a child, or young person under 20 who is in full-time education below higher education level or on an approved training course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent Child Benefit letter, Tax Credit Award Notice or Universal Credit Award letter, and • A letter confirming your partner is a student if they have not applied for student finance.
You have a disability and qualify for a Disability Premium or Severe Disability Premium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of evidence to show you qualify for Disability Premium or Severe Disability Premium, or • Photocopy of evidence to show you qualify for one of the following benefits: Disability Living Allowance, Disabled Person's Tax Credit, Attendance Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance, War Pensioners Mobility Supplement, Severe Disablement Allowance or Incapacity Benefit.
You are deaf and qualify for Disabled Students' Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of medical evidence of your disability, if you have not applied for Disabled Students' Allowance.
You have been treated as incapable of work for a continuous period of at least 28 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of a letter from Jobcentre Plus confirming you receive long term incapacity benefits, or • Photocopy of a letter from your doctor confirming you are incapable of work.
You have a disability and qualify for income-related Employment and Support Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of a letter from Jobcentre Plus to confirm you are eligible for Employment Support Allowance (ESA) in the current academic year due to disability, or • Photocopy of ESA entitlement letter confirming your entitlement during the current academic year and proof of your disability, for example a letter from your doctor.
You are waiting to go back on a course after an illness or caring responsibility that has ended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of a letter from university or college to confirm suspension from your course was authorised, and • Photocopy of evidence of illness or need to care for another individual, and • Photocopy of evidence of financial hardship caused by course suspension.
You are entitled to a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or You are entitled to Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of evidence from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to confirm you are entitled to either of these payments during the academic year.
You are entitled to an Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of evidence from the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA) or DWP to confirm you are entitled to this payment.

Section 10

Parents' Learning Allowance, Childcare Grant and Adult Dependants' Grant

You can only be eligible for Childcare Grant if your childcare provider is registered or approved by Ofsted or another appropriate body. From academic year 26/27, nannies will no longer qualify for Childcare Grant, and students will need to use an alternative childcare provider.

b This information will be used to work out if your children are mainly financially dependent on you or your partner during the academic year.

c1 Childcare Grant is calculated based on the number of children you have in childcare and your household income.

How much you could get

- If you have one child in childcare, you could get up to a maximum of £199.62 per week, or 85% of your total childcare costs for the week (**whichever is less**).
- If you have two or more children in childcare, you could get up to a maximum of £342.24 per week, or 85% of your total childcare costs for the week (**whichever is less**).

The Childcare Grant Payment Service

The Childcare Grant Payment Service (CCGPS) is an online platform enabling parents to manage their Childcare Grant by authorising and sending payments to childcare providers electronically. CCGPS is administered by Wider Plan, a recognised government partner for the Nursery Milk Scheme. Wider Plan is also an employee benefits provider with extensive experience of working with parents and childcare providers through delivery of their childcare voucher scheme.

What happens next

- Once your application is approved you'll receive an email from the Childcare Grant Payment Service to set up an account with them (make sure you've given us your correct email address on this form).
- Your Childcare Grant funding is transferred to the Childcare Grant Payment Service portal, you'll be able to pay your childcare provider directly.

You can find further information about Childcare Grant at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

c2 If you answered 'Yes' to any of the options in this question you can't apply for Childcare Grant until you stop receiving support from those other sources.

If you re-apply for Childcare Grant you must send evidence that confirms you no longer receive support from those other sources.

If you or your partner are receiving the £1,000 Child Dependants Allowance from the Learning Support Fund so that you or your partner can attend compulsory clinical placements as part of a healthcare course, you should answer 'No' to this question as you may qualify for Childcare Grant.

You can get information about all aspects of Working Tax Credit and Universal Credit online at www.gov.uk

d1 If your course starts on or after 1 August 2026, your adult dependant must be ordinarily resident in the UK, meaning the UK is their permanent home. If they only live in the UK for part of the year, the grant will be based on the time they spent in the UK.

Evidence **e**

Question	Evidence of	Photocopied evidence item required
d4	Adult dependant's income	Send photocopies of evidence to show any taxable income received. For example, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P60, or• Month 12/week 53 payslip, or• Letter from employer to confirm earnings.

Dependent students

If you are a dependent student, the following family members count for the purpose of income assessment:

- Your natural or adoptive parents, if both of them live with you.
- Your parent and their partner, if they have one.

Your parent's partner is defined as:

- Your stepmother or stepfather.
- Your parent's opposite **or** same sex partner if they live together as though they were married or in a civil partnership.

Independent students

For the purpose of income assessment, if you are an independent student, only your partner, if you have one, counts.

Your partner is defined as:

- Your husband, wife or civil partner.
- Your opposite **or** same sex partner, if you are 25 or over on the first day of the academic year and you live with your partner as though you are married or in a civil partnership.

If you do not have a partner as defined above we will only assess your income.

Terms and conditions

If you cannot sign the form it must be signed on your behalf by your attorney. The Power of Attorney letter must be sent with the application before a signature from that attorney will be accepted.

