

EU Students and Funding

for EU nationals with protected rights

This guide will give a brief overview of student funding arrangements for students from the European Union (EU), who have applied to the EU Settlement Scheme. At times we will also refer to the EEA which consists of all the EU countries listed below plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. In addition, Swiss Nationals have similar rights to EEA nationals.

If you are working in the UK or start work during your course you should refer to information guide:

Welfare Advice Guides: 'EEA Migrant Workers'

What countries are in the EU?

The EU consists of the following Countries:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus (all Cypriot nationals), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

I am an EU national with Pre-Settled status. What help can I receive?

Eligible students can get Tuition Fee Loan to pay the £9,250 fee you will be charged by the university.

Please note: EU students without Settled/pre-settled status would be classified as International and be charged accordingly.

The fee loan is paid direct to the University on your behalf and does not have to be repaid until you finish your course. For students starting in 2023, repayments start when you are earning over a certain level of income; this varies depending on which European country you live and work in after the course. In the UK the income level is £25,000 per annum.

To be eligible for the fee loan you have to fulfil the following criteria:

- You are an EU national, their spouse/civil partner, or a direct descendant e.g. child or grandchild if under 21, or you are a direct dependant's ascendant e.g. parent or grandparent, of an EU national or their spouse or civil partner (unless the EU National is a UK national).

- You will need to have been ordinarily resident for 3 years in the European Economic Area (EEA) Switzerland (SW) or overseas territories before the start of your course i.e. 1 Sept, 1 Jan, 1 April whichever is closest to the start of your course.
- Your main purpose for being in the EEA, SW and overseas territories has not, during any part of the 3 year period, been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full time education.

Note: If you have already completed a degree course in the UK or any other country you will not qualify for any financial help towards your fees.

In addition, if you have studied at HE level before, even if you did not gain a qualification, your entitlement will be affected. Please, seek advice.

How do I apply for a loan to cover my fees?

Students starting in September 2023 should apply on line through Student Finance England at www.gov.uk/student-finance-forms. Alternatively, you can download a paper copy of the application form EU22N at the above link which should be filled in and sent to:

EU Customer Services Team
PO Box 89
Darlington
UK
DL1 9AZ

Tel. (+ 44) (0)141 243 3570

Lines open Monday - Friday 9am to 5:30pm

Before applying for fee support first check whether you are eligible to apply for the whole student support package, which includes help with fees and living costs. See overleaf for further details.

I am a national of an EEA country. Can I get tuition fee support?

No. Unfortunately, individuals who are from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland are not entitled to support for tuition fees. However, if you work in the UK you may be entitled to support as an EEA Migrant Worker. For more information see Welfare Advice Guides: 'EEA Migrant Workers' and 'Student Funding'.

Can EU students get any help with living costs too?

If you have been granted settled status in the UK you may be entitled to the full Student Support package. This includes Tuition Fee Loans, Student Loans for living costs and Supplementary Grants. If you fit this residency criteria you should apply to Student Finance England for the whole funding package at: **www.gov.uk/student-finance**. For more information see Welfare Advice Guide: 'Full-time Student Funding'

If you have already applied to the EU team for fee support only, but think you may qualify as an EEA Migrant Worker seek advice. You will need to provide evidence of your residency.

You should refer to information guide:
Welfare Advice Guides: 'EEA Migrant Workers'

Note: Some children of Turkish workers in the UK may also qualify for the student support package.

I am a part time EU student. Can I get any help?

Yes. If you are an EU student who meets the eligibility criteria described at the beginning of the leaflet you will be able to apply for a tuition fee loan for your part-time course. In addition, you should fit all the following criteria:

- You are studying for a degree, HND, HNC or similar
- You are taking a minimum of 25% of the course per academic year
- Your course lasts at least one year
- You do not already hold a degree level qualification

Are there any Scholarships Available?

Please see: **www.mdx.ac.uk/study-with-us/fees-and-funding/scholarships-and-bursaries**

Any questions?

Contact the Middlesex University Student Welfare Advice Team on 020 8411 3008 between 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm Mon to Fri,

or submit an enquiry at **https://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/support/unihelp**

(use the subject Student Welfare Advice in the enquiry)

or make an appointment at **https://unihelponline.mdx.ac.uk/#/offlineBookAppointmentService/MzAw//MTY=/**

You can access all of our other Welfare Advice Guides at: **unihub.mdx.ac.uk/welfare-guides**

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