Frequently Asked Questions

These frequently asked questions should answer most of your queries which relate to the Personal Details, Academic and Fees Sections of eRegistration. If you still require help, please e-mail ereg@abdn.ac.uk.

A Step-by-Step Guide is also available.

Note: During the following periods there may be times when the eRegistration system is unavailable. This coincides with the Scottish Higher, and A-Level, results periods when data is transferring in to the University from UCAS:

- 28 July to 4 August 2015
- 7 to 13 August 2015

Summer School Students

- **I have two ID numbers, which should I use?**
  If you are continuing your studies after attending the University's Summer School, please ensure that when you log-in you continue to use your Summer School Student ID number. Do not use the UCAS number or any other number allocated to you by the Admission's Office.

Personal Details (top-left part of the University’s shield)

- **Can I amend my personal details?**
  No - you should check your details via your Student Portal when it opens (about 48 hours after you complete Registration). The Student Portal can be found by clicking on 'For Students' from the University Home page (at the top-right of the home page). This takes you to the Students’ Infohub page and on the right-side of this page there is a Quick Links section containing the link to the Student Portal. You should use the Student Portal throughout the year to update your personal details, particularly your local term-time address (i.e. your address in the Aberdeen area).

- **Do I have to complete all the missing details?**
  You should provide all the missing information as it is required for statistical purposes by external bodies. Names will not be released to these bodies. However, if you feel strongly that you do not wish to provide a particular piece of information, please email the Data Protection Officer to lodge your concern at: dpa@abdn.ac.uk.

Please note that it is a legal requirement, by the UK Home Office Visa and immigration authorities (UKVI) that international students on a Tier 4 visa must provide a valid home address and local term-time address (ie in Aberdeen). If found not to be living there, we are obliged to report this to the UKVI, meaning that your Tier 4 visa could be curtailed and you must leave the UK. Please therefore ensure that your address is always kept up-to-date.
- **What is all this information used for?**
  Some of the questions will seem really odd and probing but it is an external body that requires the University to collect such data. The information is submitted in statistical form to the Higher Education Statistical Agency (HESA) as a condition of the University’s Funding Grant from the Scottish Funding Council. It is anonymous and provides information on Universities in general to Funding Councils and is available under the Freedom of Information Act.

**NAME**

1. **I don’t have a mobile phone number, can I leave this blank?**
   No—If you do not have a mobile phone, you will need to insert eleven zeros. It is, however, helpful to the University to hold your mobile phone number, if you have one.

**DISABILITY**

2. **I have no disability, what do I put?**
   If you have no disability, you should select ‘No known disability’ from the drop-down menu. This will automatically set the answer to the Disabled Student Allowance question to ‘No’.

**COUNTRY/DOMICILE**

3. **Legal Nationality – what information is required here?**
   This should indicate the country, whose citizenship or passport you hold. If you hold dual nationality, please choose one of them, giving preference to the UK or another member country of the European Union, where appropriate. If your nationality is not listed select ‘Stateless’ and contact the Registry (studentrecords@abdn.ac.uk).

4. **Why do you need to know my Country/Local Authority/Place of birth?**
   Certain University bursaries or scholarships are open only to those born in particular countries, towns or villages. Your answer to these questions will enable us to inform you of these.

5. **What is my Country of Domicile?**
   This is the country in which you normally lived before starting your current degree programme and reflects the position at your point of admission to the University. You can however e-mail the Registry (studentrecords@abdn.ac.uk) if you believe what we currently hold is not correct.

6. **My Home Local Authority is incorrect, can I amend it?**
   [Applicable to students domiciled in the UK & Islands only]
   No – this will have been transferred from your application for admission, and reflects the position before you entered. You can, however, e-mail the Registry (studentrecords@abdn.ac.uk) to request a change if you believe what we currently hold is not correct.

**SOCIAL BACKGROUND**

7. **It asks about the number of dependent children, does this question relate to me or my parents?**
   It is YOUR dependent children, not your parents. If none, please enter 0.
**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

8. Do I need to give details of an emergency contact?

Yes, it is important that the University has details of who to contact in an emergency (e.g. pandemic flu, Ebola outbreak, but hopefully this will never happen). We require the name of the person, their address and telephone number. This does not need to be a family member but could be a close friend or partner.

**PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**

9. Have I been to two (or more) schools or universities, do I need to list them all?

No, you only need to list the most recent one.

