



UK Students: Repeating your Studies

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If you are required to repeat an academic year of study, you should first speak to your tutor or supervisor. Please provide your Faculty with as much information as possible about the circumstances surrounding your failed module(s), including any health or personal issues, so that they can fully consider your situation and provide appropriate advice on any related academic issues and alternative options available to you.

If your Faculty agrees to the repeat, they will contact your student finance provider and notify them of this change. This change does not take effect until the next academic year. Unless you are also taking a break in studies in the current year, arranging to repeat does not affect your current year fees or funding. If your repeat does involve a break in study, please refer to our 'Interrupting Study' factsheet for further information.

You will be required to re-apply for your student funding as normal and to cite the correct course year in that application.

My Funding - Future Support and the Previous Study Rule

You should be aware that repeating your studies may limit your entitlement to financial support during the repeat year. Eligible students are entitled to financial support for the length of their programme plus one additional year only, minus any years of previous study. This is known as the 'Previous Study Rule'.

Students without any previous study are entitled to financial support for the length of their programme plus one year. This is known as their 'Standard Entitlement'.

Example 1: A student begins their first course of higher education. The student fails to pass year 1 of the course and is allowed to repeat from the following September. They will be entitled to the normal financial support for the repeat year and the remainder of this programme. This is due to the 'plus 1' funding the repeat year.

3 year programme + 1 additional year = 4 years' standard entitlement.

Example 2: The same student subsequently transfers to a new course starting from the first year. They will not be eligible for the full financial support package during their first year on the new course.

3 year programme + 1 additional year - 2 years' previous study = 2 years' standard entitlement.

The standard entitlement is allocated to the final year first of all, then the preceding years until it is used up. In this case the two years' standard entitlement will fund the second and third course years only and the student is required to 'self-fund' the first year.

During any 'self-funding' years, you will not be able to receive a Fee Loan or Maintenance Grant*. Under the current rules, eligible students can continue to receive the Maintenance Loan and additional grants until they have an honours degree.

However, if you are repeating your studies for 'Compelling Personal Reasons' (CPR) and can provide evidence of your circumstances, your student finance provider has discretion to extend your support to fund a repeat year. This is in addition to your standard entitlement.

Some examples of circumstances your funding provider may consider under the 'CPR' rules include; a serious illness, bereavement, pregnancy or a personal/family crisis. Please see our information sheet on CPR and the evidence required by your student finance provider for more information.

*** Maintenance Grants will no longer be available to students commencing their studies in 2016 or later.**

What happens to my tuition fees?

If you are repeating the full academic year you will be charged the full tuition fee for the repeat. If you are repeating only part of the academic year, please contact your Faculty to confirm the tuition fee amount.



If you have any questions about the financial implications of repeating study, please contact an Adviser.

Please note: This advice relates to the Student Finance England funding system. If you are funded by another body (such as SFW, SFNI or SAAS), please confirm with them any variations under their Regulations.

Contact the Welfare, Immigration and Funding Team

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