

University of Nottingham – Student Quarantine Policy

Introduction

The UK Government has put in place [rules](#) and [guidance](#) for those travelling into England from abroad, with countries and territories listed as either red, amber or green.

The rules for testing and quarantine upon arrival into England are different for each list. The rules that must be followed depend on which countries or territories an individual has been in or travelled through in the 10 days before they arrive in England, as well as the one they are travelling from.

This policy sets out the support the University is able to provide to eligible students travelling to England from red, amber and green list countries and territories. It should be **read carefully and in conjunction with the relevant terms and conditions**. If there is any conflict between this policy and the relevant terms and conditions, the latter will take precedence.

Scope of policy

Students

This policy applies to all full time undergraduate and postgraduate students:

- whether international or home; and
- whether new to the university or returning for subsequent years of study,

who are domiciled overseas and meet all the eligibility criteria set out in the relevant terms and conditions.

Countries and Territories

The UK Government lists as to which countries and territories are red, amber or green are not static. This means that a country can, for example, be on the red list one day and on the amber list the next, with the rules applicable to travel from such country changing overnight.

For the purposes of this policy, the [lists as of 9th August 2021](#) will be applicable. This means that if, for example, the country a student is travelling from is not on the red list as of 9th August 2021, but joins it after this date, that student will not be eligible for support pursuant to this policy. Similarly, if a country is on the red list as of 9th August 2021, but not as of the date of a student's travel, that student will not be eligible for support pursuant to this policy.

The latest UK Government rules and guidance should always be checked directly before travel.

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Policy Terms

Students Travelling from Red List Countries

New taught students

The university will cover, up to a maximum of £1,750 (Maximum Sum), the cost of quarantining in a hotel (officially known as a Managed Quarantine Facility or MQF) for those new full time taught students (i.e., this is their first year of study at the university) who meet all relevant eligibility criteria, including that they:

- are due to begin an undergraduate or postgraduate taught course, or a foundation course in full time study, with teaching delivered by the University of Nottingham; and
- are domiciled in - and travel to England directly from - a red list country.

Any additional costs of quarantining in an MQF beyond the Maximum Sum will be the sole responsibility of, and will need to be paid by, the student (Additional Costs). However, students who believe that they are subject to financial hardship will be able to apply to the university for further financial support in respect of the Additional Costs, up to a maximum of £535. In order to be successful in an application for support in relation to the Additional Costs, students will be required to demonstrate that they meet the eligibility criteria for such support, including being able to evidence their financial hardship.

Depending on the financial status of the student, the university will reimburse:

- quarantine costs up to the Maximum Sum; and
- any Additional Costs in the event of a successful hardship fund application by a student,

via either a tuition fee discount or bursary payment at the end of the academic year.

Successful applications for the reimbursement of quarantine costs and Additional Costs do not preclude students from applying for other university support funds.

Returning taught students

The university will cover, up to a maximum of £1,750 (Maximum Sum), the cost of quarantining in a hotel (officially known as a Managed Quarantine Facility or MQF) for returning full time taught students who meet all relevant eligibility criteria, including that they:

- are returning to continue an undergraduate or postgraduate taught course with teaching delivered by the University of Nottingham; and
- are domiciled in - and travel to England directly from - a red list country.

Any additional costs of quarantining in an MQF beyond the Maximum Sum will be the sole responsibility of, and need to be paid by, the student (Additional Costs). However, students who believe that they are subject to financial hardship will be able to apply to the university for further financial support in respect of the Additional Costs, up to a maximum of £535. In order to be successful in an application for support in relation to the Additional Costs, students will be required to demonstrate that they meet the eligibility criteria for such support, including being able to evidence their financial hardship.

Depending on the financial status of the student, the university will reimburse:

- quarantine costs up to the Maximum Sum; and
- any Additional Costs in the event that a student is able to prove financial hardship,

via either a tuition fee discount or bursary payment at the end of the academic year.