10. I am an EU or International Student, what should I put for my previous institution?

If you are an EU or International Student, select non-UK institution, the University does not require further information on this.

11. I can’t find my University in the listing?

If you attended a UK University, under ‘Institution Type’ select ‘Other UK including University’, then click ‘Next’. Select your University from the ‘Institution’ listing.

**ACADEMIC**

12. I am a postgraduate student (i.e. graduate entrant), do I need to list my School qualifications as well as my undergraduate degree(s)?

No, we only require details of your undergraduate degree(s) and any other postgraduate qualifications (e.g. for example, BSc in Biology, MSc in Environmental Studies).

**FEES**

13. Can I pay my accommodation fees through the eRegistration facility?

No, the fees part of electronic registration refers only to tuition fees. For information on accommodation fees go to [www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/accommodation).

14. Do I have to pay my tuition fees now as I am not commencing my studies for some time?

No, those paying all or part of their own tuition fees (shown as SELF on the screen) are asked to make at least a minimum payment (50% of the total fee that you are personally due) in advance of commencing study at the University (this applies to tuition fees over £250) and complete a payment plan for the balance. Please note that SELF includes payment by other family members.

Please carefully consider how much you will pay through the eRegistration payment facility as only a single payment is permissible each academic year.

It is possible to pay in person at the InfoHub in the Hub building, but as this could be time consuming for you it is recommended that if at all possible you make payment electronically. If you are registering during the main registration period in September you will also be able to submit a payment by cheque at your registration venue (these venues cannot accept cash or card payments). Cheques should be made payable to *University of Aberdeen*. 
15. A sponsor is paying some/all of my tuition fees - what do I do?
If your fees are being paid by a third-party sponsor (e.g. the SAAS, Local Authority, Shell Expro, etc.) the University will invoice that body directly. It is, therefore, **essential** that new students, or students with a new sponsor, enter their sponsor's information on eRegistration AND send proof of sponsorship to the Fees Team in Registry Student Services, The Hub, University of Aberdeen, Elphinstone Road, Aberdeen, AB24 3TU. Proof of sponsorship needs to be provided in hard copy to Registry Student Services (not to the Admissions Office), on company headed paper indicating their intention to cover tuition fees, and include all relevant details including the name of the student concerned, the student's 8 digit ID number (not the 10 digit applicant number) and course details if known, the length of time and amount of fees that will be covered, etc. This letter can be sent to us either by post or email (tuitionfees@abdn.ac.uk). If you wish to submit it in person please do so at the InfoHub.

16. I have applied to a sponsor/sponsors to pay my tuition fees but I have not yet had a response to confirm that they will pay. What should I do?
In eRegistration you should enter the information regarding your expected sponsor into the Fee Settlement screen and give details in the box provided (with an email address if you have not yet joined the University) AND, when you receive confirmation, submit proof of sponsorship to the Fees Team in the Hub. The Fees Team will get back to you if there is a problem. Your financial information cannot be updated with your sponsorship details until the letter of proof is received by the Fees Team. Proof of sponsorship needs to be provided in the form of a letter to Registry Student Services (not the Admissions office) on company headed paper indicating their intention to cover tuition fees, and include all relevant details such as the name of the student concerned, the student's 8 digit student ID number (not the 10 digit applicant number) and course details if known, the length of time that fees will be covered. This letter can be sent to us either by post or email (tuitionfees@abdn.ac.uk).

17. Should I bring the letter of confirmation from my sponsor to the University?
It is essential that new students, or students with a new sponsor, submit proof of sponsorship to the Fees Team in the Hub. If you are unable to do so in advance, please bring a copy with you and submit it prior to collecting your student ID card. In the case of those who have applied to the SAAS, or Student Loan Company, it is not as important to submit proof as these bodies contact us directly but if you have it please give a copy to us, or post a copy in the box in the InfoHub. Write your student ID number on the copy before posting. There is no need to wait in the queue.

18. I am Scottish, why are you asking me who is paying my tuition fees for me?
All students expecting the Scottish Government to pay their tuition fees **must** apply to the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) and **must** reapply every year. SAAS will send you an award letter when sponsorship is confirmed and they will pay your tuition fees directly to the University. The web address for SAAS is [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk).

