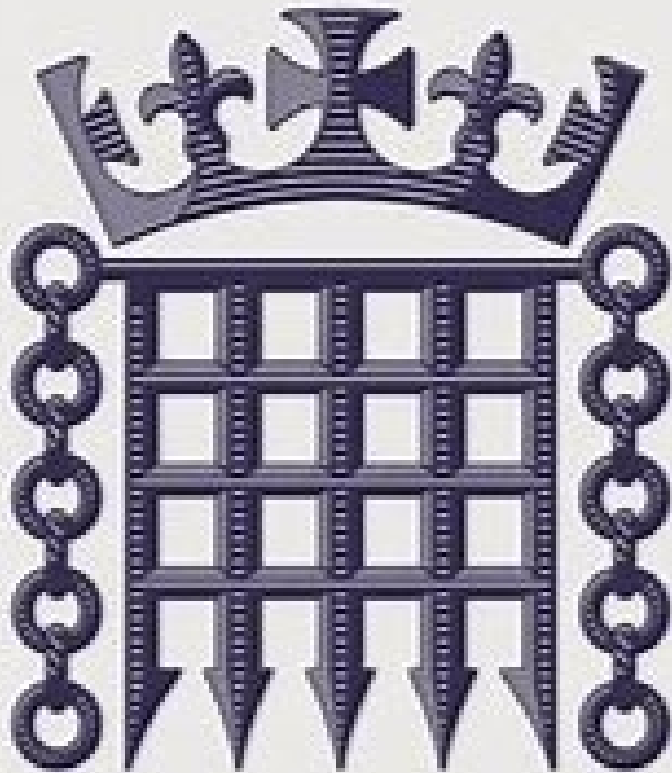


Funding Information Services *AY 2024/25*


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Session Focus



- Updated rate information for the 2024/25 academic year (AY)
 - Core Support
 - Additional Support
 - DSA Supplier Update
 - NHS Students
- Policy changes being implemented for AY 2024/25
 - Residency
 - Consent To Share
- An analysis of application numbers/trends from AY 2023/24
- SLC Campaigns for AY 2024/25
- Application Launch for AY 2024/25
- Resources



AY 2024/25 Figures

UPDATED FIGURES - AY 2024/25

Tuition Fee Loan

For SFE the maximum tuition fees for AY 2024/25 **will be maintained** at the levels that applied in AY 2023/24:

- The seventh year in succession the tuition fees policy has been frozen in England
- AY 2024/25 will see an increase in fee levels from £9,000 to £9,250 for SFW
- Maximum tuition fee for standard **full-time** courses offered by Approved (Fee Cap) Providers with an Access and Participation Plan (APP) and a TEF Award in England and publicly funded and regulated providers in Wales will be **£9,250**
- Maximum tuition fee for full-time **accelerated degree** courses offered by Approved (Fee Cap) Providers with APP and TEF in England will remain at **£11,100**. However, for SFW students, a fee loan will only be made available up to £9,250 and any shortfall must be met by the student
- Maximum tuition fee for **part-time** courses offered by Approved (Fee Cap) Providers with APP and TEF will remain at **£6,935** in England and **£2,625** in Wales

UPDATED FIGURES - SFE AY 2024/25

SFE Maintenance Loan

Loan Rate	2016 Cohort Full-Time Students	Entitled to Benefits	Aged Over 60 First Day of First AY
Parental Home	£8,610	£10,158	£4,327
Elsewhere	£10,227	£11,658	
London	£13,348	£14,557	
Overseas	£11,713	£13,038	

UPDATED FIGURES - SFW AY 2024/25

SFW Maintenance Loan and Grant

Income	Living with parents			Living away from home, outside of London			Living away from home, studying in London		
	Grant	Loan	Total	Grant	Loan	Total	Grant	Loan	Total
£18,370 <small>or less</small>	£6,885	£3,430	£10,315	£8,100	£4,050	£12,150	£10,124	£5,046	£15,170
£20,000	£6,651	£3,664		£7,817	£4,333		£9,760	£5,410	
£25,000	£5,930	£4,385		£6,947	£5,203		£8,643	£6,527	
£30,000	£5,209	£5,106		£6,078	£6,072		£7,526	£7,664	
£35,000	£4,488	£5,827		£5,208	£6,942		£6,408	£8,762	
£40,000	£3,767	£6,548		£4,339	£7,811		£5,291	£9,879	
£45,000	£3,047	£7,268		£3,469	£8,681		£4,174	£10,996	
£50,000	£2,326	£7,989		£2,600	£9,550		£3,056	£12,144	
£55,000	£1,605	£8,710		£1,730	£10,420		£1,939	£13,231	
£59,200 <small>or more</small>	£1,000	£9,315		£1,000	£11,150		£1,000	£14,170	

