Previous Study

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact the Funding and Financial Support team:
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This factsheet is intended for English Home Undergraduate students who have already completed some study at degree level before starting a new undergraduate degree, but who haven’t completed a qualification. If you already have a degree, please refer to the ‘ELQ’ factsheet.

Courses funded via Student Finance England (SFE)

Every eligible student is entitled to funding for the length of their course plus 1 year to use for any repeat study. This extra year is sometimes referred to as the ‘Gift Year’.

Any previous study, even if it was self-funded, is removed from this entitlement. Any part-year attendance is counted as a full year within the calculation. For example, if you completed year 1 of a course but then interrupted or suspended your studies a few weeks into your second year, you would be deemed to have had 2 years of previous study.

A calculation is used to determine funding eligibility, as follows:

\[(\text{Duration of Course}) + 1 - (\text{Previous Study}) = \text{Entitlement}\]

So, if you have completed 2 years of a degree before starting a new 3 year undergraduate degree your entitlement to funding would be calculated as follows:

\[3 + 1 - 2 = 2 \text{ years remaining entitlement}\]

SFE will allocate the funding to the final years of the course (in this case years 2 and 3). In the other year/s (year 1 in this example) you would not be eligible for a tuition fee loan or maintenance grant (if relevant). You would still be eligible to apply for a Maintenance Loan, including the means-tested element, DSA support and supplementary grants such as Parents Learning Allowance, Adult Dependants Grant and Childcare Grant (if otherwise eligible).

If you have a means-tested assessment carried out you may also be eligible to receive the University Core Bursary.

If you have to repeat study due to ‘Compelling Personal Reasons’ or ‘CPR’ (e.g. ill health, disability) you may be able to apply to SFE to be funded for more than your standard entitlement by requesting additional years’ funding due to CPR. For more information, please refer to our CPR factsheet.
Courses Previously Funded by the NHS

BSc Midwifery; BSc Nursing; Master of Nursing Science; Master of Nutrition (Dietetics); BSc Physiotherapy

If you have already studied for an undergraduate degree that was funded via SFE, but you now wish to study for one of the above, you will still be eligible to apply for a tuition fee loan and maintenance loan, plus any supplementary grants you are entitled to eg childcare grant

Students who previously received NHS funding but withdrew from the course
You will not be eligible to receive funding from the NHS when you commence your new course but you may be eligible to apply for funding through SFE.

Students resuming on their original NHS course (following interruption)
Funding can continue subject to the maximum funding available for the course, including any extension or repeat funding. If you require additional funding above the standard timeframe you must receive approval from the university and the LETB before further funding will be considered. Once approval is obtained a new application may need to be completed on BOSS.

Reduced Rate Student Loan
Students who are eligible for a means-tested NHS bursary will continue to be eligible for a Reduced Rate Student Loan from Student Finance irrespective of any previous study, whether funded via SFE or the NHS, unless they have defaulted on any repayments previously due to SFE.

More information on the changes to previously NHS funded courses can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-bursary-reform/nhs-bursary-reform
Useful Contacts

National contacts

Student Finance England
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Student Finance Wales
t: +44 (0)300 200 4050
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Student Finance NI
t: +44 (0)300 100 0077
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Student Awards Agency for Scotland
t: +44 (0)300 555 0505
w: www.saas.gov.uk

NHS Business Services Authority
t: +44 (0)300 33 1345
w: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk

National Union of Students (NUS)
Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.
w: www.nus.org.uk

University contacts

Admissions Office
t: +44 (0)115 951 4749
w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/admissions

Funding & Financial Support, Student Services Centre
Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.
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Academic Support and Disability Support, Student Services Centre
Study support, support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties and disabilities.
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A confidential service available to all University of Nottingham students, giving advice and information on a range of matters, such as housing, money and academic issues.
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All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from Gov.uk, the University of Nottingham, the NHSBSA and the Department for Education.

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide however it can only give general guidance. We would always advise you to contact the relevant funding bodies referenced in relation to your specific circumstances.

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