**Changes to residency criteria for access to**

**Financial support in Further and Higher Education.**

**Respondent Information Form**

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Full name or organisation’s name

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[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

**Questionnaire**

**Question 1**

Do you agree with the overarching policy aim that students need to be able to demonstrate a connection to Scotland in order to obtain financial support from the Scottish Government for their studies?.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

**Question 2**

Please provide any relevant comments you may have in regards to your answer at question one.

Please give your views in the box below.

**Question 3**

Do you agree that the length of a person’s residence in the UK (together with a requirement to be ordinarily resident in Scotland on the relevant date) is an appropriate way of assessing whether a person has a sufficient connection with Scotland to qualify for the financial support package in Further / Higher Education?.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

**Question 4**

Do you agree that 3 years’ residence in the UK is a suitable minimum residence requirement for setting eligibility for student support in Scotland?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

**Question 5**

Do you agree that residence based on any form of leave to enter or remain from the Home Office in the UK should entitle a person to student support in Scotland, provided they otherwise meet the residence requirements?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

**Question 6**

Do you agree that individuals who are here specifically for education purposes and are on a student visa, should remain ineligible for the financial support package from Scottish Government?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

**Question 7**

Do you think eligibility should be extended to the dependents (child, spouse or civil partner) of those with student visas?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

**Question 8**

Should financial support beyond support already given through discretionary funds be extended to students who are currently ordinarily resident in Scotland and have sought asylum from the UK Home Office, but whose application is still pending?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

**Question 9**

Do you think eligibility for student financial support should be fixed according to an assessment at the start of their course (i.e. with reference to the relevant date)?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  Don’t know

**Question 10**

Do you have any comments on the sort of ‘events’ or changes in circumstances that

should trigger reassessment of a student’s eligibility after the first academic year

of their course? Please give your views in the box below.

**Question 11**

Do you have any other comments on the current policy of carrying out an assessment of

eligibility on the relevant date, or the proposals to change it? Please give your views in

the box below.