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HESES21 training

Essential updates for experienced staff

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- Who is presenting today:
 - Host: Roger Lear (backup host – Ross Lawlor)
 - Toby West-Taylor, Head of Funding at the Office for Students (OfS)
- Closed captions are available – click the CC icon
- A recording of this session will be available on the OfS website
- Intended audience: provider staff with previous knowledge of HESES
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Today's session

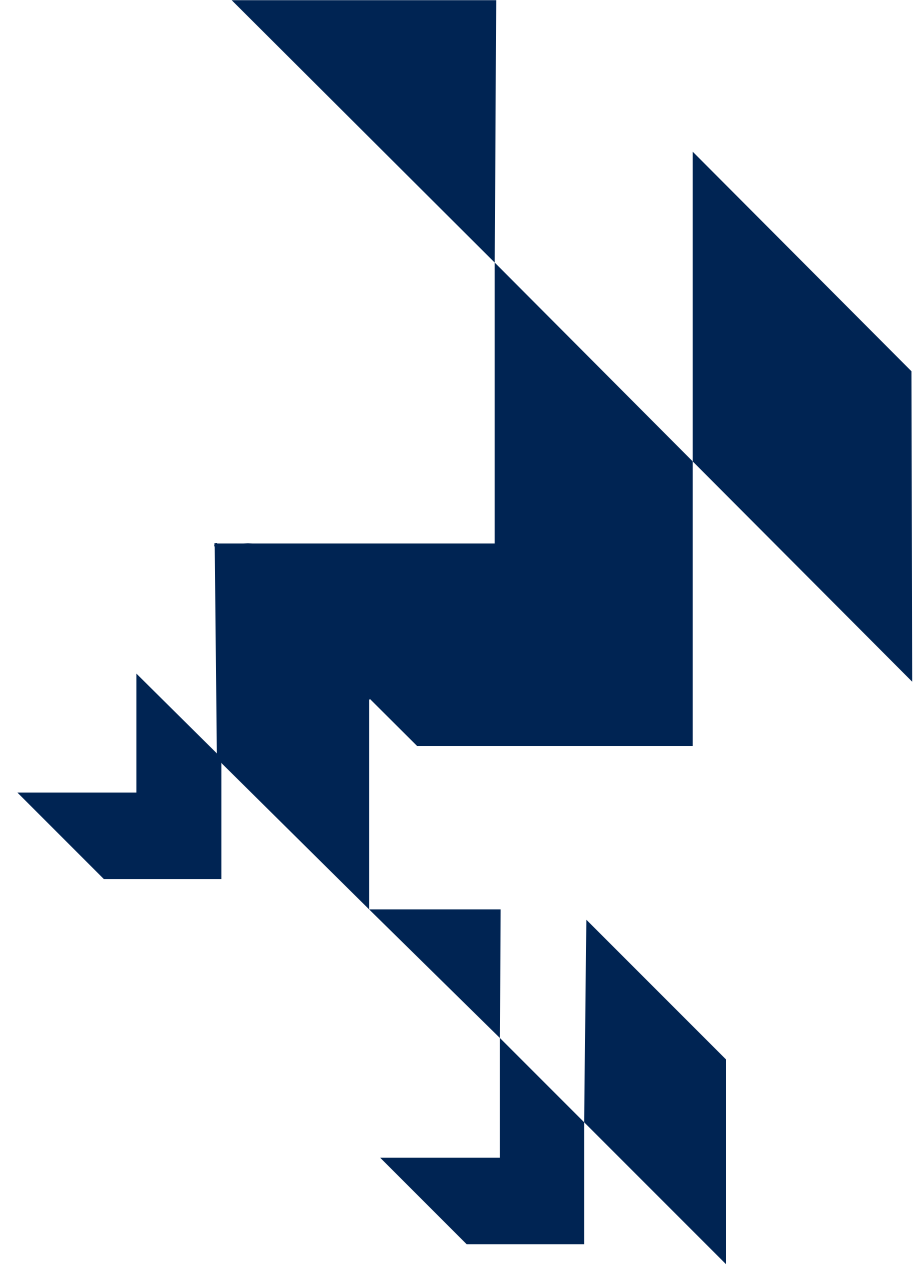
- Format
 - Presentation by Toby West-Taylor, Head of Funding at the OfS
 - Questions and answers.
- Your questions
 - Changes to HESES and policy issues related to them
 - Batched wherever possible
 - May take offline if that is more suitable
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Supporting materials

- A recording of this event will be available from the OfS website at www.officeforstudents.org.uk/events
- We will also publish the slides and any supplementary materials
- Providers should also refer to:
 - HESES website: www.officeforstudents.org.uk/heses
 - HESES21 – Higher Education Students Early Statistics survey 2021-22 publication
 - www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/heses21
 - How to complete the HESES21 workbook publication
 - Guide to funding 2021-22 publication
 - HESES videos on the OfS YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/officeforstudents>

Changes to data collection for HESES21



Summary of changes to HESES for 2021-22

- Population of students eligible for home fees and related terminology
- Splitting price group C1 into C1.1 and C1.2
- Years abroad
- Pandemic-specific guidance
- Other minor changes.

