

**UK funding for
EU Nationals
and
Migrant Workers**

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EU Nationals

If you are an EU national who has come to the UK to study in 2020/21, you can apply for a **Tuition Fee Loan**. This is paid directly to the university to cover your tuition fees for the academic year.

EU nationals who are currently in higher education, and who are assessed as eligible to receive loans from the Student Loans Company, will continue to receive these loans **until they finish their course**.

How do I apply?

You apply to the Student Finance Services Non-UK Team for this loan:

- New EU students use the [EU20N](#) form.
- You will need to send your non-UK passport or identity card the first time you apply. We recommend you send them by **‘special delivery’**. Any original documents you send are usually returned to you within 4 weeks.
- If you do not want to send the originals, you will need to send certified copies. People who can certify documents and what they must write on the copy of the document is explained here: www.gov.uk/certifying-a-document
- Continuing students may automatically be sent the form [EUPR1A](#), so it is important to notify Student Finance England (SFE) if you change address using the [‘EU notification of change of circumstances form’ \(EUC01\)](#)
- You can contact the Non-UK Team by phone on (+44) (0)141 243 3570 or write to them (*see address under ‘Useful contact information’*).

Am I eligible to get any money to help with living costs?

Some EU nationals *may* be able to apply, as UK students can, for the Maintenance Loan for living costs as well as the tuition fee loan.

There are **two** main categories of eligibility:

1. European nationals living in the UK and Islands

To be eligible for Student Finance under this category, you must be:

- An EU national on 1st September of the year in which you **start** your course;
and
- Be ordinarily resident* in England on 1st September of the year in which you **start** your course;
and
- Have been ordinarily resident in the UK, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man for the **five** years immediately before 1st September of the year in which you **start** your course (you can ignore any short absences, such as holidays);
but
- If during any part of the five-year period your residence was for the main purpose of receiving full time education, you **may not** be eligible for the Maintenance Loan. We would encourage you speak to Student finance England.

* *To be 'ordinarily resident' means to be habitually, normally and lawfully living somewhere.*

2. EEA and Swiss Migrant Workers and Family

To be eligible for full student finance under this category, you must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- You must be an EEA or Swiss national and resident in the UK **as a worker**,
or
- Be a relevant family member (spouse/civil

partner/child/other relevant family member) of such a worker;

and

- You must be ordinarily resident in England on 1st September of the year in which you **start** your course, (unless you are an EEA or Swiss frontier* worker or their relevant family member);

and

- You must be ordinarily resident in the UK or elsewhere in the EEA and/or Switzerland for the **five** years immediately before the 1st September of the year in which you **start** your course (you can ignore any short absences, such as holidays).

* *A Frontier worker lives in one country but works in another.*

Please note the following important points:

- If you are the family member of an EEA worker, you do **not** need to be an EEA national yourself to qualify for Student Finance
- If you are the child of an EEA/Swiss worker, in *certain circumstances* the worker no longer needs to still be living and working in the UK
- You **may** become eligible for Student Finance during your course if you start working (you do **not** need to be working at the start of the academic year), although if you start work part way through an academic year, you might not get full Student Finance for the whole of that year. **You still need to have been in the UK on the 1st September of the year in which you start your course.**
- Your work cannot be ‘marginal or ancillary’ - this means you need to be working and earning ‘enough’ money to be able to cover your living costs *before* you get a maintenance loan. The work must not be related to your studies or the university. Working for a University whilst studying falls into the “marginal & ancillary” category and does not meet the criteria for MW status.

- Someone who is actively looking for work, and has previously worked in the UK, might also be considered a worker. For example, if you cease work voluntarily, you would normally lose your worker status and, as a result, your eligibility for Student Finance.

However, if you have to stop work temporarily due to illness or accident and can provide medical evidence, or if you are made redundant, you may be able to retain your worker status and continue to receive Student Finance as an EEA worker.

- If you give up your job to start a study placement year e.g. ERASMUS, you will also lose your status as a migrant worker and eligibility for the maintenance loan. You would need to find employment again after the placement, to reapply as a migrant worker.
- If you are self-employed, you can be eligible as a worker.
- If you are applying for Student Finance because you are the ‘child of an EEA or Swiss Worker’, you also need to show that you are either **under the age of 21**, or that you are dependent on your EEA worker family member or on their spouse or civil partner. ‘Dependent’ usually means financially dependent.
- You also need to be able to demonstrate that you have lived with a parent in the UK while you were either under 21 or otherwise dependent and you were studying at that time. This doesn’t mean that you need to live with the parent now, nor that the parent needs to still be living and working in the UK.

How to apply for student finance as an EEA migrant worker

If you are applying for Student Finance as a Migrant Worker (category 2), you will need to provide evidence of your worker status, your nationality, or documents for the worker in your family if you are applying as a family member of an EEA or Swiss worker.