UPDATED FIGURES - SUPPLEMENTARY AY 2024/25

MAXIMUM AVAILABLE	SFE	SFW
Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)	£26,948	£33,460
Adult Dependants Grant (ADG)	£3,438	£3,353
	An Adult Dependant's Grant may be payable to a student who has a dependent partner or other adult dependant. Where the student does not have a partner, a student may be eligible for this grant in respect of one adult dependant whose net income does not exceed £3,796 (England) £3,923 (Wales)	
Parents' Learning Allowance (PLA)	£50 – £1,963	£52 - £1,914
Childcare Grant (CCG)	£193.62 per week for one child £331.95 per week for two or more children	£189 per week for one child £324 per week for two or more children

FUNDING FOR NHS COURSES - AY 2024/25

From 2024/25 all SFW students on healthcare courses (including medicine and dentistry) will be able to apply for a full rate of maintenance **loan** during their bursary years.

Students who are on a full-year sandwich course paid placement, where the periods of full-time study are less than 10 weeks in aggregate, will continue to be eligible for the non-means tested RRML in AY 24/25.

Cross Border Funding:

Student Domicile	Study Location				
	England	Wales		NI	Scotland
	Is a Healthcare Bursary Available?				
	No	With 2yr	Without 2yr	No	No
Wales (SFW)	Full SFW Support + Additional NHS LSF Support	Maximum Maintenance Loan (non means tested) + NHS Bursary	Full SFW Support No additional NHS support	N/A Courses not designated for non-NI students	Full SFW Support No additional NHS support
England (SFE)	Full SFE Support + Additional NHS LSF Support	Reduced Rate Maintenance Loan + NHS Bursary	Full SFE Support (previous study rules will apply) No additional NHS Support	N/A Courses not designated for non-NI students	Full SFE Support No additional NHS Support

DSA SUPPLIERS - AY 2024/25

New Suppliers:

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What they will supply:

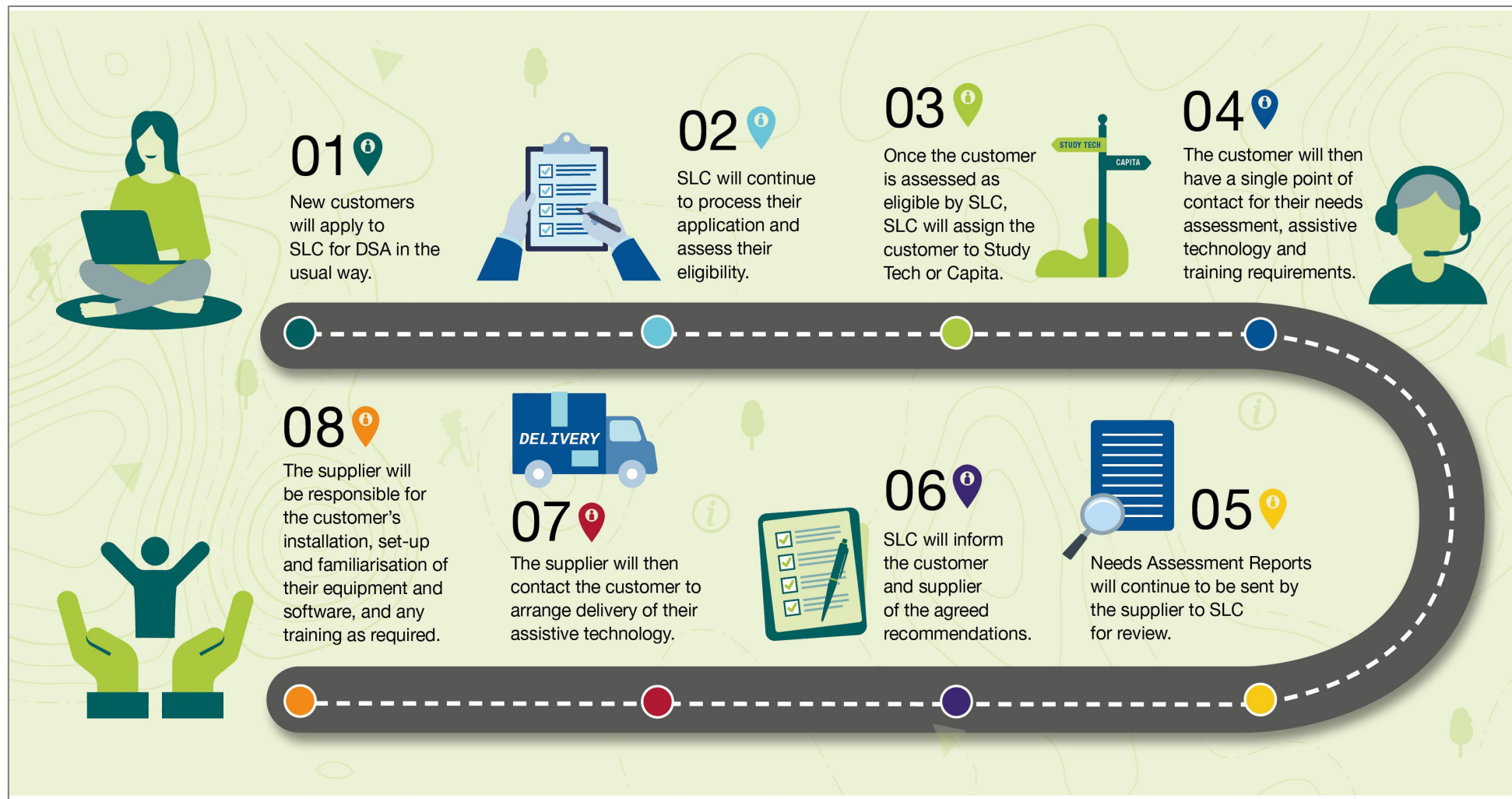
Needs assessments, assistive technology and assistive technology training for students in receipt of DSA. Students will have one supplier who has ownership of their end-to-end support for the services above.

