

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
EEA	European Economic Area
EU	European Union (members of)
First Day of the Academic Year	First academic days are classified as courses starting after the closest date stated below (e.g., a course starting 10 th September would be classified as 1 st September for the start of the academic year): 1 st January 1 st April 1 st July 1 st September First day of the first academic year indicates the first qualifying date from the very beginning of a student course.
EU/UK Fees	Lower level course fee for qualifying students, opposed to a higher-level fee known as an 'Overseas/International' fee.
Ordinarily resident	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.
Relevant Family Member	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.
Settled & Right of Permanent Residence	Settled status means being both ordinarily resident in Germany and without any immigration restriction on the length of stay in Germany.