

Family member of a UK national, course starts before 1 August 2024

If you will start your course on or after 1 August 2024, look at the category for the 'Family member of a settled person, course starts on or after 1 August 2024' instead of this category. It is more generous, it is for the 'family member of a settled person', not just the 'family member of a UK national'.

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

(a) the UK national must be a *UK national* on the *first day of the first academic year of the course*

(b) you must be the family member of that UK national on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for

For this category, 'family member' means:

- *spouse* or *civil partner* of the UK national
- *direct descendant* of the UK national, or of the UK national's spouse or civil partner, who is:
 - under 21 years old; or
 - 21 or over and a *dependant* of the UK national, or of the UK national's spouse or civil partner

(c) you must have been *ordinarily resident* in the *UK and Islands* 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 in the UK and Islands from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2023

Note: A person who makes a late application to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) will have any period of residence in the UK and Islands between missing the deadline for the EUSS and making their EUSS application treated as lawful residence, even if it was unlawful. This means the residence can count as 'ordinary residence'.

(d) the main purpose for your residence in the UK and Islands 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 in the UK and Islands 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).