

STUDENT FINANCE 2021/22

FUNDING FOR EUROPEAN STUDENTS POST BREXIT

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European Nationals



[Student Finance After Brexit Webinar](#)

On the 10th and 17th February the Funding Information Services Team ran webinars covering the significant changes to the rules and regulations surrounding EU citizens and their family members right to live, work or study in the UK.

The webinar outlined information needed for IAG practitioners to support students and covered the following:

- Student funding eligibility rules for EU, EEA and Swiss Nationals
- Provide examples of the new rules in practice
- Application Screenshots
- FAQs on Key Sections including New Students, Continuing Students, Migrant Workers and Irish Nationals



EU/EEA National must be UK resident before December 31st 2020 to gain [Citizens Rights](#). All EU/EEA Nationals must go through the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) (**closed 30th June 2021**) on Gov.UK. Students that arrive in UK after 31st December deadline will be subject to overseas fees and new points based immigration system – unless they can access the EU Settlement Scheme using family member's Citizen's Rights)

- **Students with 5+ years in UK will have Settled Status** (*UG full support, FE Loans, PG Loans*)
- **Students with 3+ years in UK* will have Pre-settled Status** (*UG fee support, FE Loans, PG Loans*)

This includes EEA Migrant Workers will still need to go through the [EU Settlement Scheme](#). EU nationals can go from pre-settled status to settled status upon reaching 5 years of ordinary residency and are allowed to leave the UK for up to 5 years (settled status) or 2 years (pre-settled status).

Webinar content, FAQs, Info Booklet and Slides covering all policy was delivered on 10th and 17th February, and has now made available on the Practitioner Website

* Have lived in the UK, Gibraltar, EEA or Switzerland for the three years prior to the first day of the first AY of the course

[EU Settlement Scheme Screenshots Available Here](#)

EU CITIZENS APPLY TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME



If you are an EU citizen¹, resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, you and your family members (including non-EU citizens) need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue to live, work and study in the UK beyond 30 June 2021.

- Even if you have lived in the UK for many years or you have a **permanent residence document**, you still need to apply.
- You do not need to apply if you have **indefinite leave to remain or enter**, or you are an Irish citizen, but you can if you want to.
- The online application checks your **identity** and **UK residence**, and asks you to declare any criminal convictions. The deadline for applications is **30 June 2021**.
- For information about **applying on behalf of children**, visit the **GOV.UK** page below.

Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme and find out more:
gov.uk/eusettlementscheme

¹ In this document 'EU citizens' includes EEA and Swiss citizens, who can all apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

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SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED HELP TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION





EU Settlement Resolution Centre

For questions about your application call **0300 123 7379**.

Find out about call charges on gov.uk/call-charges

You can also ask a question using the online form: eu-settled-status-enquiries.service.gov.uk



Assisted Digital Service

This free service is available over the phone and in person if you need help to complete the online application form.

Contact We-Are-Digital by calling **03333 445 675**.

To check the availability of this service and for more information, visit: gov.uk/eu-assisted-digital



ID Document Scanning Service

This service is available to complete the proof of identity step if you do not have access to the **EU Exit: ID Document Check app**.

There may be an administrative fee to use this service. To check availability of this service and for more information, visit: gov.uk/eu-id-scanner-locations



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[EU Settlement Scheme : Toolkit Presentation](#) including information on applying, identity checks, family members, criminality checks

[EU Settlement Scheme : Information Leaflet](#)

[EU Settlement Scheme : Factsheet](#)





EU/EEA Students



The EU Settlement Scheme Share Code

New Students must provide a valid EU Share Code (accessed after the completion of the EU Settlement Scheme) as part of their PN application process. Continuing Students do not need to provide a valid EU Share Code as part of their application process – but all EU nationals must be pre-settled or settled to lawfully remain in the UK

The Application Process

Students that have settled status and eligible for full support apply online.

