



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. In accordance with the [Education \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2011](#), there are different fees for students whose status is 'Home (Scotland/EU)' (Scotland and European Union countries), those whose status is 'RUK' (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) and those whose status is 'Overseas' (the rest of the world). Whether you are classified as 'Home', 'RUK' or 'Overseas' is referred to as your 'tuition fee status'. Before accepting an offer from the University, you must ensure that you agree with your fee status classification. Applicants cannot choose which fee status they would prefer to have, as we follow guidelines in accordance with the Education (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2011.

The Scottish Government has clarified the fee status of EU entrants in 2019-2020 (treating EU students the same as if they were domiciled in Scotland) for the duration of their programme. The position for EU students starting in 2020-2021 is not yet known.

UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) provides a [detailed information sheet](#) for students which explains the conditions you need to meet to be entitled to pay tuition fees at the 'Home (Scotland/EU)' 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, country of domicile and country of birth. Additionally, factors such as dual nationality, parents' EU nationality, temporary residence linked to parents' employment, or right of movement in another EU member state 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 classification 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, they will be asked to provide further information by completing a fee status classification questionnaire. It is your responsibility to provide this information in a timely and accurate manner. Final decisions on applications cannot be made until the fee status is set. 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 within a further week, your application will be rejected.

The final decision as to whether or not a student is considered to have been 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 EU (not including holidays) for ten years or more is not 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 fee status classification. 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. Fee status applies for the duration of the programme, therefore we do not normally change fee status which was the basis of the offer.

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. 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 even if your offer is consequently withdrawn.

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 classification 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 and funding officer at fees@st-andrews.ac.uk. Reassessments are handled by the fees and funding 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) (Scotland) Regulations 2011. The academic registrar will review the case and inform the applicant of the decision by email within seven working days.

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