Key Points:

- Apply as normal
- Support arrangements will remain the same for continuing students
- New service applies to new students (SFE & SFW)
- SLC will assign the student to a supplier
- Single point of contact for student
- Continue to receive DSA1 letter confirming eligibility – no longer have to search for supplier using gov.uk
- Supplier will send NAR to SLC
- Continue to receive DSA2 letter detailing agreed recommendations of support package
- Supplier will organise delivery of assistive tech direct with student

The supplier will be responsible for the customer's installation, set-up and familiarisation of the equipment and software, and any training as required.

DSA APPLICATION PROCESS - AY 2024/25



STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT SFW

THE INCOME CONTINGENT PLAN 2 BASICS AY 24/25

On the 5th December 2022 the Welsh Government confirmed that the repayment threshold for SFW students will remain at £27,295 until April 2025 www.gov.wales/written-statement-student-loan-repayment-threshold-borrowers-who-began-undergraduate-course-or

- Students won't make repayments until their future income is over **£27,295** a year.
- If they study full-time, students will be due to start repaying in the April after completing or leaving/withdrawing from their course*
- They'll repay 9% of any income earned over £27,295 and if employed, deductions will be made from their pay through the HMRC tax system
- If their income falls below the threshold, their repayments will stop



*Any outstanding loan balance will be written off **30 years** after entering repayment

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

THE INCOME CONTINGENT PLAN 5 BASICS AY 24/25

In academic year 2023/24, the Government confirmed that the loan repayment policies for new undergraduate students in **England** was changing.

- Students won't have to make repayments until their income is **over a set threshold**, which has been set at **£25,000 a year** until **April 2027**
- From April 2027 the threshold is set to **rise annually** with inflation (RPI)
- Students who study a full-time course will be due to **start repaying** from the April after completing their course or leaving/withdrawing from higher education
- Students will repay 9% of any income earned over £27,295 and if employed, deductions will be made from their pay through the HMRC tax system
- If their **income drops below the threshold**, their repayments will stop and any outstanding balance will be written-off **40 years** after entering repayment

Information: educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/24/get-the-facts-about-student-loan-reform



Policy Changes *AY 2024/25*

POLICY CHANGES - AY 2024/25

SETTLED AS AN EVENT

From AY 24/25, students who are granted settled status for any reason during the course, not just under the EUSS, can become eligible for funding as an event (subject to satisfying other eligibility requirements)

Students who acquire a settled status after the first day of the first academic year of their course (or course start date where applicable) will qualify for support:

- as applicable to the category they are eligible under, and
- provided they apply within the relevant regulatory deadlines for applying for support when eligible as an event

Examples of settled status:

- British citizen
- Irish citizen
- Right of Abode
- Exempt from immigration control under the Immigration Act 1971
- Indefinite leave to enter (ILE)
- Indefinite leave to remain (ILR)

POLICY CHANGES CONTINUED - AY 2024/25

From AY 24/25 entitlement to student support and home fee status, will also be extended to include:

Children granted ILE / ILR where their parent has been granted ILE / ILR as a victim of Domestic Violence (DV) or granted ILR as a bereaved partner

- These students will be treated for student support in the same way as their parent, i.e. they will not be subject to the 3-year ordinary residence requirement but will instead need only be ordinarily resident in England on the course start date
- The events provisions will also be extended to include students in these categories

