Previous Study

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact Financial Support:
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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:

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\text{(Duration of Course) + 1 – (Previous Study) = Entitlement}
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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:

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3 + 1 – 2 = 2 \text{ years remaining entitlement}
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SFE will allocate the funding to the final years of the course (in this case years 2 and 3). In year 1 you would not be eligible for a tuition fee loan or maintenance grant. You would still be eligible to apply for a Maintenance Loan, including the means-tested element if eligible, DSA support and supplementary grants such as Parents Learning Allowance, Adult Dependants Grant and Child Care Grant (as applicable).

If you have a means-tested assessment you may also be eligible to apply for 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.
NHS funded students

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 you may be eligible to apply for funding for the above courses from the NHS. If you have already received funding from the NHS you may not be granted further funding; it will depend on your particular circumstances.

Students who previously received NHS funding but withdrew from the course
You may be allowed funding if you start on a new NHS course or restart your original course from the beginning, however you must first receive approval from the university and the Local Education Training Board (LETB) before funding will be considered. Once approval is received, you will need to complete a new application on the NHS online bursary application system (BOSS). Previous funding received for the course you withdrew from will not be taken into account, but any overpayments from previous funding will still stand.

Students resuming onto their original NHS course
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.

Students who previously received full funding for an NHS course and qualified
Usually, funding can only be provided again for students who will be studying in a completely different subject, for example if you were funded and qualified as a midwife but subsequently wanted to train as a nurse. In this situation you must seek approval from your university and LETB.

Reduced Rate Student Loan
Students who are eligible for a means-tested NHS bursary (e.g. BSc Nursing, BMid Midwifery, BSc Physiotherapy) 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.
Useful Contacts

National contacts

**Student Finance England**
- t: +44 (0)845 300 5090
- w: [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

**Student Finance Wales**
- t: +44 (0)845 602 8845
- w: [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)

**Student Finance NI**
- t: +44 (0)845 600 0662
- w: [www.studentfinanceni.co.uk](http://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk)

**Student Awards Agency for Scotland**
- t: +44 (0)845 111 1711
- w: [www.student-support-saas.gov.uk](http://www.student-support-saas.gov.uk)

**NHS Business Services Authority**
- t: +44 (0)300 33 1345
- w: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk)

**National Union of Students (NUS)**
- Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.
- w: [www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk)

University contacts

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

**Financial Support, Student Services Centre**
Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.
- t: +44 (0)115 823 2071
- e: financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk
- w: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport)

**Academic Support and Disability Support, Student Services Centre**
Study support, support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties and disabilities.
- t: +44 (0)115 823 2070 or +44 (0)115 951 3710
- e: dyslexia-support@nottingham.ac.uk or disability-support@nottingham.ac.uk
- w: [www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices)

**The University of Nottingham Students’ Union Student Advice Centre**
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.
- t: +44 (0)115 846 8730
- e: SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk
- w: [www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/helpadvice](http://www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/helpadvice)

All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from DirectGov, The University of Nottingham, the NHSBSA and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

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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