



# **STUDENT FINANCE**

## **Appendix III**

### **Glossary**

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**STUDENT AWARD** – Any grant payable to a student towards maintenance and/or tuition fees.

**DEPENDENT AWARD** – An award which may be made to any student who does not meet the criteria of an independent student, usually a student who goes to university within five years of completing A Levels. There are two types of dependent awards: either 'Assessed' or 'Fee Subsidy Only'.

**ASSESSED AWARD** – An award made by the assessment of household income. The assessment is made by means-testing. An assessed award is made up of two parts: Maintenance Grant and Tuition Fee Grant. **Please note, if you're applying for help with more than the minimum towards tuition fees, you should apply for an assessed award.**

**FEE SUBSIDY ONLY AWARD** – This is a minimum award, rather than applying for help towards just tuition fees and not maintenance. This is an award where there is no requirement for the student's parent(s)/partner to declare their household income, as it is over the level where they would receive additional support from Student Finance. Parents pay all of the maintenance costs and have a maximum contribution towards the tuition fee (which alters annually). We pay the difference between the parental contribution and the Home Fee rate.

**INDEPENDENT STUDENT BURSARIES** – An award made to a student who is over 22 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August of the academic year prior to the commencement of the course and has lived and worked in Guernsey or Alderney for three years by 31<sup>st</sup> August prior to the commencement of the course. Alternatively, the student must be aged 25 or older on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> August prior to the commencement of the course. These students are not assessed on parental income, but their own income from all sources, and of any partner they may live with. Bursaries are made at our discretion and are limited in number.

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME** – This is the gross worldwide income from all sources of the parent(s) of the student and/or any new partner they may now live with (or in the case of independent students, the gross worldwide income of the student and any partner they live with). Within the guide, parental contribution refers to the contribution of the household.

**GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME** – This is the figure on which all assessed awards are based. In some cases, income can include a notional amount if total assets exceed £100,000 (excluding main residence and approved pension schemes). Gross worldwide income is the income from all sources e.g. salary, self-employment, bank interest, property, benefits in kind, etc before any deductions i.e. tax, social insurance, etc.

**ALLOWANCES** – In an assessed award, these are deducted from the gross household income to allow for expenses. They are taken away when applicable, such as a dependent child allowance, or one of the household allowances of joint/single/shared. The allowances are updated by RPIX as relevant every year, and the rates for this year can be found in Appendix i.

**RESIDUAL INCOME** – This is the figure that results after the deduction of allowances from the gross household income. This figure is then divided by four to give the parental contribution.

**PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION** – This is the figure that we have calculated is the amount which the student's parent(s)/partner should pay towards the costs of their child's higher education. The parental contribution is allocated towards the maintenance grant in the first instance, and if the parental contribution exceeds the maintenance allowance, the remainder is allocated towards the tuition fees, up to the maximum (see Appendix 1: Schedule of Fees and Allowances).

**STUDENT CONTRIBUTION** – This is a contribution which the student may be asked to make following an assessment of income (students are not required to declare earnings from evening, weekend or vacation work, but should declare income from any other sources).

**MAINTENANCE** – Maintenance is made up of several elements, but is essentially the living costs that the student may incur while living at university, e.g. rent, books, stationery, laundry, daily travel costs. We determine an allowance for maintenance and, if the parental contribution does not cover this figure, we will top this up.

**TUITION FEES** – Tuition fees are the fees which have been charged by the institution.

**HOME FEE** - The Home Fee rate is an amount equivalent to the student fee (in the UK) and any central funding given to the university for students on particular course bands. This means Channel Island students are charged Home Fees and should not have to pay higher overseas rates.

**UNDERGRADUATE** – A student who is studying for a first degree.

**POSTGRADUATE** – A student who has usually obtained a first degree and who is pursuing further studies at a higher level.

