

# Higher Education Fee Status

## Germany

The following document sets out the fee categories used in assessment decisions when determining an applicant fee structure.

At the rear of the document you will find a glossary of terms to aid you with interpreting the meaning of a number of terms listed throughout.

### **1. Applicants who are EU or UK citizens, that were either born within the EU or UK or naturalised by the UK or a country in the EU**

In order to qualify for **EU / UK fees** under this category, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) you are an **EU or UK** national on the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (b) you were either born in the **EU or UK or naturalised by the UK or a country in the EU**.

Note: If you are a national of a country that joins the **EU** after the start of your course you will be treated as meeting this requirement in the next academic year.

### **2. Applicants who are settled in the EU or UK and/or have the right of permanent residence in the EU or UK**

In order to qualify for **EU / UK fees** under this category, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) you have the right of permanent residence in the **EU or UK**; and
- (b) you were ordinarily resident in the **EU or UK** on first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (c) you were ordinarily resident in the **EU or UK** for the three-year period before the first day of the first academic year of the course; however, if during any part of the three-year period, the main purpose for your residence was to receive full-time education, you must have been ordinarily resident in the **EU or UK** immediately prior to the three-year period of ordinary residence in the **EU or UK**.

Note: If you have the right of permanent residence in a country that joins the **EU** after the start of your course, you will be treated as meeting this requirement in the next academic year.

### 3. Applicants who are Family Members of EU or UK citizens

In order to qualify for **EU/UK fees** under this category, you must meet all of the following criteria:

(a) on the first day of an academic year of your course, you must be the relevant family member of an **EU or UK** citizen, and that **EU or UK** citizen is in the **EU or UK** as a self-sufficient person, student, or worker; and

(b) you must have been ordinarily resident in the **EU or UK** for the three years before the first day of the first academic year of the course; and

(c) the main purpose of your residence in the **EU or UK** residence area must not have been to receive full-time education during any part of the three-year period.

### 4. Applicants who are EEA Nationals, Swiss Workers or Children of Swiss nationals

In order to qualify for **EU/UK fees** under this category, you must meet all of the following criteria:

(a) on the first day of an academic year of your course you must be an **EEA national / Swiss worker** resident in the **EU / child of a Swiss national** resident in the **EU or UK** who is exercising a right of residence in the **EU or UK** (for example as a self-sufficient person, a worker, or a student); or the relevant family member **EEA national / Swiss worker**; and

(b) you must be ordinarily resident in the **EU or UK** on the first day of the first academic year of the course; and

(c) you must have been ordinarily resident in the **EEA and/or Switzerland** for the three years before the first day of the first academic year of the course; however, if the main purpose for your residence was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, you must have been ordinarily resident in the **EEA and/or Switzerland** immediately before that three-year period.

### 5. Applicants who have Refugee, Humanitarian and Stateless Status

In order to qualify for **EU/UK fees** under this category, you must meet all of the following criteria:

(a) you must be ordinarily resident in **Germany** on the first day of the first academic year of the course; and on the first day of an academic year of the course, you must have been granted the said recognised status by **Germany**; or in the case of Humanitarian or Stateless leave, you must have been ordinarily resident in **Germany** for the full three-year period before the first day of the first academic year of the course; or

(c) If you are the spouse / civil partner of such a refugee, humanitarian, stateless person then you must have been the spouse or civil partner of that person on the date on which their status application was made; or

(d) If you are the child of such a refugee, humanitarian, stateless person or their spouses or civil partner child then at the time the refugee made the asylum application you must have been the under-18-year-old.

### Glossary of Terms:

Phrase	Meaning
<b>EEA</b>	European Economic Area
<b>EU</b>	European Union (members of)
<b>First Day of the Academic Year</b>	First academic days are classified as courses starting after the closest date stated below (e.g., a course starting 10 <sup>th</sup> September would be classified as 1 <sup>st</sup> September for the start of the academic year): 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup> September <b>First day of the first academic year</b> indicates the first qualifying date from the very beginning of a student course.
<b>EU/UK Fees</b>	Lower level course fee for qualifying students, opposed to a higher-level fee known as an 'Overseas/International' fee.
<b>Ordinarily resident</b>	A student can be ordinarily resident in the relevant residence area (which depends on the category and its qualifying conditions) if he/she has habitually, normally and lawfully resided in that area from choice.
<b>Relevant Family Member</b>	A relevant family member of an EU national includes: - a spouse (shown through a valid marriage) / civil partner (who have gained legal confirmation of a relationship); - direct descendant of the EU national, or of the EU national's spouse / civil partner, who is: - under 21 years old; or - 21 or over and dependent on the EU national or on the EU national's spouse / civil partner.
<b>Settled &amp; Right of Permanent Residence</b>	Settled status means being both ordinarily resident in Germany and without any immigration restriction on the length of stay in Germany.