

Application for New Students Supporting Notes

About these notes

Use these notes to help you complete your 'Postgraduate Master's Finance Application Form for New Students'.

You can also apply online at www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/pgfinance

How to use these notes



Where you see this in your 'Postgraduate Master's Finance Application Form for New Students' it means there's additional information in these notes to help or advise you.

This could be information about how to complete a question or section or an instruction to send specific supporting documents.

These notes are in sections and numbered in the same way as the questions in the application form.

Read these notes – if you don't answer a question or section correctly or you don't include the documents we need this will delay any payments.

Alternative formats

All of our forms and guides are available in Braille, large print format or audio. If you need these, you can request them by emailing your name, address and details of the format you require to: brailleandlargefonts@slc.co.uk or call **0141 243 3686** (this number is only for alternative format requests).

Section 1 Your details

1.1 Change of name

If your name has changed since your passport or birth certificate was issued you need to prove that your name has legally changed.

You need to send us one of the following:

- your change of name deed; or
- your marriage certificate or civil partnership documentation; or
- a final or conditional order; or
- your divorce certificate or dissolution order

1.5 National Insurance number

Any payment of your loan will be withheld until you provide your UK National Insurance number, unless you're a European Union student.

If you've never been given a National Insurance number, leave the National Insurance number box blank. We'll contact you if you need to take any action to obtain a National Insurance number. If in the meantime you get a National Insurance number, let us know as soon as possible.

Section 2 Your previous study

2.2 Previous postgraduate qualifications

If you have a:

- Doctoral degree; or
- Master's degree; or
- Integrated Master's degree; or
- an overseas equivalent of any of the above

you are not eligible to receive Postgraduate Master's Finance.

If you have a:

- Postgraduate Diploma; or
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE); or
- Postgraduate Certificate; or
- Honorary Master's; or
- an overseas equivalent of any of the above

you may be eligible to receive Postgraduate Master's Finance.

We don't need any proof of your qualifications right now, but we may ask for these in the future.

Section 3 Your postgraduate master's course

3.2 Study type and duration

Postgraduate master's students can study their course over a varying number of years. All full-time courses will be split over 1 – 2 years, however, part-time courses can last up to 4 years.

This will mainly affect how much funding you receive each year as the total amount you choose to borrow will be split over the duration of your course.

The following courses are eligible for funding from us:

- a full-time course lasting one or two academic years;
- a part-time course lasting two, three or four academic years.

3.3 Social Work bursary

Students are not eligible for Postgraduate Master's Finance if they're in receipt of a social work bursary. If you're unsure if you can apply for this, you need to speak to your university.

If you have applied for this and been rejected you need to send your rejection letter with your application. We can't accept your application without this.

3.4 NHS Bursary

Students are not eligible for Postgraduate Master's Finance if they're in receipt of an NHS bursary. If you're unsure if you can apply for this, you need to speak to your university.

Section 3 Your postgraduate master's course – continued

3.5 Distance Learning

Armed Forces

If you're not studying distance learning due to you or a family member being in the armed forces you must be living in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of your course to be eligible for Postgraduate Master's Finance.

Are you studying on a distance learning course because you or a member of your family are in the armed forces?

You may be eligible for support to study a distance learning course if you or your family member is currently serving both in and outside of the UK in one of the following:

- The Naval Service (Royal Navy and Royal Marines)
- The Army
- The Royal Air Force
- The Royal Military Police
- The Gurkhas

The following family members will be eligible students:

- the child/step-child under the age of 25 who is living with of a member of the Armed Forces serving outside of Wales
- a spouse or civil partner living with a member of the UK Armed Forces serving outside of Wales
- a dependant parent living with either;
 - a child who is a member of the UK Armed Forces serving outside of Wales
 - the child's spouse or civil partner who is a member of the UK Armed Forces serving outside of Wales

Evidence

What you need to send

You need to send a letter confirming your name and your address, or British Forces Post Office address.

If your family member is in the Armed Forces, you need to send a letter confirming the following:

- their name
- their address or British Forces Post Office (BFPO) address
- your name
- their relationship to you

The letter you send must be stamped, signed and dated by the Armed Forces Unit Records Officer. We can't accept a photocopy. We recommend that you use your BFPO address for all correspondence.

