

**STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE:
2012/13: STUDENT FINANCE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR STUDENTS STARTING 'END-ON' COURSES
FROM SEPTEMBER 2012.**

TO:

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
IN ENGLAND

DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATIONS

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Dear Colleague

Students starting 'End-on' Courses on or after 1st September 2012.

This note provides details of tuition charges and student support for (i) students who normally live in England and (ii) EU students, starting 'end-on' courses at English HEIs on or after 1 September 2012.

Where the student's course is a course taken '*end-on*' to another course (see definition below), the student will be treated as having started their current course at the beginning of the academic year in which they started the previous course. They will continue to be subject to the student finance arrangements that applied on their first course.

For students starting their courses on or after 1 September 2012, an 'end-on course' means a first degree with honours taken (disregarding any normal intervening vacation) immediately after successful completion of one of the following qualifications which started before 1 September 2012:

- Higher National Certificate (HNC)
- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)
- Higher National Diploma (HND)
- Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)
- Foundation degree

- First degree without honours (i.e. ordinary degree or pass degree)

and where both courses are studied in the same mode of study (that is, either both are full-time or both are part-time).

The Student Support Regulations do not set out how long an 'intervening vacation' is, but this should not normally exceed five months in length e.g. the length of a summer vacation lasting from end May to end October.

Where a student is taking a full-time honours degree 'end-on' from a full-time ordinary degree, a maximum of one year's tuition loan support will be available for the 'end-on' honours course.

The successful completion of a course means that the student has achieved the academic standards necessary to be awarded the qualification. There is no requirement for an end-on course to be studied at the same institution as the previous course.

'End-on' courses do not include any other combinations of courses, such as where:

- (i) students with an HNC top up to an HND.
- (ii) students starting a 'top up' honours degree course immediately after the successful completion of a lower level course (such as an HND or foundation degree) which itself started on or after 1 September 2012.
- (iii) students taking a higher level course on or after 1 September 2012 immediately after completing a lower level course where the mode of study changes (e.g. the student takes a part-time honours degree 'top-up' course after completing a full-time HND).

Students in the three categories above will be subject to the student finance arrangements applying to new students from September 2012 when they start their second higher level course.

The **Annex** below provides detailed scenarios in respect of 'end-on' courses.

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 Students starting an 'End on' course from September 2012

First Course starting before 1st September 2012.	Second Course starting on or after 1st September 2012, immediately after lower level qualification achieved.	Change in Mode of Study (i.e. full-time to part-time etc).	Second course treated as 'end-on' course.	Tuition charge for Second Course in 2012/13.	Tuition Support Package for Second Course in 2012/13.
CertHE	DipHE	Yes or No	No	Up to: (i) £6,000/ £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses. (ii) £4,500/£6,750 for part-time courses (subject to Parliamentary approval).	Tuition loans of up to: (i) £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance courses. (ii) £6,750 for part-time courses.
CertHE	Honours Degree	No	Yes	Up to: (i) £3,465 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses. (ii) Unregulated tuition charges for part-time courses.	Support package: (i) Tuition loans of up to £3,465 for full-time courses. (ii) Fee Grants of up to £1,230 for part-time and full-time distance learning courses.

CertHE	Honours Degree	Yes	No	Up to: (i) £6,000/ £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses. (ii) £4,500/£6,750 for part-time courses (subject to Parliamentary approval).	Tuition loans of up to: (i) £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance courses. (ii) £6,750 for part-time courses.
DipHE	Ordinary Degree	Yes or No	No	Up to: (i) £6,000/ £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses. (ii) £4,500/£6,750 for part-time courses (subject to Parliamentary approval).	Tuition loans of up to: (i) £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance courses. (ii) £6,750 for part-time courses.
DipHE	Honours Degree	No	Yes	Up to: (i) £3,465 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses. (ii) Unregulated tuition charges for part-time courses.	Support package: (i) Tuition loans of up to £3,465 for full-time courses. (ii) Fee Grants of up to £1,230 for part-time and full-time distance learning courses.
DipHE	Honours Degree	Yes	No	Up to: (i) £6,000/ £9,000 for full-	Tuition loans of up to: (i) £9,000 for full-time and

				<p>time and full-time distance learning courses.</p> <p>(ii) £4,500/£6,750 for part-time courses (subject to Parliamentary approval).</p>	<p>full-time distance courses.</p> <p>(ii) £6,750 for part-time courses.</p>
HNC	HND	Yes or No	No	<p>Up to:</p> <p>(i) £6,000/ £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses.</p> <p>(ii) £4,500/£6,750 for part-time courses (subject to Parliamentary approval).</p>	<p>Tuition loans of up to:</p> <p>(i) £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance courses.</p> <p>(ii) £6,750 for part-time courses.</p>
HNC	Ordinary Degree	Yes or No	No	<p>Up to:</p> <p>(i) £6,000/ £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses.</p> <p>(ii) £4,500/£6,750 for part-time courses (subject to Parliamentary approval).</p>	<p>Tuition loans of up to:</p> <p>(i) £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance courses.</p> <p>(ii) £6,750 for part-time courses.</p>
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HND	Ordinary Degree	Yes or No	No	<p>Up to:</p> <p>(i) £6,000/ £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses.</p> <p>(ii) £4,500/£6,750 for part-time courses (subject to Parliamentary approval).</p>	<p>Tuition loans of up to:</p> <p>(i) £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance courses.</p> <p>(ii) £6,750 for part-time courses</p>
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Foundation Degree	Ordinary Degree	Yes or No	No	Up to: (i) £6,000/ £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses. (ii) £4,500/£6,750 for part-time courses (subject to Parliamentary approval).	Tuition loans of up to: (i) £9,000 for full-time and full-time distance courses. (ii) £6,750 for part-time courses.
Foundation Degree	Honours Degree	No	Yes	Up to: (i) £3,465 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses. (ii) Unregulated tuition charges for part-time courses.	Support package: (i) Tuition loans of up to £3,465 for full-time courses. (ii) Fee Grants of up to £1,230 for part-time and full-time distance learning courses.
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Ordinary Degree	Honours Degree	No	Yes	<p>Up to:</p> <p>(i) £3,465 for full-time and full-time distance learning courses.</p> <p>(ii) Unregulated tuition charges for part-time courses.</p>	<p>Support package:</p> <p>(i) Tuition loans of up to £3,465 for full-time courses.</p> <p>(ii) Fee Grants of up to £1,230 for part-time and full-time distance learning courses.</p>
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