Students that have pre-settled status (including Migrant Workers) apply on paper form

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-forms>

Irish Nationals and the Common Travel Area Agreement

Irish citizens resident in the UK, Islands or Ireland for three years before the start of their course and undertaking a course in England will be eligible for home fee status, tuition fee loans, Advanced Learner Loans and Post Graduate Loans from Student Finance England on the same basis as UK nationals. Additionally, Irish citizens will be eligible for maintenance support in England if they have lived in the UK and Islands for three years before the start of the course.



Where an EU/EEA or Swiss national student indicates they have an EUSS status, they will be required to provide a valid Share Code:

- Until an automated validation system with the Home Office can be established, a manual process will be used to request Share Codes and status issue dates
- After they submit an online application, we will contact students to request they provide a valid EUSS Share Code and proof of when the status was awarded
- EUSS Share Codes are valid for **30 days** and we **strongly advise** students to generate them as close as possible to when they submit their application
- We aim to validate digitally uploaded Share Codes **within 10 days** of receipt
- If a student posts their Share Code and Home Office letter, **clearly marked** with their CRN, we still aim to validate it **within 10 days**





Brexit Related Application Screenshots

(Based on status and residency)



What's your UK residency group?

As you're not a UK national, we need to know more about your status.

As part of your application, you may be asked to provide as evidence the date your status was granted and/or expires and your UK address history for up to 3 years.

Select the option below that best describes your circumstances.

- ☒ **Settled status**
This includes settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, indefinite leave to remain for other reasons or an Irish citizen living in the UK.
- ☐ **Pre-settled status**
This includes pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme including EU national or family member of an EU national, a child of a Swiss national or EEA or Swiss worker.
- ☐ **Limited leave to remain**
This includes if you've been granted humanitarian protection, limited leave to remain, Calais leave, stateless status or section 67 leave to remain.
- ☐ **Temporary leave**
This includes if you've been granted Refugee status.
- ☐ **None of the above**

Continue

First Screen – to identify which UK residency group the student is in...



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► [What information and evidence will I need to provide?](#)

Select the option below that best describes your circumstances.

I have:

- ☐ settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.
- ☐ Irish citizenship.
- ☐ indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner.
- ☐ indefinite leave to remain as a victim of domestic violence or abuse.
- ☐ indefinite leave to remain for other reasons.
- ☐ none of the above

Continue

If settled, these options are displayed



☒ Irish citizenship.

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Have you lived outside the UK in the last 3 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

[Continue](#)

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Are you an EEA or Swiss worker?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

[Continue](#)

If Irish Citizen is selected, the questions move onto where the Irish national has been resident. If in the UK they can proceed with their online application (full support)

You'll need to complete a paper application

Your residency status means you can't apply online for your student finance. Download and complete a paper application form.

Form
[Download PN1 application form PDF \(opens in a new window or tab\)](#)

Notes
[Download PN1 application notes PDF \(opens in a new window or tab\)](#)

If you chose the wrong button and want to change your answer, select 'Back'.

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You'll need to complete a paper application

Your residency status means you can't apply online for your student finance. Download and complete a paper application form.

Form
[Download Tuition Fees Loan Request form PDF \(opens in a new window or tab\)](#)

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If they have not been in the UK they could be eligible as (a) a migrant worker in which case they are direct to a paper form for full support or (b) eligible for fee support only in which case they are directed to a fees only form.



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Select the option below that best describes your circumstances.

I have:

- ☐ **EU national/family member of an EU national**
I've been granted pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.
- ☐ **Child of a Swiss National**
My parent is a Swiss national with pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. They'll be living or was living in the UK on the first day of my course.
- ☐ **EEA or Swiss worker**
I am, or a family member is, an EEA or Swiss national who is working, has worked or is looking for work in the UK.
- ☐ **none of the above**

Continue

If pre-settled, students are directed to complete a paper form

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For the purposes of legal residency...HOME OFFICE – EU Settlement Scheme

More than 5 Years Residency in UK – settled status

Less than 5 Years Residency in UK – pre-settle status

Applications online at www.gov.uk open to all until 30th June 2021 – and then to EU nationals with family link and citizen's rights. Can take between 1 -30 days to go through the EUSS depending on the applicant and how accessible it is for Home Office to gather evidence.

