



Information for home (UK) students who will be resit 'in attendance' or 'not in attendance'

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact the Funding & Financial Support team:

+44 (0)115 823 2071

Student Enquiry Centre: <https://student-enquiries.nottingham.ac.uk>

If you have to repeat all or part of a year of study, you may be able to resit 'in attendance' or 'not in attendance'. This factsheet will give information about both of these statuses and how they impact on your funding.

Resit not in attendance

If your status is 'resit-not in attendance' you do not complete online registration for the relevant academic session with the University. It is similar to being 'suspended' or 'interrupted' for a period of time.

During the period your attendance status is 'resit-not in attendance' you are not usually entitled to receive any statutory support from the Government via the Student Loans Company (SLC). There is no tuition fee loan for the period, but you will also not be charged any standard tuition fee by the University, although there may be a re-sit fee to pay.

If you are 'resit-not in attendance' for the full year and do not register at all, it does not count as a year of study for student finance purposes.

If you are registered at the University for part of the year, then you may be eligible for funding for that period of time, and be liable for any tuition fee charged by the University. However, this will count as a full year's funding when Student Finance calculates your years of entitlement.

The University will not pay any Bursary and/or Scholarship while your status is 'resit-not in attendance'.

Resit in attendance

During this period a student is fully registered and attending the University. You should be advised by your School/department which modules you have to complete over the semester/year.

You will need to complete online registration for the relevant academic session with the University as you are effectively 'repeating' all or part of the previous year.

You will be charged a tuition fee by the University which may be pro-rated depending on how many credits you are taking. For example, if you are taking 60 credits you will generally pay half of the standard full year fee.



Resit in attendance - How can I fund my tuition fees and living costs during this additional year/semester?

Student Finance will award you funding for the length of your course plus one year. As long as you haven't already used your plus one, or 'gift' year you will be able to apply as usual for your tuition fee loan and loan for living costs. During the period you are registered you will also be eligible to apply for University Bursaries/Scholarships and Hardship Funds.

(NB - If you have already used your gift year, depending on the reason for this you may be able to apply for additional years' funding from Student Finance due to 'Compelling Personal Reasons'. Please contact us for more information relating to this process.)

If you are in attendance for a semester or term, rather than a full academic year, then Student Finance will pro-rata your funding for living costs.

While you are not in attendance, you are not usually entitled to funding from Student Finance.

This means that you have to find living costs to fund this period. Most students will find work or receive help from their family.

Whilst there is no automatic access to student loans or grants during the period of 'interruption', in some cases, where this will cause financial hardship, you can contact Student Finance to request they consider providing '**funding through a period of suspension**'. They will then send you a form, or make it available on your online Student Finance account.

Points to include:

1. Reason for not attending University and provide evidence of ill health, disability or other extenuating circumstances
2. Length of the period you will be away from University
3. Evidence of financial hardship e.g. 3 months bank statements; a copy of your rent agreement

Student Finance will then consider your request and advise you of the outcome.

Students are **NOT** usually entitled to any state benefits during this period eg. Job Seekers Allowance, Universal Credit; *(if you have dependents, a disability or long term medical condition, then contact the Students' Union's Advice team on 0115 8468730 as your individual circumstances may make you eligible for benefits).*



Financial help from the University for re-sit students

The University has a number of support funds that provide discretionary financial support, which can help alleviate unexpected financial hardship or help to towards the shortfall between income and essential expenditure. The fund is open to both undergraduate and postgraduate students with home fee status, studying either a full time or part time course.

It is expected that 're-sit: not in attendance' students should be able to work to provide themselves with an income during the relevant period, or be supported by family. However students can apply to the funds for temporary help if they are in financial hardship. Awards are not guaranteed and depend on an individual's financial circumstances at the time.

Already signed a housing contract for the period you are interrupting your course?

If you have signed a contract for a room/house then you are legally bound to pay rent as agreed. If you are successful in finding work, or have sufficient family financial support, then this may not be a problem.

If you know that you are going to struggle to pay the rent try to find a replacement tenant as soon as possible. If you can, talk to your housemates and explain what is happening; they may know of someone who would be happy to move in.

Visit an Advisor in the Student Union's Advice Centre, Portland Building or telephone +44 (0)115 84 68730 for advice.

Do I need to pay council tax?

If the period of the status is within the start and expected completion date of your course, then you may be able to continue to claim council tax exemption. You can request a Council Tax Exemption Certificate from the University's Online Store.

However, if you are taking or re-taking exams **AFTER** the original expected completion date of your course then it is expected that you would be working, or possibly receiving benefits, so you may be liable for council tax.

Please contact the Funding and Financial Support team (details below) for information and advice if you are resitting part of your course.



Useful contacts

National contacts

Gov.UK

Advice and information on all aspects of student finance including eligibility, entitlements and how to apply for the Student Loan via Student Finance England.

www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Loans Company

Information relating to Student Loans.

www.slc.co.uk

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.

www.hmrc.gov.uk

National Union of Students (NUS)

Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.

www.nus.org.uk

University contacts

Funding & Financial Support, Student Services

Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.

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Student Enquiry Centre: <https://student-enquiries.nottingham.ac.uk>

www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Disability Support Services, Student Services

Study support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia, other specific learning differences, disabilities or long term medical conditions

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disability-support-services@nottingham.ac.uk

nottingham.ac.uk/student-services

The University of Nottingham Students' Union 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.

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SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk

www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/advice

School Support and Wellbeing

www.nottingham.ac.uk/student-services/services/support-and-wellbeing-officers.aspx

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