



Policy paper

# Changes to tuition fees: 2026 to 2027 academic year and 2027 to 2028 academic year

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For the 2026 to 2027 academic year and the 2027 to 2028 academic year, the following changes will apply to maximum tuition fees and tuition fee loans for:

- full-time undergraduate courses
- full-time accelerated undergraduate courses
- part-time undergraduate courses

These changes will apply from 1 August 2026 and from 1 August 2027 respectively.

The government intends to lay regulations implementing these changes in early 2026. These regulations will be subject to Parliamentary procedure.

Tuition fees and loans for foundation years in classroom-based subjects will remain frozen at academic year 2025 to 2026 levels. Separate information is available on [fees and loans for classroom-based foundation years](#).

## Courses offered by approved (fee cap) providers

Maximum tuition fees for undergraduate students starting or continuing full-time and part-time courses at approved (fee cap) providers [footnote 1] in the 2026 to 2027 academic year and the 2027 to 2028 academic year will be increased by 2.71% and then by 2.68% respectively.

The maximum tuition fee in these academic years will depend on whether an approved (fee cap) provider has:

- a Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) award from the Office for Students (OfS)
- an access and participation plan (APP) from the OfS

## Providers with TEF and an APP

The maximum tuition fee in the 2026 to 2027 academic year for approved (fee cap) providers with a TEF award and with an APP will increase to:

- £9,790 for standard full-time courses
- £11,750 for full-time accelerated courses
- £7,335 for part-time courses

The maximum tuition fee in the 2027 to 2028 academic year for approved (fee cap) providers with a TEF award and with an APP will increase to:

- £10,050 for standard full-time courses

- £12,060 for full-time accelerated courses
- £7,530 for part-time courses

## **Providers without TEF and with an APP**

The maximum tuition fee in the 2026 to 2027 academic year for approved (fee cap) providers without a TEF award and with an APP will increase to:

- £9,525 for standard full-time courses
- £11,430 for full-time accelerated courses
- £7,140 for part-time courses

The maximum tuition fee in the 2027 to 2028 academic year for approved (fee cap) providers without a TEF award and with an APP will increase to:

- £9,780 for standard full-time courses
- £11,735 for full-time accelerated courses
- £7,330 for part-time courses

## **Providers with TEF and without an APP**

The maximum tuition fee in the 2026 to 2027 academic year for approved (fee cap) providers with a TEF award and without an APP will increase to:

- £6,525 for standard full-time courses
- £7,830 for full-time accelerated courses
- £4,890 for part-time courses

The maximum tuition fee in the 2027 to 2028 academic year for approved (fee cap) providers with a TEF award and without an APP will increase to:

- £6,695 for standard full-time courses
- £8,035 for full-time accelerated courses
- £5,020 for part-time courses

## Providers without TEF or an APP

The maximum tuition fee in the 2026 to 2027 academic year for approved (fee cap) providers without a TEF award and without an APP will increase to:

- £6,350 for standard full-time courses
- £7,620 for full-time accelerated courses
- £4,760 for part-time courses

The maximum tuition fee in the 2027 to 2028 academic year for approved (fee cap) providers without a TEF award and without an APP will increase to:

- £6,520 for standard full-time courses
- £7,820 for full-time accelerated courses
- £4,885 for part-time courses

## Arrangements for different study patterns

Students undertaking the final year of a standard full-time course completed in less than 15 weeks will be charged up to 50% of the maximum tuition fee.

Students undertaking a work placement year for a sandwich course will be charged up to 20% of the maximum standard full-time or full-time accelerated tuition fee.

Students undertaking an overseas year of study or Turing year will be charged up to 15% of the maximum standard full-time or full-time accelerated tuition fee.

Eligible students undertaking courses at approved (fee cap) providers [\[footnote 1\]](#) will qualify for tuition fee loans to meet the full cost of their tuition in both the 2026 to 2027 academic year and the 2027 to 2028 academic year.

## Courses offered by approved providers

Full-time and part-time courses offered by approved providers [\[footnote 2\]](#) are not subject to maximum tuition fee limits.

Undergraduate students starting or continuing full-time and part-time courses at approved providers in the 2026 to 2027 academic year and the 2027 to 2028 academic year will qualify for tuition fee loans towards their tuition.

Maximum tuition fee loans in the 2026 to 2027 academic year and the 2027 to 2028 academic year will be increased by 2.71% and then by 2.68% respectively.

## Providers with TEF

The maximum tuition fee loan in the 2026 to 2027 academic year for courses at approved providers [\[footnote 2\]](#) with a TEF will be:

- £6,525 for standard full-time courses
- £7,830 for full-time accelerated courses
- £4,890 for part-time courses

The maximum tuition fee loan in the 2027 to 2028 academic year for courses at approved providers [\[footnote 2\]](#) with a TEF will be:

- £6,695 for standard full-time courses
- £8,035 for full-time accelerated courses
- £5,020 for part-time courses

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The maximum tuition fee loan in the 2026 to 2027 academic year for courses at approved providers without a TEF will be:

- £6,350 for standard full-time courses
- £7,620 for full-time accelerated courses
- £4,760 for part-time courses

The maximum tuition fee loan in the 2027 to 2028 academic year for courses at

approved providers without a TEF will be:

- £6,520 for standard full-time courses
- £7,820 for full-time accelerated courses
- £4,885 for part-time courses

## Arrangements for different study patterns

Students undertaking the final year of a standard full-time course at an approved provider, completed in less than 15 weeks, will qualify for a tuition fee loan of up to 50% of the maximum tuition fee loan.

Students undertaking a work placement year, for a sandwich course at an approved provider, will qualify for a tuition fee loan of up to 20% of the maximum tuition fee loan for standard full-time or full-time accelerated courses.

Students undertaking an overseas year of study, for a course offered by an approved provider, will qualify for a tuition fee loan of up to 15% of the maximum tuition fee loan for standard full-time or full-time accelerated courses.

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1. A university or college registered with the Office for Students for whom maximum fee limits apply. [← ←<sup>2</sup>](#)
2. A university or college registered with the Office for Students for whom maximum fee limits do not apply. [← ←<sup>2</sup> ←<sup>3</sup>](#)

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