

STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE
STUDENT FINANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC
YEAR 2014/15

TO:

HIGHER EDUCATION PRACTITIONERS
IN ENGLAND

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Dear colleague

The Student Finance Package for 2014/15

This information note sets out the student finance package for the 2014/15 academic year for students in England which was announced by the Government on 11 March.

The main components of the package of support for 2014/15 are highlighted below and in the attached Annex:

Full time tuition charges and loans:

- Maximum tuition charges for all new full-time students and eligible continuing full-time students who started their courses on or after 1 September 2012 will be maintained in 2014/15 at the £6,000 and £9,000 levels that apply in 2013/14.
- Maximum tuition charges for eligible full-time students who started their courses before 1 September 2012 will be maintained in 2014/15 at the £3,465 level that applies in 2013/14.
- Maximum full-time tuition loans will also be maintained at 2013/14 levels in 2014/15.

Tuition charges for students undertaking Erasmus study and work placement years abroad and non-Erasmus years of study abroad.

- Maximum tuition charges and tuition loans for students who started their courses on or after 1 September 2012 who are undertaking an Erasmus year or overseas year of study in 2014/15 will be 15% of the maximum tuition charges in 2014/15.

Tuition charges for students undertaking Sandwich work placement years.

- Maximum tuition charges and tuition loans for students who started their sandwich courses on or after 1 September 2012 who are undertaking a work placement year in 2014/15 will be 20% of the maximum tuition charges in 2014/15.

Other help for full time students:

- Maximum Maintenance Grants and Special Support Grants will be increased by 1% in 2013/14, to £3,110 for students on courses that started before September 2012 and to £3,387 for eligible students on courses starting in September 2012 or later.
- Maximum loans for living costs will be increased by 1% in 2014/15.
- For eligible students starting their courses on or after 1 September 2012, maximum loans for living costs will be £5,555 for students living away from home and studying outside London, £7,751 for students living away from home and studying in London, £4,418 for students living at home and £6,600 for students studying overseas as part of their UK course.
- For eligible students starting their courses before 1 September 2012, maximum loans for living costs will be £5,000 for students living away from home and studying outside London, £6,997 for students living away from home and studying in London, £3,876 for students living at home and £5,953 for students studying overseas as part of their UK course.
- Maximum targeted support grants (Childcare Grant, Adult Dependents' Grant, Parents' Learning Allowance, Disabled Student's Allowances) will be increased by 1% in 2014/15 (see Annex below).

Part-time Support:

- Maximum tuition charges for eligible students on part-time courses starting in September 2012 or later will be maintained in 2014/15 at the £4,500 and £6,750 levels that apply in 2013/14.
- Maximum tuition loans will also be maintained in 2014/15 at 2013/14 levels.
- Maximum Fee Grants and Course Grants for part-time courses (and full-time distance learning courses) that started before September 2012

will be increased by 1% in 2014/15. Maximum fee grants will rise to £1,285, depending on the intensity of study of the course, and maximum course grants to £280.

- Maximum Disabled Students' Allowances will be increased by 1% in 2014/15.

Postgraduate Support Package in 2014/15

- Maximum Disabled Students Allowances (DSAs) for postgraduates will be increased by 1% in 2014/15.

'End-on' Courses

- Students starting or continuing 'end-on' courses in 2014/15 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

A more detailed Financial Memorandum covering 2014/15 student finance arrangements will be published on the Student Finance England Practitioners website in due course:

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

ANNEX

Student Finance Arrangements for 2014/15 Academic Year.

