

**STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE:**

**ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON STUDENT FINANCE – ACADEMIC  
YEAR 2013/14 ONWARDS.**

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INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
IN ENGLAND

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Dear Colleague

**Annual Announcements on Student Finance – Academic Year 2013/14  
onwards.**

This note provides general information on the student support package for 2013/14 and subsequent years.

Levels of student support have been announced for the 2012/13 academic year and are set out on the Directgov website at:

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/Typesoffinance/DG\\_194804](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance/Typesoffinance/DG_194804)

This page now contains a statement that these levels of support apply to a single academic year rather than the entire duration of a course.

Decisions on amounts, tapers and thresholds for tuition and living costs support have always been taken on an annual basis, as is the decision to whom new systems or packages of support will apply. This statement confirms this position. Loans and grant levels, thresholds and tapers for the 2013/14 academic year onwards have not yet been set. We currently anticipate announcing these for the 2013/14 academic year in Spring 2012.

New students who are starting their courses from September 2012 onwards will be subject to the new tuition rates and will be able to apply for the new grants and loans package (for tuition and living costs) for 2012/13. When these students start the second year of their course in 2013/14, their student finance package could be changed to align with that for students starting their courses in 2013/14. This would mean that the same annual changes to student finance would be applied to both new students starting their courses

in that year and students continuing their courses. However, no decision has yet been made on the student support package for 2013/14 or future years, for either new or continuing students.

Although exact amounts, tapers and thresholds for student support in 2013/14 have not yet been announced, students who will be treated as continuing students in 2012/13 (and who are therefore able to access the current student support system) would not be expected to move onto the new student support system in 2013/14 or subsequently. This is because the design of the new student support system is based on a very different overall system of higher education and student funding.

### **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)