

Persons granted leave under the Afghan Schemes

(use this category only if the academic year you are paying fees for starts on any date in the period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2024)

The requirements for this category will change on 1 August 2024. So for information about fees for academic years that start on or after 1 August 2024, look also at the category titled 'Persons granted leave under the Afghan Schemes (use this category only if the academic year you are paying fees for starts on any date in the period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2024)'.

In order to qualify for 'home' fees under this category, all of the following criteria (a) to (d) must be met:

(a) you must be *ordinarily resident* in the *UK* on the *first day of the first academic year of the course*

(b) on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for, you must be a person with any one of these five types of leave:

1. indefinite leave to enter or indefinite leave to remain in the UK, outside the immigration rules, on the basis of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme
2. indefinite leave to enter or indefinite leave to remain in the UK, outside the immigration rules, which was granted to you as:
 - the spouse / civil partner / dependent child of a person who was granted indefinite leave on the basis of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme; or
 - the dependent child of the spouse / civil partner of a person who was granted indefinite leave on the basis of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (but the spouse / civil partner must also have been granted indefinite leave)
3. leave to enter / indefinite leave to enter / indefinite leave to remain in the UK, outside the immigration rules, on the basis of the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy Scheme (note that leave on the basis of the 'Afghanistan Locally Employed Staff Ex-Gratia Scheme' does not count for this)
4. indefinite leave to enter or indefinite leave to remain in the UK granted to you under the immigration rules for the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy or the Afghanistan Locally Employed Staff Ex-Gratia Scheme (it does not matter whether the leave was granted to you as the primary person, or as a partner or child, as long as it was granted under the immigration rules for one of those two schemes)

5. leave to enter the UK granted to you under the immigration rules for the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy or the Afghanistan Locally Employed Staff Ex-Gratia Scheme as a partner or child

(c) you must have been *ordinarily resident* in the *UK and Islands* since you were granted such leave; and

(d) you must be *ordinarily resident* in the *UK and Islands* on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for

Expiry date for your leave (immigration permission)

The leave (immigration permission) might have an expiry date. If the person makes an application to extend or change their leave before it expires, and that application is not decided before the expiry date, then immigration law dictates that they carry on being treated as a person with that type of leave while they wait for a decision to be made (and if their application is refused, then also while they wait for an appeal or administrative review of the decision). They count as a person with that leave for fee assessment purposes during all of that time.

Official name for the category

In the regulations, the category you qualify under is the one called 'Protected persons and their family members'. It also covers people with humanitarian protection, stateless leave, section 67 leave and Calais leave, but we talk about those groups separately in our information, to make things simpler.

Don't get confused between this category and other ones that have the word 'protected' in them – the word crops up in lots of other categories too, like the ones for 'Persons granted leave to remain as a protected partner and their children', and 'persons with protected rights'.

Becoming eligible

If you are granted one of the five types of leave after the start of the course, you will be entitled to 'home' fees from the start of the next academic year, if you meet the requirements above.