

**STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE**  
**STUDENT FINANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC**  
**YEAR 2013/14**

**TO:**

HIGHER EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS  
IN ENGLAND

**SSIN 01/13**

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Dear colleague

**The Student Finance Package for 2013/14**

This information note sets out the student finance package for the 2013/14 academic year which was announced by the Government on 8 March 2012.

The main components of the package of support for 2013/14 are highlighted below:

*Tuition charges and loans for full-time courses:*

- Maximum tuition charges for new and continuing students on full-time courses will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14.
- Maximum full-time tuition loans will also be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14.

*Other help for full- time courses:*

- Maximum Maintenance Grants and Special Support Grants will be increased by 3.22% in 2013/14: to £3,080 for continuing students who started their courses before September 2012 and to £3,354 for (i) new full-time students and (ii) continuing full-time students who were new entrants in 2012/13 from September 2012 onwards who are continuing their courses in 2013/14.
- Maximum loans for living costs, long courses loans and targeted support grants (Childcare Grant, Adult Dependents' Grant, Parents' Learning

Allowance, Disabled Students' Allowances) will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14.

- Household income thresholds for grants and loans for living costs will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14.

*Tuition charges and loans for full-time distance learning courses.*

- Maximum tuition charges and tuition loans will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14 for: (i) new full-time distance learning students and (ii) continuing full-time distance learning students who were new entrants in 2012/13 from September 2012 onwards and who are continuing their courses in 2013/14.
- Maximum tuition charges for full-time distance learning courses that started before September 2012 will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14.
- Tuition loans are not available for full-time distance learning courses starting before 1 September 2012.

*Grants for full-time distance learning courses starting before September 2012*

- Maximum Fee Grants and Course Grants for continuing full-time distance learning students who started their courses before September 2012 and who are continuing their courses in 2013/14, will be increased by 3.22% in 2013/14. Maximum fee grants will rise to £1,270 and maximum course grants to £275.
- Household income thresholds for Fee Grants and Course Grants will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14.

*Tuition charges and loans for part-time courses.*

- Maximum tuition charges and tuition loans will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14 for: (i) new part-time students and (ii) continuing part-time students who were new entrants in 2012/13 from September 2012 onwards and who are continuing their courses in 2013/14.
- Tuition charges for part-time courses that started before September 2012 will remain unregulated.
- Tuition loans are not available for part-time courses starting before 1 September 2012.

*Grants for part-time courses starting before September 2012.*

- Maximum Fee Grants and Course Grants for part-time students who started their courses before September 2012 and who are continuing their courses in 2013/14, will be increased by 3.22% in 2013/14. Maximum fee grants will rise

to £1,270, depending on the intensity of study of the course, and maximum course grants to £275.

- Household income thresholds for Fee Grants and Course Grants will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14.

*Other help for students attending full-time distance learning courses and part-time courses*

- Maximum Disabled Students' Allowances will be maintained at 2012/13 levels in 2013/14.

*'End-on' Courses*

- Students starting or continuing 'end-on' courses in 2013/14 will be subject to the student finance arrangements that apply to students starting their courses before 1 September 2012. Student Support Information Note 03/12 provides more details on 'end-on' courses.

Further details of the 2013/14 student finance arrangements are set out in the Annex below:

## **Enquiries**

If you have any queries about the Student Support Regulations, please contact, in the first instance, the Student Finance England Practitioner Support Team – telephone 0845 6020583; email [SSIN\\_queries@slc.co.uk](mailto:SSIN_queries@slc.co.uk)

## ANNEX

<b>Student Finance Arrangements for 2013/14 Academic Year.</b>				
<b>Support Package/ Tuition Charges</b>	<b>Changes for 2013/14 support package</b>	<b>Mode of Study</b>	<b>Support Package / Tuition Charges for students subject to the pre 2012 student finance arrangements.</b>	<b>Support package / Tuition Charges for students subject to the post September 2012 student finance arrangements.</b>
			<p><i>These are students who started their courses in 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and August 2012 who are continuing their courses in 2013/14.</i></p> <p><i>Pre 2012 arrangements also apply to students starting or continuing 'end-on' courses in 2013/14.</i></p>	<p><i>These are new students starting their courses in 2013/14 and students who started their courses from September 2012 onwards who are continuing their courses in 2013/14.</i></p>
Tuition charges and loans for tuition.	Maintained at 2012/13 levels.	Full-time	Tuition charges and loans for tuition up to £3,465.	Tuition charges and loans for tuition up to £6,000 or up to £9,000 where OFFA has approved a HEI access plan.
Maintenance Grant / Special Support Grant.	Increase of 3.22% (based on forecast inflation* for	Full-time	Income assessed Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant of up to £3,080.	Income assessed Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant of up to £3,354.

