

UK national or Irish citizen

(use this category only if the academic year you are paying fees for starts before 1 August 2024)

This category will become more generous for academic years that start on or after 1 August 2024. It will open up to some people who became UK nationals or Irish citizens part-way through a course. Read about all the requirements that will apply in the category 'UK national or Irish citizen (use this category only if the academic year you are paying fees for starts on or after 1 August 2024)'.

Tip: Only use this category if you have not been ordinarily resident in the [UK and Islands](#) for the three-year period. If you have, then use the category headed '3 years in UK and Islands, settled in UK' instead. It gives better access to Student Support.

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

(a) you must be a [UK national](#) or an Irish citizen on the [first day of the first academic year of the course](#)

(b) on the [first day of the first academic year of the course](#), you must not be someone who qualifies for 'home' fees under the category headed '3 years in UK and Islands, EUSS settled status connection'

If you are someone who qualifies for 'home' fees under that other category, you will be assessed under that category instead. It includes an easier test about the 'main purpose' for your residence. The category covers people who have settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, Irish citizens who at some point have lived in the UK and Islands for a 5-year period, and some people who used to have a right of permanent residence under European law and then applied for the EU Settlement Scheme.

(c) you must have been [ordinarily resident](#) in the [UK / EEA / Switzerland / Gibraltar](#) for the full three-year period before the [first day of the first academic year of the course](#). For example, if your course begins in October 2023 you must have been ordinarily resident within that large area from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2023

(d) the main purpose for you residing in that large area must not have been to receive full-time education during any part of that three-year period

Tip: if you were in full-time education at some point during the three years, then ask yourself: If I had not been in education, where would I have been? If the answer is that you would have been somewhere within that large area anyway, then you meet criterion (d).

(e) you must undertake the course in Northern Ireland

Extra note: If you meet all the criteria but the reason you moved to Northern Ireland from England, Wales, Scotland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man was to undertake a course, then you will be charged a higher rate of 'home' fee than a Northern Ireland student (for example it might be £9,250 instead of £4,750 for an undergraduate course).