3.6 Will you be receiving a Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarship (KESS2)?

Students are not eligible for Postgraduate Master's Finance if they're getting a Knowledge Economy Skills (KESS2) Scholarship. If you're unsure if you can apply for this, you need to speak to your university or college.

Section 4 Your residency information

4.1 & 4.2 UK national

You are a UK national if you have a UK passport or are eligible to apply for one.

If you have provided your UK passport details in section 4, you do not need to send any further evidence of your UK nationality.

If it has expired, or is about to expire, you need to send:

- your original birth or adoption certificate

Armed forces

If you, your parent(s) or partner are members of the armed forces, you must apply for student finance in the UK country where you were ordinarily resident when you/they enlisted, unless you are permanently living in another area of the UK.

We can accept certified photocopies of your residency evidence, stamped with your unit stamp. You should use your BFPO address for all correspondence.

4.3 Irish citizen

You must send your original ROI passport or national identity card.

If you hold a UK passport, you should provide your passport details in section 4 as you do not need to send further evidence of your nationality.

4.4 Family member of a UK national

By family member, you must be the:

- husband, wife, civil partner;
- child, step-child or other direct descendant of a UK national.

A direct descendant is defined as the biological child, grandchild, great-grandchild and so on, of a person. For example, you are a direct descendant of your mother, your grandmother, your great-grandmother, and so on.

If you answer 'Yes' to this question, you must provide evidence to show you are the family member of a UK national by sending their passport.

You must also send proof of your relationship to the UK national.

This may be:

- your marriage or civil partnership certificate; **or**
- a birth certificate showing your name and the UK national's name; **and**
- the marriage or civil partnership certificate if you or the UK national are a step-child.

If you are a child, step-child or other direct descendant of a UK national, you must be under 21 or dependent on the person or the person's spouse or civil partner.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.5 & 4.6 Family member of an Irish citizen or person of Northern Ireland

By family member, you must be the

- husband/wife/civil partner;
- parent(s)/step-parent(s) or other direct ascending relative;
- child, step-child or other direct descendant

of a person of Northern Ireland or Irish citizen.

If you are a child, step-child or other direct descendant you must be under 21 or dependent on the person of Northern Ireland or Irish citizen family member.

A direct descendant is defined as the biological child, grandchild, great-grandchild and so on, of a person. For example, you are a direct descendant of your mother, your grandmother, your great-grandmother, and so on.

A direct relative in the ascending line is defined as the biological parent, grandparent, great-grandparent and so on, of a person. You are a direct relative in the ascending line of your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, and so on.

You must provide evidence to confirm your family member is a person of Northern Ireland and your relationship to them by sending their original ROI or UK passport and your birth certificate or marriage certificate that shows your relationship to them.

You must provide evidence to confirm you're the family member of an Irish citizen and your relationship to them by sending their original ROI passport and your birth certificate or marriage certificate that shows your relationship to them.

To prove your immigration status, you need to provide us with confirmation of your EU Settlement Scheme status from the Home Office with a share code. Go to **www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status** to generate the code. Once generated, the code will expire after 30 days. You should return your application form within 10 days of generating the share code.

We will use your share code to confirm your identity and residency status with the Home Office. When you give us your share code you do not need to send identity evidence unless it is required as proof of relationship.

We will still need identity evidence from your husband, wife, civil partner, parent, step-parent, direct ascending relative, child, step-child or direct descendant.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.7 Settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme

By family member, you must be the:

- husband, wife, civil partner;
- parent(s)/step-parent(s) or other direct ascending relative;
- child, step-child or other direct descendant

of an EU national.

A direct descendant is defined as the biological child, grandchild, great-grandchild and so on, of a person. For example, you are a direct descendant of your mother, your grandmother, your great-grandmother, and so on.

A direct relative in the ascending line is defined as the biological parent, grandparent, great-grandparent and so on, of a person. You are a direct relative in the ascending line of your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, and so on.

You will need to send your valid passport, or valid national identity card (if this is proof of your nationality).

You will also need to prove your relationship to your family member by sending their national identity card or passport and your birth certificate or marriage certificate (if this shows proof of their nationality and your relationship to them). To prove your immigration status, you need to provide us with a share code. Go to

www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status to generate the code.

Once generated, the code will expire after 30 days. You should return your application form within 10 days of generating the share code.

