

**Fee liability and entitlement to student support for refugees and asylum seekers starting first-degree higher education courses (and the postgraduate initial teacher training course) in England from September 2007<sup>1</sup>**

Immigration status	Mode of study	Level of fees and support with fees	Other student support <sup>2</sup>
Asylum seeker	Full-time	Discretion of university. Generally charge 'overseas' rate but some charge 'home' rate Not eligible for student loan for fees <sup>3</sup> or university bursary to cover part of fees <sup>4</sup>	Not eligible
	Part-time	Discretion of university. Generally charge 'overseas' rate but some charge 'home' rate Not eligible for a course and fee grant <sup>5</sup>	Not eligible
Refugee status (with or without ILR)	Full-time	'Home' rate If on lower household income, eligible for student loan for fees and also eligible for university bursary to cover part of fees	Eligible
	Part-time	'Home' rate If on lower household income, eligible for a course and fee grant	Eligible
HP, DL, ELR, ILR (without refugee status)	Full-time	'Home' rate If on lower household income and meeting 'ordinarily resident' criteria <sup>6</sup> , eligible for student loan for fees and also eligible for university bursary to cover part of fees	Eligible if meeting 'ordinarily resident' criteria
	Part-time	'Home' rate If on lower household income and meeting 'ordinarily resident' criteria, eligible for a course and fee grant	Eligible if meeting 'ordinarily resident' criteria

<sup>1</sup> The information in this table has been carefully checked and is presented in good faith but we accept no legal responsibility for its accuracy (RAGU May 2007)

<sup>2</sup> Full-time students in 2007/2008: Apart from student loans for fees and university bursaries, student support consists of a non-repayable Maintenance Grant (up to £2,765 per year) for students from households on a lower income, a non-repayable Special Support Grant (up to £2,765 per year) for full-time students (mainly lone parents, other student parents and students with disabilities who are eligible to receive benefits) and Student Loans (maximum range from £3,495 - £6,315 per year). Students cannot receive both the Maintenance Grant and the Special Support Grant. There is additional financial support for those with specific needs such as the Parents' Learning Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Adult Dependents' Grant and the Disabled Students' Allowance.

Part-time students in 2007/2008: If the tuition fees are more than the amount of support available through the fee and course grant, there may be additional support available from the university. There is also further help for disabled students.

<sup>3</sup> Student loan for fees (up to £3,070)

<sup>4</sup> University bursary – on average this is expected to be about £1,000 in 2007/2008

<sup>5</sup> Fee grant and course grant for part-time undergraduate students from households with a lower income who are studying at least 50% of a full-time course (not eligible if on a part-time teacher-training course). The maximum range is £1,015 - £1,400 per year. It depends on income level and on how intensive the course is.

<sup>6</sup> 'Ordinarily resident' in the UK and Islands (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) for 3 years prior to the start of the course. In practice this usually means that at the starting date of the course it must be at least 3 years since the claim for asylum.