Successful applications for reimbursement of quarantine costs and Additional Costs do not preclude students from applying for other university support funds.

This policy does not apply to:

- those returning full time taught students who will be completing their studies by 31st October 2021. This means that even if those students travel directly from a red list country in which they are domiciled and that country is on the red list as of 9th August 2021, they will not be eligible for reimbursement of any of their quarantine costs; and
- those returning full time taught students who will be completing their studies by 31st January 2022. If, however, a student's Personal Tutor or Thesis Supervisor agrees that studying on campus for a student is essential for academic reasons, then, in those circumstances, but in those circumstances alone, returning taught students completing their studies by 31 January 2022 will be eligible for reimbursement of their quarantine costs and to apply for further financial support as set out above. In any other circumstances, returning taught students who will be completing their studies by 31st January 2022 will not be eligible for reimbursement of any of their quarantine costs even if they travel directly from a red list country in which they are domiciled and that country is on the red list as of 9th August 2021.

Postgraduate Research (PGR) Students (New and Returning)

The university will cover, up to a maximum of £2,285 (Maximum Sum), the cost of quarantining in a hotel (officially known as a Managed Quarantine Facility or MQF) for new and returning PGR students who meet all relevant eligibility criteria, including that they:

- are starting or returning to continue a PGR programme of study; and
- are domiciled in - and travel to England directly from - a red list country.

Any additional costs of quarantine beyond the Maximum Sum will be the sole responsibility of, and need to be paid by, the student.

The university recommends that PGR students consult with their supervisor as to their options, which could include studying remotely or delaying the start of their studies.

In the event that a delayed start or studying remotely is not a viable option, either if studying on campus is essential for academic reasons or if the official funding body does not agree to them, then students can apply for reimbursement of their hotel quarantine costs up to the Maximum Sum. This application will only be successful if students can demonstrate that they meet the eligibility criteria, including evidencing their financial situation and that they are unable to meet the quarantine costs independently.

Any reimbursement of quarantine costs up to the Maximum Sum will be paid from the University Financial Support Fund and will be a reimbursement to the student directly. This payment will be made after February 2022.

A successful application for reimbursement of quarantine costs will not preclude the student from applying for other support funds from the university.

Students Travelling from Amber List Countries

All Students

Students who are fully vaccinated under vaccination programmes recognised by the UK Government do not need to quarantine on arrival, but will need to pre-book and pay for a Covid-19 test to take on or before the second day they are in England. If the day 2 test is positive, they must quarantine in their accommodation for 10 days.

Students who are not fully vaccinated, whether because they have only had one or no jab or are vaccinated under vaccination programmes not recognised by the UK Government, must quarantine in their accommodation for 10 days and take a Covid-19 test on or before day 2 and on or after day 8 (such tests to be pre-booked before travel).

The university requests that students test 90% of the time they are in quarantine accommodation using the University Asymptomatic Testing Service (for example, if the quarantine stay is for 10 days, the student should test on nine of them).

If a student is:

- living in university-owned or operated accommodation, the university will not charge for accommodation costs. However, the student will be required to pay all other costs such as for food, a TV licence and laundry;
- living in third-party or partnership accommodation, the university has negotiated for students to be able to enter that accommodation, at no additional charge, up to three weeks before the start of their accommodation agreement to enable them to quarantine. This arrangement must be confirmed with the accommodation provider before students make travel arrangements; or
- living in private accommodation, they will need to quarantine in their shared house. In the rare case where this may not be possible, students should contact Accommodation Services. The university will provide welfare support and assistance.

Students travelling from Green listed countries

If students are travelling to England directly from a green list country, they must take a Covid-19 test before travelling to England. In accordance with the UK government's green list requirements, students will need to pre-book and pay for a Covid-19 test to take **on the second day they are in England**.

Students do not need to quarantine, unless the Covid-19 test result is positive.