We will use your share code to confirm your identity with the Home Office. When you give us your share code you do not need to send identity evidence unless it is required as proof of relationship.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.8 EU national, family member of an EU national, UK national, or family member of a UK national who is a resident in Gibraltar

UK national

By family member, you must be the:

- husband/wife/civil partner;
- child or step-child or other direct descendant (you must be under 21 or dependent on the UK national)

of a UK national who is a resident in Gibraltar.

If you're a UK national, you must send your original UK passport, or original UK birth or adoption certificate.

If you're the family member of a UK national, you must:

- send your valid passport, or original birth or adoption certificate;
- provide evidence to confirm your family member is a UK national; and
- prove your relationship to your UK national family member by sending their original UK passport, or original UK birth or adoption certificate and your birth certificate or marriage certificate (if this shows proof of their UK nationality and your relationship to them).

EU national

By family member, you must be the:

- husband/wife/civil partner;
- parent(s)/step-parent(s) or other ascending direct relative;
- child or step-child or other direct descendant (you be under 21 years of age or dependent on the EU national)

of an EU national who is a resident in Gibraltar.

If you're an EU national, you must send your valid EU passport, or valid national identity card (if this is proof of your EU nationality).

If you're the family member of an EU national, you must:

- send your valid passport, or valid national identity card (if this is proof of your nationality);
- provide evidence to confirm your family member is an EU national; and
- prove your relationship to your EU national family member by sending their national identity card or passport and your birth certificate or marriage certificate (if this shows proof of their EU nationality and your relationship to them).

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.9 Child of a Swiss national

To get Postgraduate Master's Finance as the child of a Swiss national, your Swiss national parent must be living/have lived in the UK on the first day of the first academic year.

The first day of your academic year is:

- 1 September, where your course begins on or after 1 August and before 1 January;
- 1 January, where your course begins on or after 1 January and before 1 April;
- 1 April, where your course begins on or after 1 April and before 1 July;
- 1 July, where your course begins on or after 1 July and before 1 August.

To get student finance as a child of a Swiss national, your parent or step-parent must have settled or pre-settled status through the EU Settlement Scheme, and be resident in the UK on the first day of the academic year. We need a signed letter from your Swiss national parent stating their UK address, and that they lived there on the first day of the first academic year.

They must also send one of the following documents:

- bank statement
- payslip
- tenancy agreement/mortgage statement
- utility bill
- local authority correspondence
- government department correspondence

You must have pre-settled status and be ordinarily resident in the UK, Gibraltar, the EEA or Switzerland for the three years prior to the first day of your first academic year.

To prove your immigration status, you need to provide us with a share code. To prove your parent or step-parent's immigration status, you need to provide us with their date of birth and share code. Go to www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status to generate the codes. Once generated, the codes will expire after 30 days. You should return your application form within 10 days of generating the share code.

We will use your share code to confirm your identity and residency status with the Home Office. When you give us your share code you do not need to send identity evidence unless it is required as proof of relationship.

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4.10 EEA or Swiss national worker

To prove your immigration status, you need to provide us with confirmation of your EU Settlement Scheme status from the Home Office with a share code. Go to www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status to generate the code. Once generated, the code will expire after 30 days. You should return your application form within 10 days of generating the share code. We will use your share code to confirm your identity and residency status with the Home Office. When you give us your share code you do not need to send identity evidence unless it is required as proof of relationship.

You do not need to provide a share code if:

- you are an Irish citizen; or
- you have a frontier worker permit or evidence to show you are a frontier worker.

You need to send:

- a completed Postgraduate Master's Finance UK Employment Status form

The Postgraduate Master's Finance UK Employment Status form is available to download at www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/pgfinance

Complete and return this additional form with any supporting documents along with your main application form to ensure that your funding can be in place as soon as possible.

If you can't return your additional form with your main application form, get it to us as soon as possible. We won't be able to confirm if you can get Postgraduate Master's Finance without this additional completed form.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.11 Family member of a European Economic Area (EEA) national or Swiss national

By family member, you must be the:

- husband, wife, civil partner;
- parent(s), step-parent;
- child or step-child
- other direct ascending or descending line family member (only applicable to EEA worker family members)

of the EEA or Swiss national.

If you are the parent or other direct ascending line relative of the worker, you must be dependent on them.

