

Internal guidance notes

Funding for the two year accelerated LLB

This is a course designed for graduates only. Those who don't already have a degree cannot apply for this course.

We will offer the student loan for living costs and living-cost grants only. We will not pay fees or a bursary, even if they received no funding from UK or other EU public funds for their first degree

Funding for the honours' year after the two year accelerated LLB

If the student studied their first degree to ordinary level, which we funded, or they received funding from other UK or EU public funds, and this was:

- Not a law or similar degree, if they choose to do the honours' year of the normal LLB degree programme, that non graduates can do, they will be entitled to a loan and living-costs grants only. This is because, we can only offer funding for an honours' year if we funded the ordinary degree, and it is in the same or similar subject to their previous degree that they studied to ordinary degree level.
- A law or similar degree, for example, BA law or a joint law degree, they will be entitled to full funding for their honours years of the normal LLB degree that non graduates can do.

If they do the honours' year (year three) of the graduate entry LLB course, even if they did study their first degree to ordinary level only, they will get loan and living -costs grants only for this honours' year, which means overall they will get the same funding in all three years of the accelerated course.

Courses that are specifically for graduates do not attract block grant money (previously known as grant-in-aid) from the Scottish Funding Council (SFC). This is money all HEIs get on top of the fees we pay for each student. The fees we pay are only a small percentage of the actual fee costs for the student's course.

Accelerated degrees In Scotland

The student will start on the normal degree then after an agreed number of years, will switch to the accelerated degree.

If they are on a four-year honours degree and switch after one year, they will be on the accelerated degree for two years. If they switch after two years, they will be on the accelerated degree for one year.

If they have:

- NOT done a course of HE prior to starting the normal degree, when they switch to the accelerated degree, you should use the previous study formula of $3-X+1$. So full funding left to do the accelerated year and their plus one left (that they have not already used) if they need to repeat the accelerated year.
- done a course of HE prior to starting the normal degree, when they switch to the accelerated degree, you should use the relevant previous study formula of $4-X+1$ or $4-X+1+1$. If you were to use $3-X+1$ or $3-X+1+1$, they may not get the funding we promised them when they started the degree programme. For example, original formula may have been $4-4+1=1$, but $3-4+1=0$.

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In RUK

Some institutions offer an accelerated degree, which means you can complete a three-year honours degree in two years. This normally involves an extended academic year of three 15-week terms. The degree is available to both first degree students and graduates.

If they are:

- NOT a graduate, you should use the relevant previous study formula of 3-X+1 or 3-X+1+1
- a graduate, we can only pay the loan for living costs and living-cost grants

Graduate entry degrees

You must already have a degree to study a graduate entry degree.

With the exception of the four-year dentistry degree at Aberdeen University and the graduate nursing diploma, we do not pay tuition fees or a bursary. This is regardless of whether they got funding for their previous degree. We will pay a loan and living-cost grants only.

If they have completed a graduate entry degree, and now want to do a degree that non-graduates can do, they may receive full funding for an honours year if:

They studied their first degree and their graduate entry degree, to ordinary degree level only; and

Their current degree is in the same or similar subject as their first degree.

Graduate Entry

These courses are only available to those who hold a degree. The course is generally a compressed version of a full degree. This means the student may do a four-year degree over two years or a five-year degree over four years. Depending on the course, it can be the equivalent of an ordinary or honours degree.

Accelerated Degrees

Condensed course where the coursework is completed in three years instead of four or two years instead of three

Tuition fees

Tuition fee eligibility

If you meet our residency conditions, you can apply to SAAS for tuition fee funding, regardless of your age. If you have undertaken a higher education course before, it could affect whether you are entitled to have your tuition fees paid or receive a tuition fee loan (whichever applies).

Tuition fees for courses intended for graduate entry

If you already have a degree, regardless of whether you received public funds for this, you will not normally be able to apply for help with your tuition fees for a degree specifically designed for people who already have a degree or an equivalent qualification.