



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

To:

Local Authorities in Wales
(For the attention of Student Finance Officers)
Higher Education Institutions in Wales providing designated
Higher Education courses
Further Education Institutions in Wales providing designated
Higher Education courses
The Student Loans Company
UCAS
The Open University in Wales
Student Finance Wales Stakeholder Group
NUS Wales
Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Private Institutions with specifically designated courses

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Dear Colleague

Part-time Student Support: Fees (Wales) for Academic Year 2014/15

Following the announcement on 5 March 2013 by the Minister for Education and Skills regarding part-time support in AY 2014/15, the associated policy changes are outlined below;

- i) the fees for part-time courses will remain unregulated, and a non means-tested fee loan of up to £2,625 (75% of £3,500) will be made available for eligible students commencing designated courses at public or private institutions in Wales on or after the 1st September 2014;
- ii) a non means-tested fee loan of up to £6,750 will be made available to eligible students ordinarily resident in Wales who are starting part-time courses at publicly funded institutions in the rest of the UK on or after 1 September 2014;
- iii) a non means-tested loan of up to £4,500 for those eligible students commencing a specifically designated course at a private institution based in the rest of the UK on or after 1 September 2014;
- iv) the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) will be provided to eligible students studying at 25% intensity or above, but all other means tested maintenance grants, including the course grant, will remain available only to those studying at 50% intensity or above;
- v) the period of eligibility to support for part-time courses will be extended to allow further flexibility for a course to be completed over a longer period (those averaging 25% intensity, potentially up to 16 years);



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- vi) the current system of support for part-time courses (including all PT students in AY 2013/14) will remain in place for continuing students only in AY 2014/15.

ENQUIRIES

If you have any comments about the Part-time provision in Wales or this Information Notice, please contact, in the first instance, the Higher Education Division, Welsh Government – email: studentfinancedivision@wales.gsi.gov.uk