Home fee status

- Terminology changes:
 - From 'Home & EU' to 'Home fee'
 - From 'Island & Overseas' to 'Overseas'.

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			Column 1			Column 2		
			Years countable between 1 August 2021 and census date inclusive			Forecast of years countable after census date and before 1 August 2022		
			Home fee			Home fee		
			OfS-fundable	Non-fundable	Overseas	OfS-fundable	Non-fundable	Overseas
			(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	(c)
Price group	Length	Level						
A	Standard	UG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		PGT (UG fee)						
		PGT (Masters' loan)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		PGT (Other)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		PGR		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00

Home fee status

- Definition unchanged – Home fee still determined by the population given in Schedule 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007/779), as amended
- Significant amendments introduced for academic year 2021-22 – by the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI 2021/127)
- Statutory instruments available on the www.legislation.gov.uk website.

Home fee status: useful resources

- ‘Student finance eligibility: 2021 to 2022 academic year’:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-finance-eligibility-2021-to-2022-academic-year>
- <https://www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/policy> - see in particular ‘Eligibility for home fee status and capped fees following the UK’s exit from the EU’
- Student Finance England Practitioners helpline:
 - Email: ssin_queries@slc.co.uk
 - Telephone: 0300 100 0618
 - Lines are open Monday to Friday, 1000 to 1600
- UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA):
 - <https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/studentnews/1699/Full-information-on-HE-fee-status-for-students-starting-courses-in-England-in-Autumn-2021>.

EU, EEA, Swiss nationals and family members

- From 1 August 2021, EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals and their family members who are not covered by the Withdrawal Agreements or the Common Travel Area arrangement with Ireland will no longer be eligible for home fee status, undergraduate and postgraduate financial support and advanced learner loans from Student Finance England for courses starting in academic year 2021-22 or after.
- Children of Turkish workers arriving in the UK after 31 December 2020 will similarly not be eligible for home fee status and student financial support for courses starting on or after 1 August 2021.
- These changes will not affect students starting courses on or before 31 July 2021. If they are already eligible under the system applying for academic year 2020-21, they will remain eligible under that system for the duration of their course.

EU, EEA, Swiss nationals and family members

- Eligibility changes do not apply to Irish citizens living in the UK or Ireland whose right to study and to access benefits and services will be preserved on a reciprocal basis for British and Irish citizens under the Common Travel Area arrangement.
- EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals, and their family members who are covered by the Withdrawal Agreements will continue to have access to home fee status and student financial support on broadly the same basis as now. Generally, this covers those who:
 - Are living in the UK by 31 December 2020 having exercised a right to reside under EU law, the EEA Agreement or the Free Movement of Persons Agreement
 - Continue to live in the UK after 31 December 2020
- Care needed in relation to ‘starting a course’. For example, a student who completed a course in 2020-21 with home fee status may no longer have home fee status if they start another course or top-up in 2021-22.

UK nationals living in the EEA, Switzerland and EU Overseas Territories

- UK nationals and their family members living in the EEA or Switzerland on 31 December 2020 will generally be eligible for home fee status, tuition fee and maintenance support from Student Finance England, for courses starting on or after 1 August 2021 and before 1 January 2028, if:
 - they are living in the EEA or Switzerland on 31 December 2020 (or have moved back to the UK immediately after living in the EEA or Switzerland); and
 - they have lived in the EEA, Switzerland, the UK or Gibraltar for at least the last three years; and
 - they have lived continuously in the EEA, Switzerland, the UK or Gibraltar between 31 December 2020 and the start of the course
- UK nationals and their family members living in the EU Overseas Territories on 31 December 2020 will continue to be eligible for home fee status in England for courses starting before 1 January 2028.

Students from the Crown Dependencies (Channel Islands and Isle of Man)

- Previously, students from the Crown Dependencies who moved to the UK for purposes other than undertaking a course have been considered to be ordinarily resident in England on the first day of their course and eligible for Home fee status
- From 1 August 2021, **new and continuing** students living in the Crown Dependencies (the 'Islands'), who **come to England** solely for the purposes of higher or further education study, will be eligible for home fee status, on the basis of three years' residency in the UK or the Islands
- Attendance within the UK still required: students studying on the Islands (for example by distance learning) are not eligible for Home fees and should be excluded from HESES.