Privacy Notice

The Student Loans Company Ltd (SLC) and the Department for Education are joint Data Controllers under the Data Protection Legislation. We hold information for the purposes specified in our notification to the Information Commissioner including determining eligibility for student finance, assessing the maximum amount of financial support available, payment of student finance and the detection and prevention of fraud, and may use this information for any of these.

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If you don't have internet access, please call us on **0300 100 0607** and we can send a copy to you.

Change of circumstances

You **must** notify SLC about any change in your circumstances which may affect your entitlement to financial support.

The most common changes of circumstance would be if:

- you are absent from the course for more than 60 days because of illness;
- you are absent for any other reason;
- you leave, abandon or are expelled from the course;
- you stop attending or undertaking the course and do not intend, or are not allowed, to return for the rest of the academic year;
- you transfer to a different course at the same, or a different, university or college;
- you transfer from a full-time to a part-time course;
- you repeat part or all of a year of your course; or
- the date of the start or end of your course changes.

If any of your course details change, or you suspend, withdraw or transfer you must speak to your university or college who will let us know. You can still make changes to your personal details online. Just log into your account at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Section 12

Financial details for tax year 2024-25 for parents and partners

What happens if my household income has changed since tax year 2024-25?

If your total household income (before tax) for the tax year 2026-27 will be at least 15% less than it was in tax year 2024-25, still complete this section as well as completing a 'Current Year Income Assessment Form'.

You can download the form at:

www.gov.uk/support-child-or-partners-student-finance-application/current-year-income

and return it with this application.



Please note that a current year income assessment cannot be carried out unless you provide your financial details for the 2024-25 tax year.

Part B - Data sharing and you

We will check your National Insurance (NI) number with HM Revenue & Customs. This information will be kept securely and held strictly under the provisions of the applicable data protection legislation in the UK.

If you don't have an NI number you must provide copies of your financial documents. If you didn't have any income for the tax year 2024-25, you need to provide:

- a letter from you confirming that you had no income for the tax year 2024-25; or
- a letter from any third parties who were supporting you during the tax year (such as a partner)

The letter must be signed and dated in order for it to be accepted.

Part C - Other income for tax year 2024-25

Please give financial information for tax year 2024-25. Normally, this is the year ending 5 April 2025, but may differ if your employer or business has a tax year which does not end in April.

For any income paid in a foreign currency, please state the equivalent in pounds sterling.

Q1 Income in the UK that HMRC doesn't know about

You may have earned under the threshold to declare this income to HMRC, but this will still be used to calculate the student's entitlement.

Section 12

Financial details for tax year 2024-25 for parents and partners – continued

Part D - Overseas Income for tax year 2024-25

Q1 Income from overseas that you haven't already told HMRC about

You only have to tell us about any income earned overseas that you have not already disclosed to HMRC as part of your self-assessment.

a Total income from salary/wages/self-employment

You'll need to provide copies of your tax documents from the relevant country confirming the income amount for the 2024-25 tax year.

b Total income from state benefits

You'll need to provide copies of your benefits documents, from the relevant country, confirming the total taxable benefit(s) you received for the 2024-25 tax year.

c Total income from occupational, private or state pension(s)

You'll need to provide copies of your pension documents, from the relevant country, confirming the total taxable pension(s) amount you received for the 2024-25 tax year.

Part E - Income deductions

If you did not pay any private pension contributions or additional voluntary contributions

You don't need to provide evidence of this.

If you paid any private pension contributions or additional voluntary contributions

The evidence you need to provide can be found in the table below.

Deduction type	Evidence required
Private pension contribution	Tax Return (all pages) or Statement from Pension Provider
Additional voluntary contribution (AVC)	Confirmation from DWP of Amount of Pension Paid, Tax Return (all pages) or a P60

Part F - Your dependants

Academic year

You should provide the child dependants' income for the academic year. The academic year is determined by when the student begins their study.

Student's study begins between	Academic year
1 August 2026 and 31 December 2026 inclusive	1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027
1 January 2027 and 31 March 2027 inclusive	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027
1 April 2027 and 30 June 2027 inclusive	1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028
1 July 2027 and 31 July 2027 inclusive	1 July 2027 to 30 June 2028

Q1 Child dependants not in further or higher education

The child dependant's income is required to assess eligibility for deductions in the calculation of household income for each child that is wholly or mainly financially dependent on the student, the student's husband, wife or partner or the student's parents or step parents. You can find out more information about how household information is calculated at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Please do not include income from sources such as the Government Child Trust, State Child Benefit, Child Tax Credit, child element of Universal Credit or minimal sums of money from other sources when entering a child dependant's income.

Declaration for parents and partners

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Changes of circumstance

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The most common changes of circumstance would be if:

- your household income changes; or
- your marital status changes.

Information about data sharing for bursary and scholarship purposes

Universities and colleges will be offering financial awards such as bursaries or scholarships to their students. To help them administer these awards (i.e. to determine eligibility and entitlement to, and if relevant pay, a bursary or scholarship - 'bursary administration purposes') they will ask the Secretary of State or Student Loans Company for access to information you provide in connection with any application for student finance for academic year 2026/27 (whether on this form or at a later date).