Must generate a valid EU Share Code which can be done online and remains valid for 30 days

For the purpose of accessing Student Finance...SFE/SFW/SFNI

3 Years Ordinary Residency in UK*

Resident in England (SFE), Wales (SFW), or Northern Ireland (SFNI) on first day of the course

Applications online at www.gov.uk/slc. Those with 'settled status' and accessing full support can apply online. Those with 'pre-settled' status will be redirected to paper fees form.

Must provide a valid EU Share Code which can be done by email (interim process) until fully linked with Home Office

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New eligibility rules for home fee status and student finance for the 2021/22 academic year

December 2020

Settled Status

Pre Settled Status

UK nationals living in the EEA, Switzerland and EU Overseas Territories

Family members of UK nationals living in the UK

Children of Swiss nationals

Children of Turkish Workers

The Common Travel Area arrangement with Ireland

UK and EU nationals resident in Gibraltar

UK nationals resident in the other British Overseas Territories

Students living in the Crown Dependencies



RESOURCES



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www.practitioners.slc.co.uk – policy and guidance support



www.thestudentroom.co.uk – students/parents resources

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www.gov.uk/slc - online updates for CV19 related issues for new, continuing and repayment students



www.youtube.com/SFE - suite of films



www.facebook.com/SFEngland



www.twitter.com/SF_England

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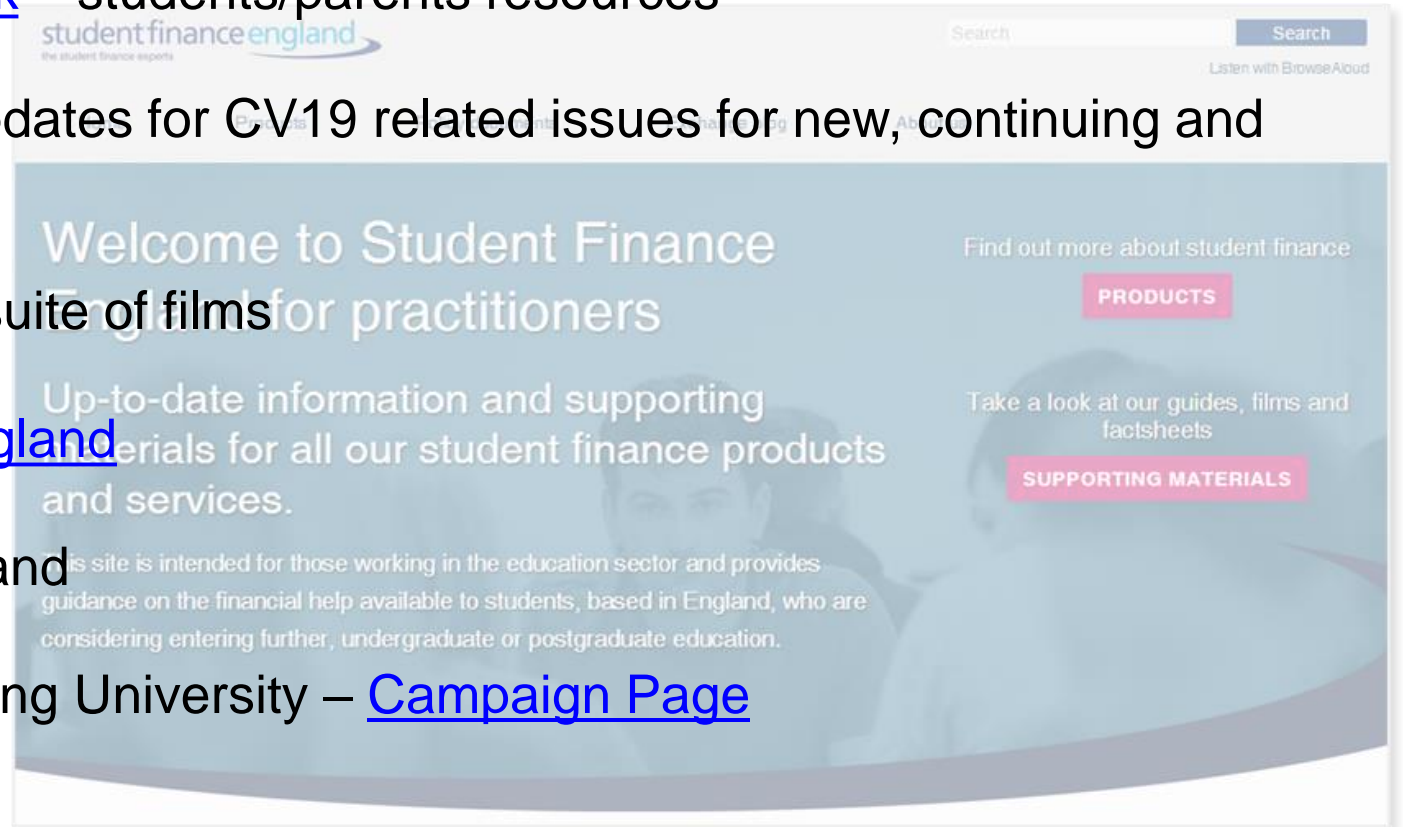
Preparing Student for Exiting University – [Campaign Page](#)