British citizens born in the Chagos Islands (and their direct descendants who are British citizens) will qualify for **Fee loan** support in line with policies for residents in the British Overseas Territories (BOTs):

- These students will not be subject to the 3-year ordinary residence requirement
- They will instead be treated as if they have been ordinarily resident in the BOTs during any of the 3-year period where they have not been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands

www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/policy/

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POLICY CHANGES - AY 2024/25

UKRAINE

In 2024, the Home Office introduced a new Ukraine Scheme called the “Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme”. This scheme will be available to those who have previously been granted leave under one of the current Ukraine Schemes:

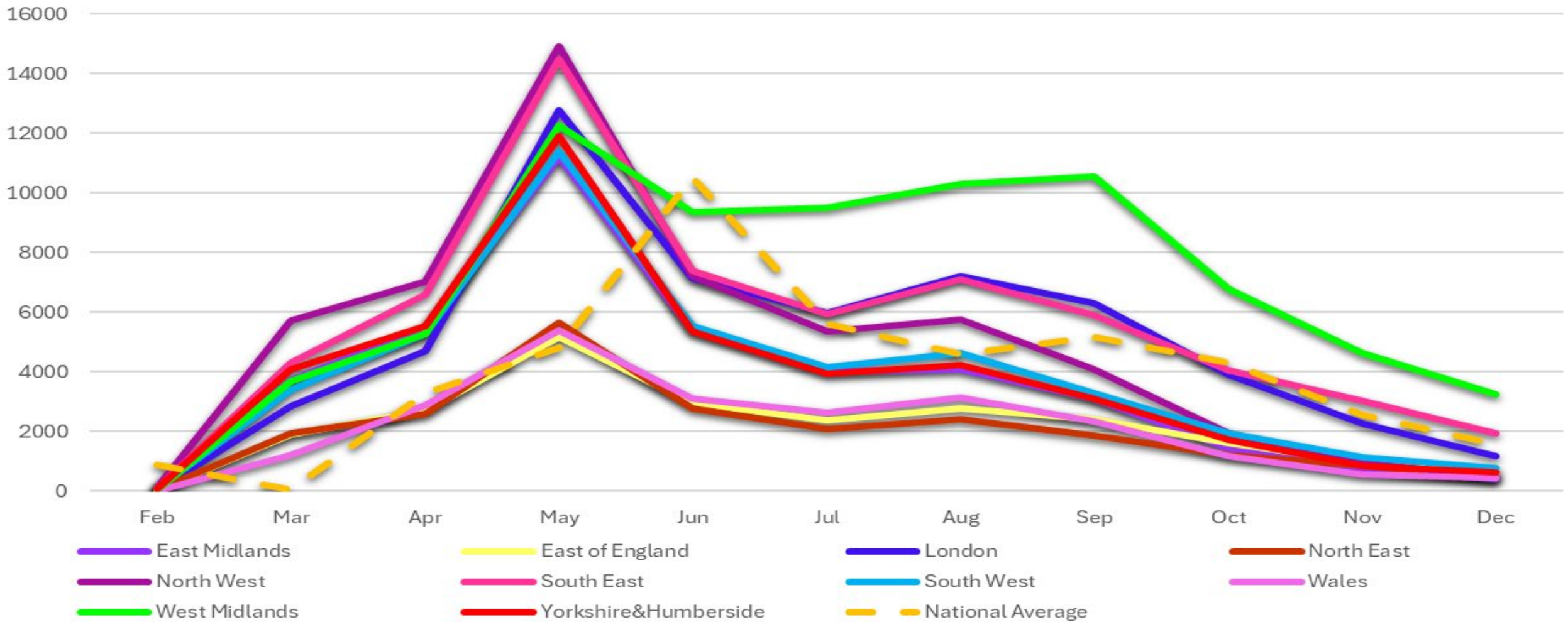
- The **Ukraine Family Scheme**
- The **Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme**
- The **Ukraine Extension Scheme**

Leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme will be limited leave that is granted for a period of 18 months at a time, with the first grant of leave under this scheme made in March 2025.