You need to complete the application form which UK students complete:

- a [PN1](#) (for new applicants who have never applied as a migrant worker before regardless of the course year you are in)
or
- a [PR1](#) (for continuing students who have applied as a migrant worker before)

You can also find the forms here:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-forms>

The documents you need to provide for this purpose are:

1. Your passport or identity card to prove your nationality.

If you don't want to send the originals you need to send a certified copy of your passport, or both sides of your national identity card. If you are applying as the family member of an EEA or Swiss worker, you will also need to provide a certified copy of their passport or national identity card (or originals). Who can certify documents and what they must write on the copy of the document is explained here: www.gov.uk/certifying-a-document
and

2. Evidence that you, or your relevant family member, are working.

If you are employed, we advise you get a letter from your current employer, or the employer of your family member, to show that you or they are working.
The letter should confirm:

- ✓ the date the work started,

- ✓ the job title,
- ✓ whether the job is permanent,
- ✓ how many hours work is done each week *and*
- ✓ how much the salary is.

It is generally advisable to be working *at least* 12 hours per week for SFE to consider you as an EEA worker. However, if you are working less hours you *might* still be eligible. They will want to see you have enough money coming in to live on.

You should also provide:

- the last 3 months' recent payslips with your application.
- your *September payslip* as evidence that you are working during the academic year. However, it is advisable **not** to wait until September to start your Student Finance application. **Apply early**, then send your September payslip in as soon as it is available.

Your Student Finance application may be delayed and you might not receive your money until a few weeks into the academic year - for this reason it is advisable to ensure you have sufficient funds available to pay for your living costs until you get your Student Finance through.

- Self-employed students could provide copies of invoices that are sent to their clients, plus bank statements showing the corresponding payments coming in. They could also provide documentation from HM Revenue and Customs confirming that they have registered for self-assessment;
and
3. You must have been ordinarily resident in the UK on the 1st September *immediately before you started your course*.
 4. You do not normally need to provide evidence of your residence at the time of applying, but SFE might ask you to provide it later.
 5. A letter written by you, explaining how you meet the eligibility

requirements for Student Finance as an EEA Worker.

6. Make sure you complete **Section 3** of the application form; Which asks you about your residence status and details of your work.

After you have gathered your documents, written your letter and completed the application form, send your application by special delivery post to Student Finance (address at the back of this leaflet). www.royalmail.com/track-trace

Other categories of eligibility

There are other categories of people who are, in certain circumstances, eligible for the full package of Student Finance. The rules about which family members count, and where and when you need to have been resident, are complicated so you will need to contact SFE.

You *might* be eligible for Student Finance if:

1. You, or your parent or your spouse/civil partner have been recognised as a refugee by the UK Government and you have remained ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands since then;

or

2. You have applied for asylum in the UK and although the Home Office has not granted you refugee status, they have granted you Humanitarian Protection. You might also be eligible if you are the spouse/civil partner or child of such a person, but additional criteria apply;

or

3. You are the child of a Turkish national who is ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands and who is, or has been, lawfully employed in the UK;

or

4. You are the child of a Swiss national who is living in the UK, e.g. as a worker, student or self-sufficient person, **on the first day of the first academic year of your course.**

or

5. You are settled in the UK, but you have been living outside the UK in the EEA or Switzerland during the three year period immediately before 1st September of the year in which you **start** your course, **and** you were settled in the UK immediately **before** you moved to the EEA or Switzerland.

This is just a summary of the additional eligibility categories. The actual rules are more detailed and contain more requirements. Therefore, you must always check your eligibility with SFE first.

Can I get funding in 2021/22?

If you are a continuing student on the same course you started in 2020 (or before), then you remain eligible for funding for the length of the course.

If you are new or start a new course in 2021 then you cannot receive any funding from the UK government and may also be charged a higher rate of fees.

The fee status of EU and EEA students starting courses at UK universities from 2021/22 has now been determined by UK governments. See the UKCISA website for more information.

EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals will no longer be eligible for home fee status, undergraduate, postgraduate, and advanced learner financial support from Student Finance England for courses starting in academic year 2021/22.

It will not affect students starting courses in academic year 2020/21, or those EU and other EEA and Swiss nationals benefitting from Citizens' Rights under the EU Withdrawal Agreement, EEA EFTA

Separation Agreement, or Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement, respectively.

It will also not apply to Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland whose right to study and to access benefits and services will be preserved on a reciprocal basis for UK and Irish nationals under the Common Travel Area arrangement.

You can also read the [written ministerial statement](#).

Useful contact information

➤ Solent University – Student Funding Team:

- Visit: The Student Hub, RM050
- Tel: 023 8201 5200
- Email: student.funding@solent.ac.uk

➤ UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs):

The advice line is very busy so you may want to try to find the information on their website first:

www.ukcisa.org.uk/Contact-Us

- Outside the UK: +44 20 7788 9214
- Inside the UK: 020 7788 9214

Standard national/international call charges apply. They will only give advice by telephone. They do not offer personal advice by email.

➤ Student Finance England (SFE):

- **EU student queries:**
Student Finance Services Non-UK Team
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- **European Economic Area (EEA) Migrant Worker Applications**

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