For children of EEA workers, the term 'child' means a person 'under the age of 21; or dependants of the person or the person's spouse or civil partner.' This does not apply in cases where the EEA worker parent has died or left the UK and the child is staying on in the UK to finish their education.

A direct descendant is defined as the biological child, grandchild, great-grandchild and so on, of a person. For example, you are a direct descendant of your mother, your grandmother, your great-grandmother, and so on.

A direct relative in the ascending line is defined as the biological parent, grandparent, great-grandparent and so on, of a person. You are a direct relative in the ascending line of your child, grandchild, great-grandchild, and so on. Other family relationships are excluded from the definitions above.

To prove your immigration status, you need to provide us with a share code. To prove your family member's immigration status, you need to provide us with their date of birth and share code. Go to www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status to generate the codes. Once generated, the codes will expire after 30 days. You should return your application form within 10 days of generating the share codes.

We will use your share code to confirm your identity with the Home Office. When you give us your share code you do not need to send identity evidence unless it is required as proof of relationship. We will still need identity evidence from your family member.

Your family member does not need to provide a share code if:

- they are an Irish citizen; or
- they have a frontier worker permit or evidence to show they are a frontier worker.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.11 Family member of a European Economic Area (EEA) national or Swiss national (continued)

You need to send:

- a completed Postgraduate Master's Finance UK Employment Status form

The Postgraduate Master's Finance UK Employment Status form is available to download at www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/pgfinance

Complete and return this additional form with any supporting documents along with your main application form to ensure that your funding can be in place as soon as possible.

If you can't return your additional form with your main application form, get it to us as soon as possible. We won't be able to confirm if you can get Postgraduate Master's Finance without this additional completed form.

4.12 Child of a Turkish worker who is working in the UK

To apply for a loan as the child of a Turkish worker, your Turkish parent must be working in the UK on the first day of your course.

You must also be living in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of your course and have lived in the UK, the EEA, Turkey, Gibraltar or Switzerland for 3 years before the start of your course.

You need to prove your identity, send us:

- your original valid passport

You also need to send proof of your Turkish parent's nationality, send us one of the following:

- their original valid passport; or
- their valid national identity card

And proof of your relationship, send us:

- a birth certificate

You also need to send proof of your Turkish parent's employment in the UK, for example send us:

- a contract of employment

And you also need to send your Turkish parent's proof of the extension of their Leave to Remain in the UK after 31 December 2021 from the Home Office.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.13 Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) or the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS)

If you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner;
- parent, step-parent

have been granted leave under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) or the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), you will have received a letter from the Home Office confirming this.

You need to prove your identity, send us:

- Original valid Home Office travel document; or
- Original Biometric Residency Permit; or
- Original valid passport.

You also need to send one of the following as proof of residency status:

- Original Home Office travel document; or
- Original Biometric Residency Permit; or
- Original Immigration Status Document; or
- Original Home Office letter confirming the category of leave and the date this was granted.

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate your identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

You should also send evidence of your relationship to the person who holds the status if it is not you.

- a birth or marriage certificate

Afghan Locally Employed Staff Ex-Gratia Scheme

This scheme is for previous employees of the UK government who resigned or were made redundant from their post. Afghan nationals relocated to the UK under this scheme are not eligible for student funding.

4.14 Settled status not granted under the EU Settlement Scheme

‘Settled status’ means that you can live in the UK permanently without the Home Office placing any restrictions on how long you may remain.

You are free from any restriction if any of the following apply:

- You are a British citizen
- You have been granted ‘indefinite leave to enter or remain’.
- You have a right of abode in the UK.

Further information about the right of permanent residence and other immigration issues can be obtained from the Home Office.

You need to prove your current status, send us one of the following:

- your valid UK passport or a letter from the Home Office which confirms your immigration status; **or**
- your valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate your identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.15 Limited leave to enter or remain under a Ukraine Scheme

You need to prove your current status, send us one of the following:

- your valid Biometric Residence Permit; **or**
- your valid passport with a vignette; **or**
- your permission to travel document.

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate your identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored. All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

4.16 Refugee status

If you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; **or**
- parent(s), step-parent

has successfully applied for refugee status in the UK under the terms of the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and you, or they, have been granted refugee status, the Home Office will have sent you, or them, a letter and an immigration status document confirming this.