More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-to-stay-in-the-uk-under-the-ukraine-extension-scheme>

Data – A glance at AY 23/24 Applications

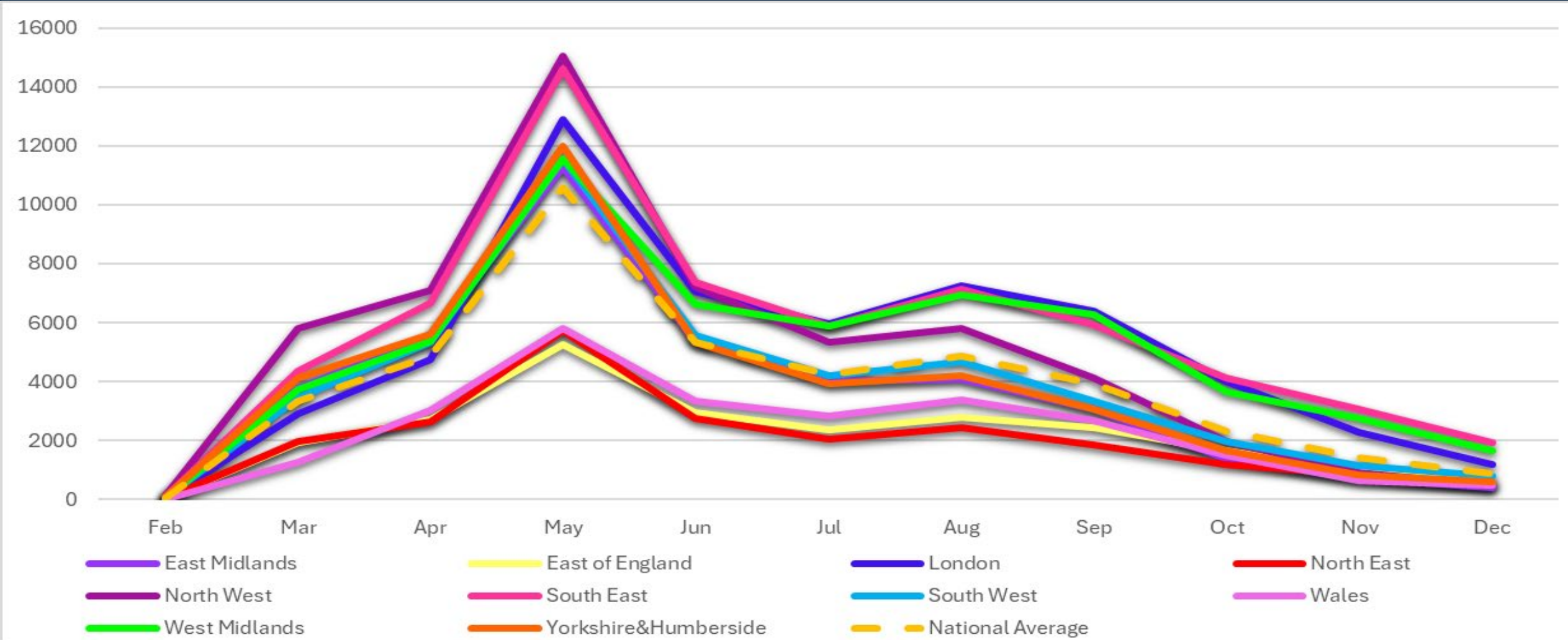
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NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS

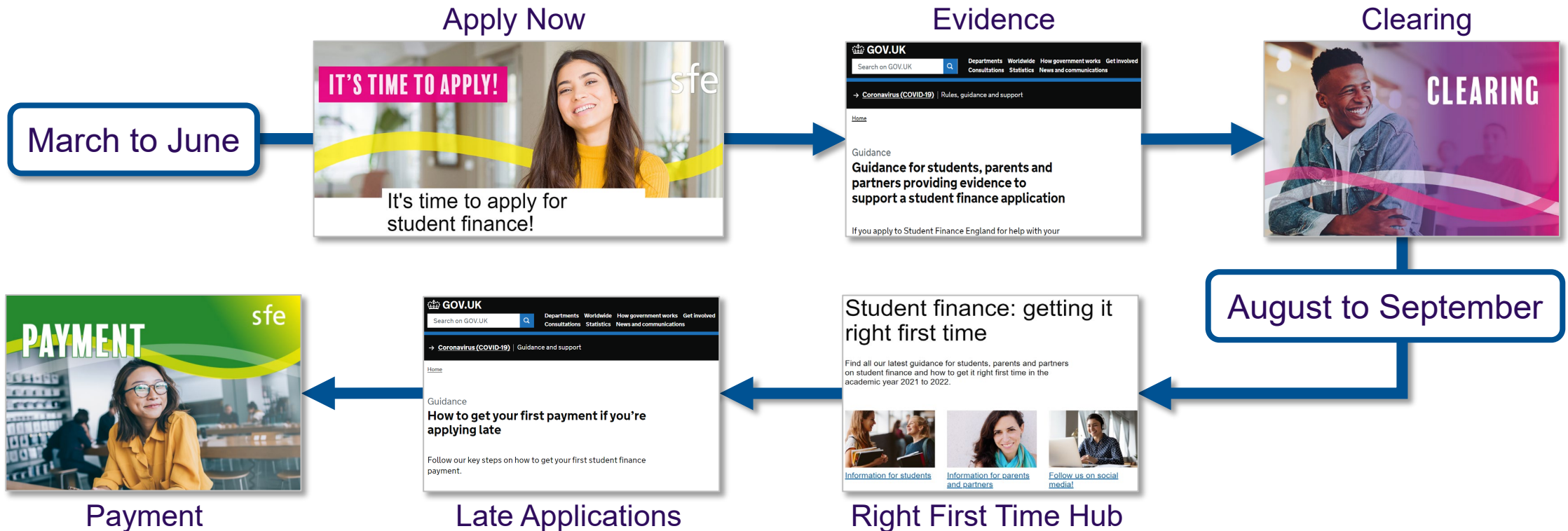
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SLC Campaigns & Student Comms

