

HEFCW parttime undergraduate fee waiver scheme 2023/24

Background

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waiver given would not be regarded to be part of the HEFCW scheme. However, we would encourage providers to continue to provide that fee waiver from other sources, where possible, in order not to discourage students who decide they would like to study more credits. In all cases, institutional academic regulations will apply.

The following criteria have been used as a proxy for assessing whether a student is considered to be from a group which is underrepresented in HE:

- x students in the bottom two quintiles of the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019;
- x students from UK low participation in HE areas;
- x carers,
- x care leavers or care experienced students;
- x students with disabilities;
- x students from ethnic minority backgrounds
- x

Student eligibility criteria

A student enrolled on an eligible course must:

(i) be classed as eligible for funding according to the definition provided in HEFCW's Higher Education Students Early Statistics (HESES) survey

(ii) be Welsh domiciled (provision of a Welsh address by the student would usually be considered sufficient evidence of Welsh domicile).

and meet one or more of the following conditions:

a) the student or the student's immediate family¹ in receipt of:

- Universal Credit or its predecessors
- Jobseeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance

¹ For the purpose of the criterion (a) the definition of 'family' is as follows: married, civil partnership or unmarried couple, or married or unmarried couple, or couple in a civil partnership with dependent children, or lone parent with dependent children.

² Housing benefit, Income support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit

b) the student is in receipt of:

- Carers allowance or carer's credit
- Disability premium or other disability related financial support •
- Bereavement benefits

c) be from a group which is considered to be underrepresented in higher education, such as:

- students of all ages from areas in the bottom two quintiles of the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019
- students of all ages from UK low participation in HE areas as measured by the proportion of working age adults with HE qualifications from the 2011 census (bottom two quintiles)
- care leavers or care experienced students • students with disabilities • students from ethnic minority backgrounds
- LGBTQ+ students
- refugees and asylum seekers
- students with caring responsibilities
- those studying through the medium of Welsh 12.