	2013/14).			
Loan for Living Costs.	Maintained at 2012/13 levels.	Full-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £4,950 for students living away from home and studying outside London</li> <li>- up to £6,928 for students living away from home and studying in London</li> <li>- up to £3,838 for students living at Home.</li> <li>- up to £5,895 for students studying overseas as part of their UK course</li> </ul> <p>28% of the Loan will be subject to means-testing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £5,500 for students living away from home and studying outside London</li> <li>- up to £7,675 for students living away from home and studying in London</li> <li>- up to £4,375 for students living at Home.</li> <li>- up to £6,535 for students studying overseas as part of their UK course.</li> </ul> <p>35% of the Loan will be subject to means-testing.</p>
Long Courses Loan.	Maintained at 2012/13 levels.	Full-time	<p>Weekly amount:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £83 for students living away from home and studying outside London.</li> <li>- up to £106 for students living away from home and studying in London.</li> <li>- up to £54 for students living at Home.</li> <li>- up to £115 for students studying overseas as part of their UK course.</li> </ul>	<p>Weekly amount:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £83 for students living away from home and studying outside London.</li> <li>- up to £106 for students living away from home and studying in London.</li> <li>- up to £54 for students living at Home.</li> <li>- up to £115 for students studying overseas as part of their UK course.</li> </ul>
Adult Dependants'	Maintained at 2012/13	Full-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adult Dependants Grant - up to £2,642</li> <li>- Childcare Grant – 85% of actual cost of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adult Dependants Grant - up to £2,642</li> <li>- Childcare Grant – 85% of actual cost of</li> </ul>

Grant, Childcare Grant, Parents' Learning Allowance.	levels.		childcare up to a maximum of £148.75 per week for one child, and £255 per week for two or more children. - Parents Learning Allowance – up to £1,508	childcare up to a maximum of £148.75 per week for one child, and £255 per week for two or more children. - Parents Learning Allowance – up to £1,508
Fee grants and course grants.	Increase of 3.22% (based on forecast inflation* for 2013/14).	Part-time	Means-tested Fee Grant of up to £1,270, depending on intensity of study and Course Grant of up to £275.	Not applicable.
Tuition charges and loans for tuition.	Maintained at 2012/13 levels.	Part-time	Tuition charges for part-time courses that started before September 2012 will remain unregulated  Tuition loans are not available for part-time courses starting before 1 September 2012.	Tuition charges and loans for tuition of up to £4,500 or up to £6,750 where OFFA has approved a HEI access plan.
Fee grants and course grants.	Increase of 3.22% (based on forecast inflation*	Full-time distance learning	Means-tested Fee Grant of up to £1,270 and Course Grant of up to £275.	Not applicable.

	for 2013/14).			
Tuition charges and loans for tuition.	Maintained at 2012/13 levels.	Full-time distance learning.	Tuition charges up to £3,465.  Tuition loans are not available for full-time distance learning courses starting before 1 September 2012.	Tuition charges and loans for tuition up to £6,000 or up to £9,000 where OFFA has approved a HEI access plan.
Disabled Students' Allowances.	Maintained at 2012/13 levels.	Full time, part time, full time distance learning, postgraduate.	<p><i>Full-time and full-time distance learning:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £20,250 (non-medical helper)</li> <li>- up to £5,161 (specialist equipment)</li> <li>- up to £1,724 (other disability related expenditure).</li> </ul> <p><i>Part-time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £15,390 (non-medical helper)</li> <li>- up to £5,161 (specialist equipment)</li> <li>- up to £1,293 (other disability related expenditure).</li> </ul> <p><i>Postgraduate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £10,360</li> </ul>	<p><i>Full-time and full-time distance learning:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £20,250 (non-medical helper)</li> <li>- up to £5,161 (specialist equipment)</li> <li>- up to £1,724 (other disability related expenditure).</li> </ul> <p><i>Part-time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £15,390 (non-medical helper)</li> <li>- up to £5,161 (specialist equipment)</li> <li>- up to £1,293 (other disability related expenditure).</li> </ul> <p><i>Postgraduate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to £10,360</li> </ul>

\* Forecast inflation is forecast RPIX – Retail Prices Index excluding mortgage interest payments.