19. My tuition fees are not displayed, what does this mean?
Where tuition fees are not displayed it usually means that your fees have not yet been calculated. We are continually updating fee information so check the fees part of eRegistration in a couple of
days. If the situation continues, email the Fees Team who will investigate. If you are on a programme of study where your fees are based on the number of credits you are taking (e.g. Project Management, MEd) you or the School must inform the Fees Team of the course modules you are taking in the academic year. Your tuition fees will be calculated accordingly, and will appear in the fees part of eRegistration a few days later.

20. The Fees Portal says "Your tuition fees for the coming year have already been invoiced". What does this mean?
This means that you have already been in contact with the Fees Team in the Registry or the Cash Office to discuss your tuition fees and they have been dealt with directly, perhaps over the telephone or at the InfoHub. You must still agree the Declaration to complete this part of electronic registration. If this scenario is incorrect, please contact the Fees Team who will investigate.

21. I am changing my study status from full-time to part-time (or vice-versa). What should I do?
Your tuition fees will now be incorrect. Please email the Fees Team in the Registry with details and they will adjust your fees accordingly. Check back to the fees part of eRegistration in a few days to see if your fees have been adjusted.

22. I have made a mistake and clicked on a button that confirms I am paying my own fees, but I am hoping to be sponsored. What should I do as it is asking me to pay?
If you have made a mistake and clicked on the wrong button please email the Fees Team or contact any member of staff in the Registry or Infohub and they will be able to undo your mistake. This can be undone instantaneously. You can then start again on the fees part of eRegistration.

23. I want to complete my eRegistration and pay the deposit on my tuition fees, but I am an overseas student. What happens to my deposit if my student visa is refused?
If you are to be a Tier 4 student you are strongly advised not to make any payment through eRegistration until you have been granted your Tier 4 visa.
The University of Aberdeen does offer a refund of tuition fees if the student concerned has been refused a Visa. Should this be the case, we would require written proof of this refusal before your fees could be refunded to you or your sponsor.

24. Do I get a discount if I pay my tuition fees in one complete payment?
No, you do not get a discount.

25. My Department/School/College/Recruitment Section has told me that they will make a contribution towards my tuition fees, but the fees part of eRegistration does not show this. What should I do?
The Fees Team is not always informed in advance that a contribution to fees will be made from an internal University source. Please email the Fees Team in advance to give details of the award, highlighting the contact person in the Department/School/College/Recruitment Section. Email a hard copy of any confirmation letter you have been sent. When the discount is confirmed your fees will be adjusted. We are continually updating fee information so check back again in a few days. (Please keep checking eRegistration to see if the adjustment has been made).
26. Do I have to pay my tuition fees in one payment or can I pay in instalments?
If you are paying your own tuition fees, for all or part of the total sum, you do not have to pay in one complete payment. A minimum of 50% of your tuition fees is required (per academic year, if your fees are £250 or more) to enable full registration. In addition you should set up an instalment plan to make three further equal payments over three consecutive months. Print an instalment plan from the fees part of eRegistration or contact the University's Credit Control desk at the Infohub, tel: 01224 273517 or email: creditctr@abdn.ac.uk.

27. I would like to transfer my payment, but do not have the University's banking details. Can you give them to me?
General information regarding the payment of tuition fees, including bank account details are available from the following website: www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/index

28. I have accepted my fees in the Fees part of eRegistration, and it is now asking me to make a payment online. I am not ready to pay at this time, but now I can't finish this section. What do I do?
If you have gone as far as being asked for a 50% payment, but you wish to make payment through an alternative method, then you have completed the fee section as far as you can. Click on the 'Back' button at the top (centre) of the screen and continue with the other parts of eRegistration.

29. I have a question and need to contact someone in the tuition fees team. How do I do that, and what information should I provide?
Before emailing please consult the comprehensive Step by Step Guide. If the Guide does not answer your question email tuitionfees@abdn.ac.uk and outline the nature of your query. Ensure you include your full name, date of birth and student ID number.

GENERAL

30. I have completed eRegistration, does this mean that I am a registered student?
No. There are two main parts to the registration process of which eRegistration is one part. The second part of registration is to choose your curriculum for the academic year. Non-EU International Students also need to complete Part 3 of registration regarding their passport/visa details. Please refer to the New Students website for further information www.abdn.ac.uk/newstudents.

31. What happens if I do not complete all parts of the registration process?
You should be aware that failure to complete these tasks will delay completion of your registration, will delay any receipt of a student loan (where applicable), and access to MyAberdeen.

If you have not registered properly your student ID card will deactivate approximately 14 days after your expected registration date.