If you are claiming student finance as the child or step-child of a refugee, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you are claiming student finance as the husband, wife or civil partner of a refugee, you must have been their husband, wife or civil partner at the time of their application for asylum.

If you have been granted refugee status, send us:

- a Home Office letter that confirms your status and an immigration status document, for example:
- your original passport; **or**
- your valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate your identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

If your family member has been granted refugee status, send us:

- a Home Office letter confirming their status **and** an immigration status document showing their refugee status, for example:
 - their original passport; **or**
 - their valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use their Biometric Residence Permit to validate their identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

You also need to send us proof of your relationship, send us:

- a birth or marriage certificate.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.17 Humanitarian Protection

If you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner
- parent(s), step-parent

have been granted Humanitarian Protection, you, or they, will have received a letter and an immigration status document from the UK Home Office confirming this.

If you are claiming student finance as the child or step-child of a person granted Humanitarian Protection, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you are claiming student finance as the husband, wife or civil partner of someone who has been granted Humanitarian Protection, you must have been their husband, wife or civil partner at the time of their application for asylum.

4.18 Stateless Person

If you are claiming student finance as the child or step-child of a person granted 'leave to remain' as a Stateless Person, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the UK Home Office.

If you are claiming student finance as the husband, wife or civil partner of someone who has been granted 'leave to remain' as a Stateless Person, you must have been their husband, wife or civil partner at the time of their application.

If you have been granted Humanitarian Protection, send us:

- a Home Office letter that confirms your status and an immigration status document, for example:
- your original passport; or
- your valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

If your family member has been granted Humanitarian Protection, send us:

- a Home Office letter confirming their status and an immigration status document showing their status, for example:
- their original passport; or
- their valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use their Biometric Residence Permit to validate their identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

You also need to send us proof of your relationship, send us:

- a birth or marriage certificate.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

If you have been granted Leave to Remain as a Stateless Person, send us:

- a Home Office letter and a Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate your identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

If your family member has been granted Leave to Remain as a Stateless Person, send us:

- evidence to confirm your relationship to the person who has been granted Stateless Person status.
- a Home Office letter confirming their status and an immigration status document showing their status, for example:
- their original passport; or
- their valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use their Biometric Residence Permit to validate their identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.19 Leave to enter or remain

If you or your:

- husband, wife, civil partner; or
- parent(s), step-parent

has been granted 'Leave to enter or remain' status the Home Office will have sent you, or them, a letter and an immigration status document confirming this.

If you are claiming student finance as the child or step-child of a person granted 'Leave to enter or remain' status, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you are claiming student finance as the husband, wife or civil partner of someone who has been granted 'Leave to enter or remain' status, you must have been their husband, wife or civil partner at the time of their application for Leave to remain.

4.20 Leave to remain as a victim of domestic violence or abuse

If you are claiming student finance as the dependent child or step-child of a person granted 'Leave to Remain' in the UK as a victim of domestic violence or abuse, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you have been granted one of the eligible 'Leave to enter or remain' statuses listed in this question, send us:

- a Home Office letter that confirms your status and an immigration status document, for example:
- your original passport; or
- your valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate your identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

If your family member has been granted one of the eligible 'Leave to enter or remain' statuses listed in this question, send us:

- a Home Office letter confirming their status and an immigration status document showing their refugee status, for example:
- their original passport; or
- their valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use their Biometric Residence Permit to validate their identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

You also need to send us proof of your relationship, send us:

- a birth or marriage certificate.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

If you have been granted 'Leave to remain' in the UK as a victim of domestic violence or abuse, send us:

- a Home Office letter that confirms your status and an immigration status document, for example:
- your Biometric Residence Permit

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate your identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

If you are the dependent child of somebody who has been granted leave to enter or remain in the UK as a victim of domestic violence or abuse, send us:

- a Home Office letter confirming their status and an immigration status document, for example:
- their Biometric Residence Permit

We will only use their Biometric Residence Permit to validate their identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

You also need to send us proof of your relationship, send us:

- a birth or marriage certificate.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.21 Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016

If you have been granted leave to remain in the UK under Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 send us:

- a Home Office letter that confirms your status and an immigration status document, for example:
- your Biometric Residence Permit

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

If you are the dependent child of somebody who has been granted leave to remain in the UK under Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016, send us:

- a Home Office letter confirming their status and an immigration status document, for example:
- their Biometric Residence Permit

We will only use their Biometric Residence Permit to validate their identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

You also need to send us proof of your relationship, send us:

- a birth or marriage certificate.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

4.22 Calais leave

If you are claiming student finance as the dependent child or step-child of a person granted Calais leave, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were granted leave in line with your parent or step-parent.