Support Package/ Tuition Charges	Changes for 2014/15 support package	Mode of Study	Support Package / Tuition Charges for students subject to the pre 2012 student finance arrangements.	Support package / Tuition Charges for students subject to the post 2012 student finance arrangements.
			<p><i>These are most students who started their courses in 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and August 2012 who are continuing their courses in 2014/15.</i></p> <p><i>Pre 2012 arrangements also apply to students starting or continuing 'end-on' courses in 2014/15.</i></p>	<p><i>These are new students starting their courses in 2014/15 and eligible students who started their courses from September 2012 onwards who are continuing their courses in 2014/15.</i></p>
Tuition charges and loans for tuition.	Maintained at 2013/14 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.
Tuition charges and loans for tuition for Erasmus study and work placement years.	15% cap introduced for students starting their courses on or after 1 September 2012	Full-time	No charge to student. Students not eligible for loans.	Tuition charges and loans for tuition up to £900 or up to £1,350 where OFFA has approved a HEI access plan.

Tuition charges and loans for tuition for non-Erasmus overseas study years	15% cap introduced for students starting their courses on or after 1 September 2012	Full-time	Tuition charges and loans for tuition up to £1,725	Tuition charges and loans for tuition up to £900 or up to £1,350 where OFFA has approved a HEI access plan.
Tuition charges and loans for sandwich course work placement years	20% cap introduced for students starting their courses on or after 1 September 2012	Sandwich	Tuition charges and loans for tuition up to £1,725	Tuition charges and loans for tuition up to £1,200 or up to £1,800 where OFFA has approved a HEI access plan.
Maintenance Grant / Special Support Grant.	Increased by 1%	Full-time	Income assessed Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant of up to £3,110.	Income assessed Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant of up to £3,387
Loan for Living Costs.	Increased by 1%	Full-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to £5,000 for students living away from home and studying outside London - up to £6,997 for students living away from home and studying in London - up to £3,876 for students living at Home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to £5,555 for students living away from home and studying outside London - up to £7,751 for students living away from home and studying in London - up to £4,418 for students living at Home.

			- up to £5,953 for students studying overseas as part of their UK course 28% of the Loan will be subject to means-testing.	- up to £6,600 for students studying overseas as part of their UK course. 35% of the Loan will be subject to means-testing.
Adult Dependants' Grant, Childcare Grant, Parents' Learning Allowance.	Increased by 1%.	Full-time	- Adult Dependants Grant - up to £2,668 - Childcare Grant – 85% of actual cost up to a maximum of £150.23 per week for one child, and £257.55 per week for two or more children. - Parents Learning Allowance – up to £1,523	- Adult Dependants Grant - up to £2,668 - Childcare Grant – 85% of actual cost up to a maximum of £150.23 per week for one child, and £257.55 per week for two or more children. - Parents Learning Allowance – up to £1,523
Fee grants and course grants.	Increased by 1%	Part-time	Maximum Fee Grants and Course Grants will be increased by 1% in 2014/15. Maximum fee grants will be increased to £855 (50 -59% intensity), £1,025 (60 - 74% intensity) or £1,285 (75%+ intensity) depending on the intensity of study on the course. Maximum course grants will be increased to £280.	Not applicable.
Tuition charges and loans for tuition.	Maintained at 2013/14 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	Increase	Full-time	Means-tested Fee Grant of up to £1,285	Not applicable.

and course grants.	of 1%	distance learning	and Course Grant of up to £280.	
Tuition charges and loans for tuition.	Maintained at 2013/14 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.	Increase of 1%	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"> - up to £20,725 (non-medical helper) - up to £5,212 (specialist equipment) - up to £1,741 (other disability related expenditure). <p><i>Part-time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to £15,543 (non-medical helper) - up to £5,212 (specialist equipment) - up to £1,305 (other disability related expenditure). <p><i>Postgraduate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -up to £10,362 	<p><i>Full-time and full-time distance learning:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to £20,725 (non-medical helper) - up to £5,212 (specialist equipment) - up to £1,741 (other disability related expenditure). <p><i>Part-time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - up to £15,543 (non-medical helper) - up to £5,212 (specialist equipment) - up to £1,305 (other disability related expenditure). <p><i>Postgraduate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -up to £10,362