



University of
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Fee status policy

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Tuition fee status

Your tuition fee status and the level of tuition fee that you will pay are determined by your nationality and the country where you are ordinarily resident at the time of your application to a specific programme. Assessments are made in accordance with the [The Education \(Fees and Student Support\) \(EU Exit\) \(Scotland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021](#). At undergraduate level there are different fees for students whose status is 'Home (Scotland)', those whose status is 'RUK' (England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland) or 'Islands' (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) and those whose status is 'Overseas' (the rest of the world). At postgraduate level there are different fees for students whose status is 'Home' or 'Overseas'. This is referred to as your 'tuition fee status'. Before accepting an offer from the University, you must ensure that you agree with your tuition fee status. Applicants cannot choose which fee status they would prefer to have, as we follow guidelines in accordance with the Education (Fees and Student Support) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021. Your fee status will be assessed every time you apply to attend a programme and once accepted will remain unchanged for the duration of that programme.

EU applicants

In accordance with the above regulations, EU nationals will have their fee status assessed in one of the following categories:

1. EU nationals living in the EU without pre-settled or settled status in the UK – Overseas fee status
2. EU nationals living in the EU with pre-settled or settled status in the UK– Overseas
3. EU nationals living in the UK with pre-settled or settled status in the UK – Home (Scotland)
4. EU nationals at boarding school in the UK with pre-settled or settled status in the UK – Home (Scotland)
5. Republic of Ireland nationals living in the Republic of Ireland - RUK

UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) interprets the legislation for students on their [website](#) which explains the conditions you need to meet to be entitled to pay tuition fees at the Home or RUK rate for study in Scotland.

Assessment of fee status

When you apply to the University, we assess your fee status from the information you have provided as part of your application about your nationality and country of domicile. Additionally, factors such as temporary residence linked to parents' employment may affect your fee status. There may also be exceptions to the normal residence conditions for HM Forces personnel, Diplomats, VSO workers and missionaries.

All applicants will be notified of their fee status before an offer of admission is made. If the University considers that an applicant's fee status is unclear from the information provided in the application, we will send you a link to complete our online fee status questionnaire which you will be able to access through the Applicant Portal. In the fee status questionnaire, you will be asked to provide a full residence and education history and any supporting documentation that may be relevant to your fee status assessment. It is your responsibility to provide this information in a timely and accurate manner. Final decisions on applications cannot be made until fee status is assessed. If you do not respond to the request for additional information after four weeks, a reminder message will be sent to the email address listed on your application. If you do not reply by the deadline stated in the email, your application will be rejected.

According to the current fee status regulations, asylum seeking applicants should be assessed as Overseas for tuition fees purposes. However, guidance provided by Universities Scotland and the Scottish Refugee Council states that universities may choose to assess asylum seekers as Home

funded for tuition fee purposes, and the University of St Andrews has chosen to follow this guidance for students starting programmes from September 2020 onwards. Students who have started their programme before September 2020 will not be eligible for a reassessment of their tuition fee status.

Please note that asylum seekers are not eligible to enter specific degree programmes which include integrated paid work placements.

Ordinary residence and temporary absence

The University of St Andrews defines 'ordinary residence' for fee status assessment purposes as where you live as a family for work, education and general family life. It is not where you or your family own property with an intention to return at some future date, or where you can live legally with no restrictions.

If you normally live in the UK but you are currently resident outside the UK for the purpose of education, this can be taken into account if your parent(s) remain living in the UK. If you are living with one or both parents in the country you are attending school, this will be considered as your place of ordinary residence.

If you normally live in the UK but are currently resident outside the UK due to temporary employment (either your own or a parent's) we may be able to assess your 'ordinary residence' as still being in the UK if you meet our temporary absence criteria. The temporary absence criteria can be met where e.g. an employee is on secondment from their UK-based employer on a time limited contract overseas and will return to their original employment at the end of the fixed term. We will ask you for more information and supporting documentation within the fee status questionnaire.

The final decision as to where a student is considered to be ordinarily resident for fee status assessment purposes remains at the discretion of the University. Additionally, it is University of St Andrews policy that continuous absence from the UK (not including holidays) for 10 years or more will not be considered temporary for the purposes of fee status assessment.

Fee status and your offer of admission

Your offer of admission is made on the basis of your tuition fee status. Therefore it is imperative that you query your fee status, if necessary, **before** you receive an offer. By accepting an offer, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions held within that offer, including the fee status assessment. We do not reassess fee status once students have started their course of study.

Any request to review your fee status after an offer has been made will result in your application being held, pending completion of the fee status review. If your fee status is subsequently amended, your offer of admission will become void and your application will be reconsidered within the new fee status framework. Once you indicate to us that you wish us to re-assess your fee status as part of your application and provide the supporting documentation, it is the result of the last fee status assessment that will be valid and you cannot then decide to revert to a previous fee status if you do not receive a new offer.

Fee status appeals procedure

You are entitled to request a reassessment of your fee status before you accept an offer of admission. If you are dissatisfied with your fee status assessment or your circumstances change in a way that affects your fee status, you are entitled to request a reassessment of your fee status in writing by emailing the Fees officer at fees@st-andrews.ac.uk. Reassessments are handled by the Fees officer. Reassessment reviews must be requested before you accept your offer.

After you have received the outcome of your reassessment, if you still disagree with our decision you may appeal by emailing the Academic Registrar at fees@st-andrews.ac.uk. The appeal should be made before you accept an offer of admission. You should indicate how you believe an incorrect decision has been made, making reference to the Education (Fees and Student Support) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021. The Academic Registrar will review the case and inform the applicant of the decision by email, usually within seven working days.

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