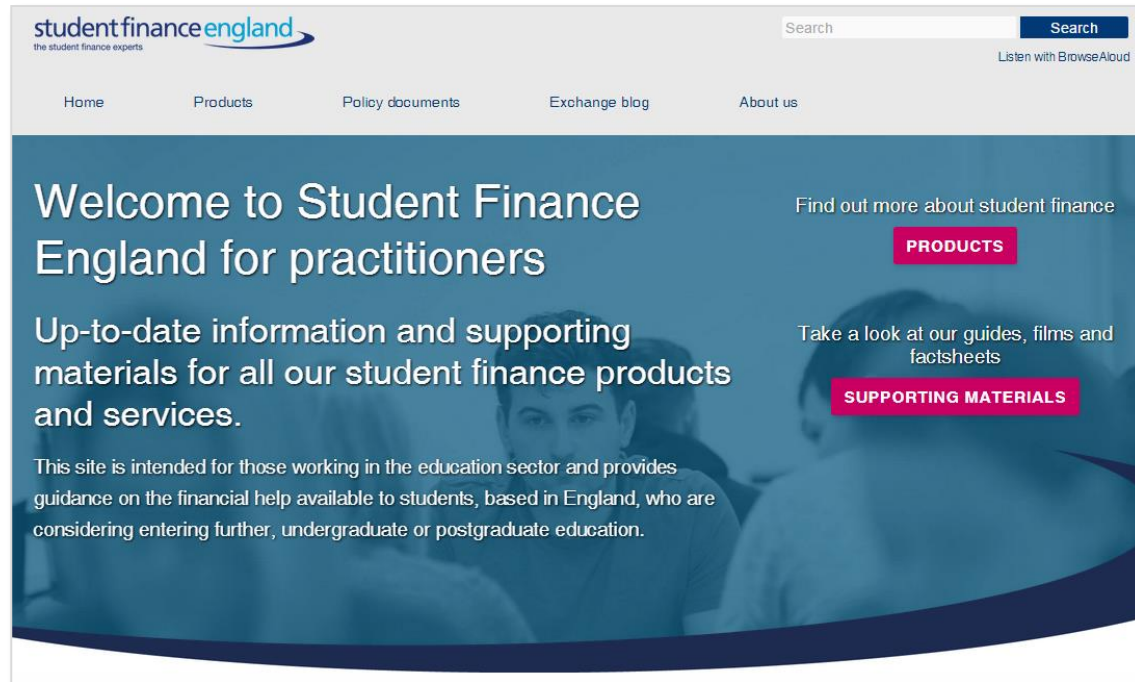


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New Online Repayment Platform – with real time updates from HMRC using MFDS





For further Information on student finance and applications, students and their sponsors should call us on:

Customer helpline: 0300 100 0607

Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm

Saturday, 9am to 4pm

There are no silly questions when it comes to student finance, so if you're unsure, ask!





To discuss potential staff update sessions, event support, student finance policy matters or just to register for our updates, please get in touch

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