RIGHT MESSAGES AT THE RIGHT TIME

Using the evolution of our AY 2024/25 SFE Application Campaign as an example, it can be seen how students and sponsors can be signposted to ensure they can receive the right messages at the right time:



SFE Mailing List:

FT UG: [2024 to 2025: Get Uni Ready - Sign Up Now](https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk)
(studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk)

SLC CAMPAIGNS AY 2024/25

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
SFE FT UG: Get ready to apply!							SFE FT UG: Clearing & Payment		SFE FT UG: COC's
		SFE FT UG: Apply now!						SFE FT UG: Payment	
SFW FT UG: Get ready to apply!							SFW FT UG: Clearing & Payment		SFW FT UG: COC's
		SFW FT UG: Apply now!							
		SFE PT UG: Get ready to apply		SFE PT UG: Apply now!					
		SFE PT UG: Enrolment & Eligibility							
		SFW PT UG: Get ready to apply!		SFW PT UG: Apply now!					
		SFE PG: Get ready to apply!		SFE PG: Apply now!					
		SFE PG: Enrolment & Eligibility							
SFW PG: Get ready to apply!		SFW PG: Apply now!							





AY 2024/25 Launch & Applications

GET READY FOR LAUNCH – AY 2024/25

STUDENT FINANCE APPLICATIONS

Before starting an application, **students** should have the following to hand:

- Passport, Birth Certificate or other identity and residency evidence documents which can include **valid EUSS Share Codes for EU, EEA and Swiss nationals**
- University and course details
- UK bank account details and National Insurance number

The easiest way for **parents or other sponsors** to support an application is also online through GOV.UK, providing their information including:

- National Insurance numbers and income information (based on prior tax year)
- Details of other child dependants

The screenshot displays the 'STUDENT FINANCE ONLINE APPLICATION GUIDE' page. It includes the URL <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance> and instructions for logging in or creating an account. The 'Login' section has fields for 'Email address or Customer Reference Number (CRN)' and 'Password', with a 'Show password' checkbox. The 'Create an account' section lists criteria: 'you're a student, and you want to apply for student finance' and 'you're a parent or partner of a student and need to provide information to support their application'. Below this, two questions are shown: 'Have you ever applied for student finance before?' and 'Have you ever provided financial details to Student Finance to support a student's application?'. A final note states that users who have never provided details will be taken to the 'Personal Details' section, where they will provide their Name, Date of Birth, Gender, Town of Birth, and National Insurance (NI) number.



If their household income **decreases by at least 15%**, students can be reassessed: www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance/change-an-application



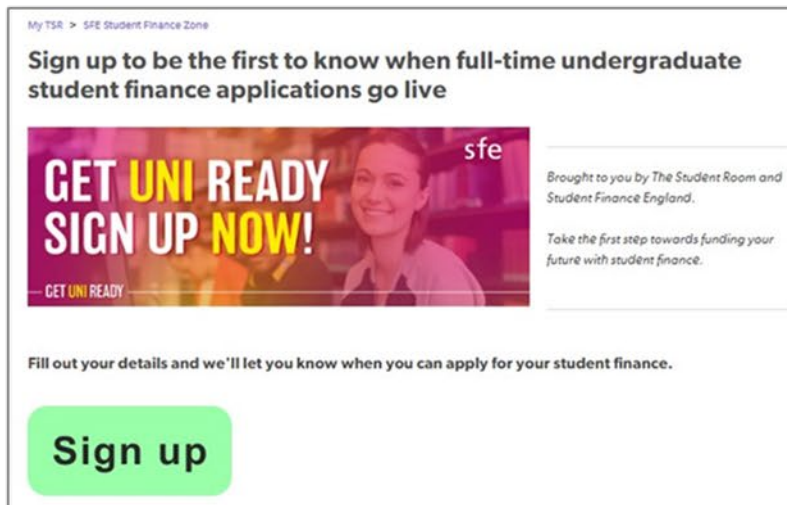
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STUDENT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