If you have been granted 'Calais leave' in the UK, send us:

- a Home Office letter that confirms your status **and** an immigration status document, for example:
- your original passport; **or**
- your valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

If your family member has been granted 'Calais leave', send us:

- a Home Office letter confirming their status and an immigration status document showing their status, for example:
- their original passport; **or**
- their valid Biometric Residence Permit.

We will only use their Biometric Residence Permit to validate their identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

You also need to send us proof of your relationship, send us:

- a birth certificate.

All evidence items you send must be **originals**.

Section 4 Your residency information – continued

4.23 Bereaved partner

If you are claiming student finance as the dependent child or step-child of a person granted 'leave to remain' in the UK as a bereaved partner, you will only be considered a 'child' if you were under the age of 18 at the time of your parent's application to the Home Office.

If you or your parent/step-parent have been granted 'leave to remain' in the UK as a bereaved partner, you, need to send:

- your/their original Home Office letter and a Biometric Residence Permit.

You should also send evidence of your relationship to the person who has been granted 'leave to remain' as a person who has been a bereaved partner if it is not you.

For example:

- your birth certificate

We will only use your Biometric Residence Permit to validate your identity and residency status, no other data from it will be used or stored.

Section 5 Your address history

5.1 & 5.2 Residency status

If you have refugee status you should provide your address details from the point your status was granted or up to a maximum of three years before the start of the academic year if your status was granted prior to that point.

Date study begins between	Date academic year begins
1 August until 31 December inclusive	1 September
1 January until 31 March inclusive	1 January
1 April until 30 June inclusive	1 April
1 July until 31 July inclusive	1 July

Section 8 Terms and conditions

If you cannot sign the form it must be signed on your behalf by your attorney. The Power of Attorney letter must be sent with the application before a signature from that attorney will be accepted.

Section 9 Dependent or independent student

- 9.1 You are aged 24 or under on the first day of the first academic year and at any point from the age of 14 to the first day of the first academic year of the course, you:**
- have not been under the legal care of your parents for 13 weeks or more; or
 - have been under a special guardianship order; or
 - have been in the custody or legal care of, or have been given accommodation by a Local Authority for 13 weeks or more

Please provide **one** of the following:

- care order confirmation documents
- a letter from 'Foyer' or other supported housing scheme
- a letter signed and dated by a professional person who is not a friend or relative, detailing your situation (e.g. Doctor). This person must have known you for at least 12 months and be fully aware of your circumstances.

- 9.2 Over 25 marital status evidence**

If you're **divorced** or **separated**, or if you've been in a **civil partnership which has been dissolved**, you should send us a copy of either:

- decree nisi/absolute
- dissolution order
- a final or conditional order
- a letter from your solicitor confirming your status

If you're widowed or a surviving civil partner, you should send us a copy of your partner's death certificate.

- 9.3 Have you been or are you currently married or in a civil partnership?**

If you're married or in a civil partnership, send us:

- your marriage certificate
- your civil partnership documentation

If you're **divorced** or **separated**, or if you've been in a **civil partnership which has been dissolved**, you should send us a copy of either:

- a decree nisi/absolute
- a dissolution order
- a final or conditional order
- a letter from your solicitor confirming your status

If you're widowed or a surviving civil partner, you should send us a copy of your partner's death certificate.

Section 9 Dependent or independent student - continued

9.5 Have you supported yourself financially for a total of three years or more prior to the first day of the first academic year of your course?

Send us evidence to show that you've been supporting yourself for at least 36 months, such as:

- P60s
- month 12 or Week 52/53 payslips
- statement of earnings from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
- statement of earnings from employer
- a letter from the local Jobcentre Plus/Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) confirming the periods of any/all benefit entitlement received.

