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| **TITLE**  | **Funding and support for EU students studying in Wales** |
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| **BY** | **Kirsty Williams AM, Cabinet Secretary for Education** |

EU nationals who intend to study in Wales for the academic year 2019/20 will be eligible to pay the same tuition fees as Welsh students and will be eligible to receive loans and/or grants from Student Finance Wales (SFW) – subject to the existing eligibility criteria.

This is a continuation of the current policy and students will be eligible to receive support until they finish their course. This applies to all student finance from SFW for students in Wales for which EU nationals are eligible. This includes loans to cover tuition fees (for those resident in the EEA for three years), loans and grants for maintenance (limited to those resident in the UK for at least three years), and some other grants and allowances.

The rules applying to EU nationals who will apply for a place at university for the academic year 2018/19 to study a course which attracts student support are unchanged. SFW will assess these applications against existing eligibility criteria, and will provide loans and/or grants in the normal way. EU nationals, or their family members, who are assessed as eligible to receive grants and/ or loans by the Student Loans Company will also then be eligible for the duration of their study on that course.

Students should consult their university’s student finance office, or the Student Finance Wales website, for information about the support available.