

Effect of Previous Study on Full-time Funding Entitlement Student Money and Accommodation Advice

You can usually only get funding from Student Finance England for your *first* full degree. If you are seeking help for a second degree you are unlikely to be eligible for government support*. If you have studied but not completed a higher education course before **anywhere in the world** you might only get reduced financial help for a second course. Please note that further education does not count as previous study (e.g. A-levels, Access courses).

Calculation

As a general rule Tuition Fee Loans are available for the full length of the course, plus one extra year if needed. The number of years for which you are eligible for funding is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Length of current} & & & & & & \\ \text{course} & + & \text{1 additional} & - & \text{Years of} & = & \text{Standard} \\ & & \text{year} & & \text{previous} & & \text{entitlement} \\ & & & & \text{study} & & \end{array}$$

Therefore, if your standard entitlement is less than the duration of your course, for example standard entitlement = 2 years on a 3-year course, you will have to pay the tuition fees yourself for year 1 because any reductions in funding due to previous study are taken off the earlier years of your course.

Under the student support regulations a further additional year of tuition fee support may be made available if a student needs to repeat a year due to compelling personal reasons (CPR) and can prove this. CPR can include health/unforeseen exceptional circumstances. All cases need to be evidenced and this can be medical evidence or letters of support from social workers or police reports. You should make an appointment to see a Student Money and Accommodation Adviser for guidance when applying for CPR.

PLEASE NOTE: For the purposes of the calculation, enrolling on a full-time course is equal to one day's attendance and this will count as one whole year of previous study.

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*Students taking courses in architecture, social work and undergraduate Initial Teacher Training (ITT) will continue to be eligible for loans for living costs, even if the course is equivalent to or lower than an award you already hold (ELQ). Students starting courses in September 2020 in an allied health professional subject – BSc Dietetics, BSc Dietetics and Nutrition – may find ELQ rules are disregarded. Students eligible to apply for a means-tested NHS Bursary will continue to be eligible for a reduced rate maintenance loan whether or not they already hold an equivalent or higher level qualification. Students studying **part-time** on engineering, technology, computer science, medicine, biological science, veterinary science/agriculture, physical science, or mathematical science courses may be able to receive a fee and maintenance loan even if they already hold a degree. For an up-to-date list of applicable courses, please visit www.londonmet.ac.uk/applying/funding-your-studies/loans/part-time-loan/

Maintenance Loan and supplementary grants

The Maintenance Loan and some supplementary grants (Child Care Grant, Parents' Learning Allowance, and Adult Dependants' Grant) may be available to those who've previously studied.

What does not count as previous study?

Previous part-time study which did not lead to a qualification and self-funded study at a private institution which did not lead to a qualification are not taken into account when considering full-time funding entitlement. Please see a Student Money and Accommodation Adviser if you would like to clarify your situation.

How to contact us

Telephone your Student Hub and ask to book an appointment with a Student Money and Accommodation Adviser:

Aldgate Hub – 020 7133 7002; Holloway Hub – 020 7133 7001

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The Regulations referred to throughout this information sheet are the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 (2011/1986) as amended by the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and 2017, the Education (Student Support and European University Institute) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (2013/1728). Regulations 12, 12(7), 19(10) and 30(1) of the above apply to this information sheet.

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