9.6 Can your parents not be found or is it not reasonably practicable to get in touch with them?

Send us:

- a letter signed and dated by a professional person who is not a friend or relative, detailing your situation (e.g. a Doctor). This person must have known you for at least 12 months and be fully aware of your circumstances.

9.7 Your parents live outside the UK, Gibraltar or the EU and it wouldn't be possible for them to send you money, or assessing their financial circumstances would place them in jeopardy

Send us:

- a letter signed and dated by a professional person who is not a friend or relative, detailing your situation (e.g. a Doctor). This person must have known you for at least 12 months and be fully aware of your circumstances.

9.8 Are you irreconcilably estranged from (have no contact with) your parents and this will not change?

Please provide a signed and dated letter from a professional person, i.e a Doctor, Teacher or Social Worker, confirming the following:

- their relationship to you
- the length of time they have known you
- the reasons for your estrangement from your parents
- if reconciliation is likely

9.9 Are both your parents deceased?

Send us:

- certified copies of death certificates
- a copy of your birth certificate

Section 11 Personal details – parent(s) or partner

11.1 What is your current marital status?

If you're divorced or separated, or if you've been in a civil partnership which has been dissolved, you should send us a copy of either:

- decree nisi/absolute
- dissolution order
- a final or conditional order
- a letter from your solicitor confirming your status

If you're widowed or a surviving civil partner, you should send us a copy of your partner's death certificate.

11.2 Statutory award

A statutory award includes any support paid out of public funds for studying a further/higher education course, for example:

- funding from Student Finance Wales/England/Northern Ireland or Student Awards Agency Scotland
- an NHS Bursary
- a Social Work Bursary

If you receive funding for a course but don't know if you should include it, contact your college or university for more information.

Section 12 Financial questions

Part A Your financial information for the tax year 2020-21

Q1 Did you receive any income from salary, wages, taxable state benefits or from occupational or private pensions?

a Total income from salary / wages

You should refer to your 2020-21 P60 or final payslip for your income from salary/wages. If as part of your salary or wages for the tax year 2020-21 you received **tips and other payments** that did not show on your P60, you still need to include this figure when providing your total income amount earned from employment.

b Taxable state benefits

You should refer to your 2020-21 P60 or P45 from the Department of Work and Pensions for your taxable state benefit details. Only include income received for the following benefits:

- Bereavement Allowance/Widow's pension
- Carer's Allowance
- contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Graduated retirement benefit
- Incapacity Benefit (only include the amount received after 28 weeks of incapacity)
- Industrial Death Benefit
- income support paid to strikers or people involved in a trade dispute
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Statutory Adoption Pay
- Statutory Maternity Pay
- Statutory Paternity Pay
- Statutory Sick Pay
- Widowed Parent's Allowance

Do not include income received from any other benefits or Universal Credit.

c Occupational/private pension

If you received an occupational or private pension, you should refer to your P60P or annual statement from your pension provider.

Section 12 Financial questions – continued

Q3 Did you receive any income from savings and investments?

a Income from UK banks, building societies and unit trusts

Tell us about the amount of interest / income you received from the following savings and investment income type(s):

- gross UK interest (before tax has been deducted)

You must include interest you receive on bank, building society and other savings accounts unless it is specifically non-taxable, for example, a non-taxable Individual Savings Account (ISA) etc.

If you did not declare any savings and investment income to HMRC

Please refer to your bank or building society statements for these figures.

b Income from UK life insurance gains, securities and partnerships

Tell us about the amount of interest / income you received from the following savings and investment income type(s):

- interest from gilt edged and other UK securities – gross amount before tax
- UK life insurance policy etc. gains on which tax was treated as paid
- UK life insurance policy etc. gains on where no tax was treated as paid
- UK life insurance policy etc. gains from voided ISAs
- your share of taxed interest etc.
- total untaxed savings income taxable at 20%
- taxed income taxable at 10%
- taxed income taxable at 20%

c Income from UK investments and dividends

Tell us about the amount of interest / income you received from the following savings and investment income type(s):

- dividends from UK companies
- other dividends
- stock dividends
- non-qualifying distributions and close company loans written off or released
- share schemes – taxable amount

d Income from foreign investment and dividends

Tell us about the amount of interest / income you received from the following savings and investment income type(s):

- foreign dividends
- interest and other income from overseas savings
- dividends from foreign companies
- dividend income received by a person overseas

Section 12 Financial questions – continued

Q4 Did you receive any taxable benefits in kind?