SFE social media channels and the range of films available on our YouTube channel provide fast, user friendly sources of student finance information:

- twitter.com/SF_England
- facebook.com/SFEngland
- instagram.com/studentfinance_england
- youtube.com/SFEFilm

Students can sign up for the AY 2024/25 SFE full-time undergraduate application service alert mailing list:



My TSR > SFE Student Finance Zone

Sign up to be the first to know when full-time undergraduate student finance applications go live

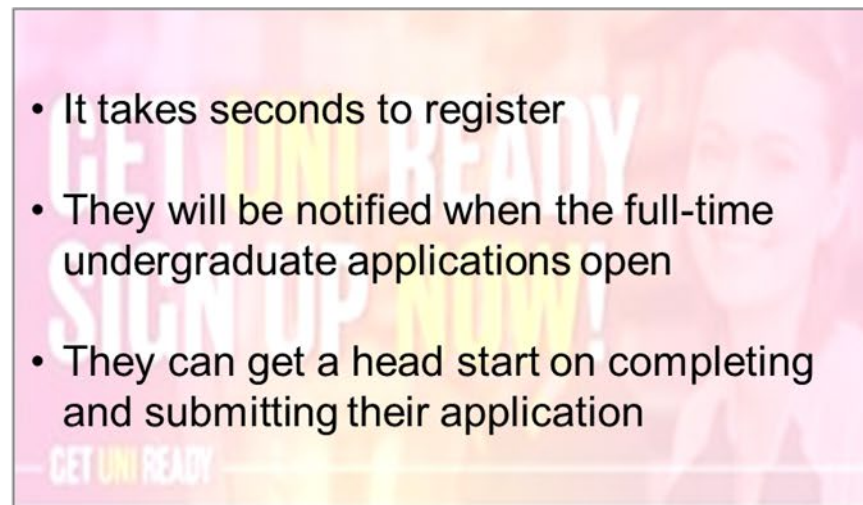
GET UNI READY SIGN UP NOW! sfe

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Take the first step towards funding your future with student finance.

Fill out your details and we'll let you know when you can apply for your student finance.

Sign up



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How much will I get? 2023 to 2024

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CAN I GET STUDENT FINANCE? 2023 TO 2024

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Can I get student finance in 2023 to 2024?

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This is Rachel – Supporting students with a disability

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UNDERSTANDING STUDENT LOANS INTEREST

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Understanding student loan interest – If your course starts from August...

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STUDENT FINANCE EXPLAINED

APPLYING FOR STUDENT FINANCE AFTER THE DEADLINE

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How to check your next steps

How to update your personal details

Resources

We also have a suite of videos available on our SFE and SFW YouTube channel which you can signpost to. You are also able to embed these to your websites:

[Student Finance England – YouTube](#)

[Cyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru | Student Finance Wales](#)

STUDENT FINANCE INFORMATION FOR MATURE STUDENTS

Funding overview

If a student is over 25, how much student finance they get will depend on their own circumstances rather than their parents' household income.

If they're married, in a civil partnership or living with a partner, we'll ask for details of their partner's income as part of the application process.

For more information go to www.gov.uk/apply-for-student-finance/household-income

Their parents' income also won't be counted if they're an 'independent' student.

Students could be considered independent if they have care of a child, have supported themselves financially for three years before their course starts, they're a care leaver (www.prapel.org.uk) or they're estranged from their parents (www.standalone.org.uk)

Undergraduate students

There's a wide range of financial support available for eligible students studying their first higher education qualification.

Full-time undergraduate students can apply for Tuition Fee Loans, Maintenance Loans for living costs, Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) and Dependents' Grants (DGs), which help with associated costs of having children or adult dependants. www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help

Some types of student finance like Tuition Fee Loans and DSAs don't depend on their household income, while others like Maintenance Loans and DGs do.

Part-time undergraduate students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan and DSAs. If they're aged under 60 and taking a degree level course (or certain level 5 healthcare courses), they can also apply for a Maintenance Loan. How much they'll get depends on their course intensity.

NHS students

The NHS Bursary Service provides additional financial support to students studying eligible healthcare courses.

This includes the Learning Support Fund, Social Work Bursaries and from September 2020, a Maintenance Grant for eligible nursing, midwifery and allied health students.

Go to www.nhs.uk/student-services to find out more.

Postgraduate students

Eligible students aged under 60 can apply for a Postgraduate Master's Loan or Postgraduate Doctoral Loan. How much they get doesn't depend on their income.

