STUDENT FINANCE

CONTINUING STUDENTS ADMITTED BEFORE 2012

ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

I am a Scottish/EU Student, is there any change to my funding?

If you are funded by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS), there is no change to the way you are currently funded. You apply to SAAS annually in the same way as you have done in previous years and, providing you do not have to repeat a year of study, your tuition fee payment of £1820 (£2895 for MBChB students) will be paid directly to the University as usual.

I am domiciled in England/Wales/Northern Ireland, is there any change to my funding?

If you are funded by Student Finance England/Wales or Northern Ireland there is no change to the way you are currently funded. You apply to the relevant Student Finance authority annually in the same way as you have done in previous years and, providing you do not have to repeat a year of study, your tuition fee payment of £1820 (£2895 for MBChB students) will be paid directly to the University as usual.

I am an International student, is there any change to my funding?

There are no changes to the International student fee regulations. However, tuition fees increase in each academic year and you should check the <u>fee rate</u> which is relevant to your programme of study.

What if I have to repeat a year of study?

All Scottish/EU students should be aware that eligibility to receive SAAS support is normally based on the minimum period of study required for your degree programme - 4 years in most cases (except, for example, MBChB, MChem, MEng and programmes involving a compulsory year abroad or industrial placement, where 5 years are required). In some cases SAAS will pay for a repeat year if there are medical or strong compassionate grounds but if SAAS refuse to fund the repeat year, you will be personally liable for payment of your tuition fees.

Students from England, Wales and Northern Ireland should be eligible for a tuition fee loan for a repeat year of study. International students pay for each year of study undertaken.

If I am personally responsible for tuition fee payment, how and when do I pay?

Tuition fees are payable at the start of the academic year and should be paid using the online payment facility when completing <u>e Registration</u>. You can pay in a single lump sum or you can pay using the instalment plan which allows you to pay in 4 instalments (minimum 50% payment at registration and 3 further equal and consecutive payments).

What if I withdraw from study?

All students should read the University's <u>Refund Policy</u>. Students who are funded through Student Finance Loans should read the policy carefully so that they are fully aware that they could still be liable to make a personal payment towards tuition fees depending on the date of withdrawal. If you are a Continuing student domiciled in England/Wales/Northern Ireland, you should note that you are permitted to withdraw or suspend your studies for **one** full academic year and will still be regarded as a Continuing student if you are re-admitted within

that period. If you withdraw or suspend your studies for more than one full academic year, you will be re-admitted as a **new** student and will be subject to the higher rate (£9000 per year) of tuition fee charges.

I started my course in 2011/12 or earlier and withdrew from study and now want to apply for readmission. I am domiciled in England/Wales/Northern Ireland. Will I be classed as a new or continuing student?

If you were registered as a continuing student in 2011/12 or 2012/13 you will be regarded as a continuing student if you return to study in 2013/14. You should be aware that you are permitted to withdraw or suspend your studies for one full academic year and will still be regarded as a Continuing student if you are re-admitted within that period.

If you withdraw or suspend your studies for more than one full academic year, you will be readmitted as a **new** student and will be subject to the higher rate (£9000 per year) of tuition fee charges.

How much do I pay if off-campus for a full year as a Language Student, Industrial Placement, or Exchange student (including ERASMUS)?

- If you are a Scottish or EU student who is funded by SAAS on ERASMUS or on an elective (non-compulsory) exchange they will pay the normal fee of £1820;
- If you are an *RUK student* who is *eligible for public fees support on ERASMUS* exchange only [not any other exchange] then the Scottish Funding Council will pay £1820, and you will be *exempt from* any personal liability or having to borrow *fees* from the Student Loans Company for that year;
- If you are UK or EU other than above [eg. on industrial placement, a language assistant, an RUK student on a non ERASMUS exchange, or are not eligible for public funding] SAAS, Student Loans Company or you (as appropriate) will be liable for a 50% fee of £910:
- If you are an *overseas student*, you will be liable for a 50% fee, £910 of that being paid personally and the balance met by your College(s) of registration.

How much do I pay if I spend part of the year abroad/off-campus?

There is no abatement for part periods spent abroad/off-campus. The standard full year fee is payable.

How much do I pay if I register as a part-time student?

The part-time tuition fee rates for 2013/14 are detailed below:-

- Home/EU and Continuing RUK students £55 per 5 credits
- Overseas Arts, Divinity, Education, Law & Music £375 per 5 credits
- Overseas Engineering, Medicine & Science £470 per 5 credits
- Graduate LLB £375 per 5 credits
- Where the programme is charged on a modular basis, i.e. depending on the number
 of credits or courses that a student is registered for in an academic year (if a
 programme is charged on a modular basis then it will be clearly marked on the fee
 database table)

What if I register as a full-time student and then drop to part-time study midway through my programme of study?

If you register for 45 credits or less in either half session, you will pay at the appropriate per 5 credit point fee rate (see above). The half session that you study full time will be charged at £910 (50% of the full-time fee rate).

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