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Add together all the benefits in kind you received and write your total figure on the form. The following list provides a breakdown of what we want you to include as part of your total income from 'taxable benefits in kind' during the 2020-21 tax year:

- assets placed at employees disposal (cars, property, goods or other assets)
- payments made on behalf of employee
- vouchers and credit cards
- living accommodation
- mileage allowance and passenger payments
- total cash equivalent of all cars/vans made available
- total cash equivalent of fuel for all cars/vans made available
- cash equivalent the borrower of loans after deducting any interest paid by the borrower
- private medical treatment or insurance
- qualifying relocation expenses payments and benefits
- services supplied
- other items (including subscriptions and professional fees)
- expenses payments made to, or on behalf of, the employee

Part B Other income

Q1 Did you receive any income from self-employment?

a Total adjusted profit from businesses

Total adjusted profits from this business (aggregated for multiple self employments)

b Total adjusted profit from partnerships

Include:

- share of total taxed and untaxed income other than that taxable at 10% and 20%
- your share of total adjusted profit from the partnerships

Q2 Did you receive any income as a Minister of religion?

Taxable income minus expenses (Ministers of religion) that are not included in your P60 or P11D

Section 12 Financial questions – continued

Q3 Did you receive any other taxable income or lump sums?

Add together any income types below that you received during the 2020-21 tax year and tell us your total figure on the form:

- other taxable income – before expenses and tax taken off
- foreign earnings not taxable in the UK
- taxable lump sums
- lump sums or benefits received from an Employer Financed Retirements Benefit Scheme excluding pensions
- redundancy and other lump sums and compensation payments

Q4 Did you receive any income from property lettings?

Add together any income types below that you received during the 2020-21 tax year and tell us your total figure on the form:

- income from UK property
- income from foreign property or land

Q5 Did you receive any income from UK trusts?

Add together any income types below that you received during the 2020-21 tax year and tell us your total figure on the form:

- discretionary income payment from a UK resident trust – net amount
- discretionary income payment from a UK resident trust – total payments from settlor-interested trusts
- non-discretionary income entitlement from a trust – net amount of non-savings income
- non-discretionary income entitlement from a trust – net amount of savings income
- non-discretionary income entitlement from a trust – net amount of dividend income
- income chargeable on settlors
- income from UK estates
- foreign estate income

Section 12 Financial questions – continued

Q6 Did you receive any foreign income?

Add together any income types below that you received during the 2020-21 tax year and tell us your total figure on the form:

- total taxable amount of overseas pensions, social security benefits and royalties etc.
- total taxable amount of all other income received by a person abroad and any remitted 'ring fenced' foreign income
- gains on disposals of holdings offshore funds and discretionary income from non-resident trusts
- benefit received from an overseas trust, company or other person
- gains on foreign life policies (amount of gain)

Q7 Did you receive any income from an overseas pension?

Add together any income types below that you received during the 2020-21 tax year and tell us your total figure on the form:

- value of pension benefits in excess of your Available Lifetime Allowance, taken by you as a lump sum
- amount of unauthorised payment from a pension scheme, not subject to surcharge
- total amount of unauthorised payment from a pension scheme, subject to surcharge
- taxable short service refund of contribution (overseas pension schemes only)
- taxable lump sum death benefit payment (overseas pensions only)

Q8 Did you receive any other overseas income and gains?

Add together the income types below that you received during the 2020-21 tax year and tell us your total figure on the form:

- amount of omissions (exemptions under transfer of foreign assets)

Part C Income deductions

Q3 Did you have any allowable expenses on which you claimed tax relief?

Add together all allowable expenses below which you had during the 2020-21 tax year and tell us your total figure on the form:

- total amount of allowable expenses
- foreign tax for which tax credit relief not claimed
- business travel and subsistence expenses
- fixed deductions for expenses
- professional fees and subscriptions
- other expenses and capital allowances

Section 13 Non-UK taxable income

Non-UK taxable income

Send us evidence of your income for tax year 2020-21.

For example, send us:

- a P60
- Mis 12 wageslip or Week 53 wageslip
- a photocopy of your full finalised online tax return
- annual statement from your pension or insurance company

This evidence must be certified translated into English or Welsh.