Price group C1 split

- Following the consultation in OfS 2021.01 (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/consultation-on-recurrent-funding-for-2021-22/) and the decisions reported in OfS 2021.26 (www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/recurrent-funding-for-2021-22-outcomes-of-consultation/), we have split price group C1 between:
 - C1.1 covering computing, archaeology and pre-registration courses in nursing
 - C1.2 covering performing and creative arts and media studies
- High-cost subject funding rate of grant for C1.2 has been halved for 2021-22.

Price group C1 split

- Students on courses leading to first registration as a nurse (all specialisms) should be assigned entirely to price group C1.1. This includes courses leading to dual registration as a nurse and social worker
- Years of instances relating to other courses should be assigned between price groups C1.1 or C1.2 reflecting the HECoS or LDCS subject code(s) for the course.

Subject codes assigned to price group C1.1

Price group	Common Aggregation Hierarchy of Higher Education Classification of Subjects code	Learn Direct Class System code
C1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAH11• CAH20-01-03• HECoS 100369 (within CAH 26-01-05)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BF• C (except CD, CE)• DC

Subject codes assigned to price group C1.2

Price group	Common Aggregation Hierarchy of Higher Education Classification of Subjects code	Learn Direct Class System code
C1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HECoS 100109 and 100110 (within CAH10-01-03) • CAH24 (except CAH24-01-02) • CAH25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CD, CE • J (except JA.22, JA.23, JA.32, JA.33, JA.34, JA.5, JA.7, JA.8, JE) • K (except KB, KC) • L (except LF.3, LJ, LK.3 (but including LK.31)) • SE (except SE.9) • VF (except VF.3, VF.4, VF.7) • W (except WA, WB, WC, WD, WE, WG, WM)

Years abroad

- Language changed to reflect the introduction of the Turing Scheme for 2021-22 (<https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/>)
- We understand that, because of delays arising from the coronavirus pandemic, some elements of the Erasmus+ programme for 2014-20 may be continuing in 2021-22 and running in parallel with the new Turing Scheme.

Exceptional pandemic-related guidance

Years abroad:

- Because of the pandemic, HESES21 still allows for the possibility of providers offering students an alternative ‘year abroad’ experience involving, for example, online learning while remaining in the UK. These can be treated as a year abroad where students are **prevented from travelling abroad** for their overseas year because of any continuing need **to comply with government guidance and regulations** on measures to address the coronavirus pandemic and:
 - The overseas higher education provider (rather than the provider in England) is providing the learning online. Sandwich years abroad will therefore not meet this criterion
 - The fees charged to the student for the year are no higher than the regulated fee limit that would apply had the student been able to take the year abroad as normal
- We expect the need for such arrangements to be much less than in 2020-21.

Exceptional pandemic-related guidance

Full-time definition:

- Includes an **attendance requirement** amounting to an average of at least 21 hours a week for at least 24 weeks in the year
- HESES20 allowed changes to the means of course delivery made in response to the coronavirus pandemic, including where teaching has moved entirely online, not to affect whether a year of instance is treated as meeting the normal attendance requirement for full-time study
- For HESES21, we are making clear that changes to the means of course delivery **must be necessary to ensure continued compliance with government guidance and regulations** on measures to address the coronavirus pandemic.

Non-completion forecasts:

- As for HESES20, **do not use 2019-20 data** to inform non-completion forecasts – but data for 2020-21 and other years can be used.

Other minor changes

- For the purposes of seeking advice on the equivalence of qualifications, including those awarded abroad, note that UK NARIC has now become UK ENIC (<https://www.enic.org.uk/>)
- The ESFA's learning aims search is now the Find a Learning Aim (FaLA) service
- The description of what an apprenticeship is (within Annex B: Recognised higher education for OfS funding purposes) has been updated to better reflect the language in the ESFA's apprenticeship funding rules (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apprenticeship-funding-rules>).

Questions



Other HESES21 webinars

- For those new to HESES:
 - Introduction to OfS funding and HESES21: 20 September 2021
 - Categorising your students and important definitions: 22 September 2021
 - Identifying and counting students to be included in HESES21: 27 September 2021
 - Submission and verification of HESES21 data return: 29 September 2021
- More information available at www.officeforstudents.org.uk/events.

How to find out more

Website: www.officeforstudents.org.uk/heses

Email: heses@officeforstudents.org.uk

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/officeforstudents>

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