SFE Postgraduate Loans are not specifically split up into different amounts for fees and living costs, but instead they're paid directly to students as a contribution towards their overall course costs.

sfe RESEARCH TO REPAY FOR CARE LEAVERS

What is the definition of a care leaver for Student Finance England?

The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 defines a care leaver as a young person who has been in the care of a local authority for at least 13 weeks including at the time of their 16th birthday. The student can also be awarded independent status at any point from the age of 16 up until the start of their course.

Care Leavers will be classed as an independent student when being assessed for student finance, however we will require evidence to support the student status. Evidence can be in the form of:

- A Letter from the Local Authority or a Social Worker confirming the circumstances ('former looked after child' or 'care leaver')

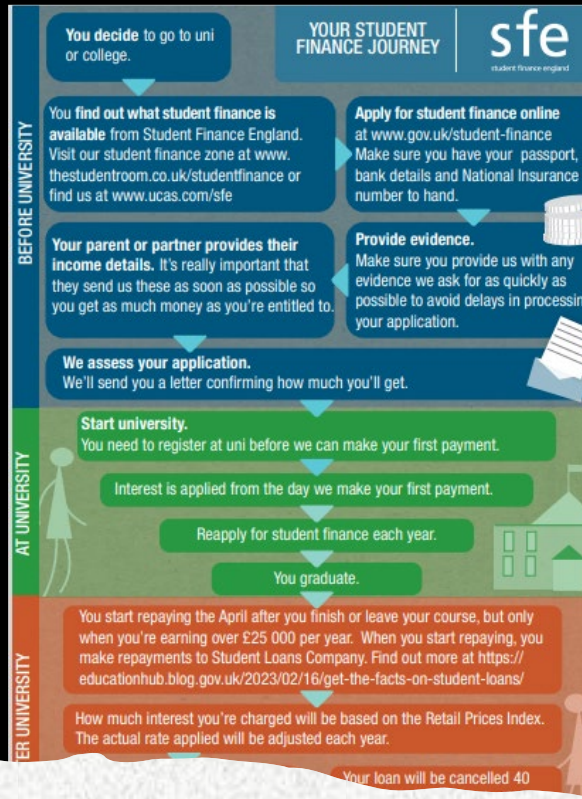
- Additional information: A Residency order and Care order can support your finance application but will not be acceptable evidence if sent as the only evidence.

Please note that students who are awarded Care Leaver status but then subsequently go back to live and reconnect with their parents will revert to being financially dependent on parents. These students will need to complete a Student Finance England PFF2 Form. These can be downloaded [here](#)

Universities and Colleges also provide Care Leaver Support and you can find these advisers usually within the Student Services / Wellbeing or Student Union.

- [The Beacon Trust](#)
- [Brightside](#)
- [NNECL](#)
- [The Care Leaver Associations](#)
- [Student Finance All Domiciles](#)

Your Social Worker/Adviser will inform you about the support from your Council and possible Benefits support you may be entitled to.



Student Finance England assess how much money you are entitled to by looking to the household income of your biological or adoptive parents or your only living parent. The household income determines what financial support you will receive on a yearly basis while you're studying.

If you live with another relative who supports you financially, like a grandparent, you would still be expected to ask your biological or adoptive parents to provide their financial information for income assessment unless the Grandparent you are living with is legally responsible for you.

It may not be possible or safe to ask your parents for their income details if you consider yourself estranged from your parents. Student Finance England considers Estrangement an exception to the normal practice of assessing students and these students will be awarded full financial support without assessing the income of their parents.

If you're an estranged student at a UK University, or you're planning to go to University and you're struggling to evidence your family estrangement with Student Finance England, you should seek support from the following:

- Speak to teacher/personal/ careers adviser at school
- Get in touch with a Student Adviser and/or Care Leaver Lead at your first choice university. Details of many of these can be found on the [Stand Alone site](#).
- You can also write to The Student Loans Company's specialist team for estranged students: estranged@slc.co.uk. They can help if you can't find the right evidence or haven't told anybody about your estrangement.
- If you find the process stressful call the Samaritans free on 116 123 or e-mail jo@samaritans.org. There are there to listen 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Student Finance England has a form for students who are estranged which gives these students the option to ask the student services/wellbeing advisor at their college or university to confirm their estrangement, if these students are unable to find an independent person who already knows the details of their estrangement. Estrangement can take place at any time prior and during higher education

Students can access the new forms through their online account once they have applied for student finance.

Produced by the Funding Information Partners Account Manager Team
For more information and service offer see: www.grantfinders.slco.co.uk

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Resources

We have recently updated our resources for AY 24/25, some examples of the leaflets we have available.

QUESTIONS?



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