Funding for 2026-27

Decisions and allocations

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Executive summary

1. This publication reports the decisions taken by the OfS on funding for the 2026-27 academic year (AY). These decisions follow receipt on 6 July 2026 of two guidance letters from the Secretary of State for Education. These set out the 'strategic priorities grant' (SPG) or annual funding for recurrent and capital funding available to us for the 2026-27 financial year (FY).[1]

2. This publication also sets out our recurrent funding budgets for AY 2026-27.[2] Annex A lists the funding allocations made to all eligible providers for AY 2026-27 and is available to download alongside this document as a separate file.[3]

Financial year sums made available by government

3. As well as confirming the funding made available to us, the letters from the Secretary of State provided guidance on the government's strategic priorities for FY 2026-27. They also set terms and conditions that constrain our use of the SPG funding made available to us. These conditions identify specific changes to recurrent funding methods and budgets that we are required to make in distributing funds for AY 2026-27.

4. For FY 2026-27, the government has made these sums available to us for distribution:

   a. **Capital funding of £88.0 million.** This is a reduction of £4 million (4 per cent) compared with the sum available for 2025-26. We announced how this capital funding will be distributed in our publication 'Capital funding for financial year 2026-27'.[4]

   b. **SPG recurrent funding of £1,252.0 million.** This is a reduction of £50.9 million in the sum available for us to distribute, compared to 2025-26.

5. The government guidance letters also made available £48.2 million of funding to support knowledge exchange, which will be distributed by Research England. For FY 2026-27, this is being provided as a separate tranche of capital funding, rather than as part of the SPG recurrent funding figure.

Recurrent funding distributed in academic year 2026-27

6. For AY 2025-26, we will distribute recurrent (non-capital) grants totalling £1,252 million. This is a decrease of £58.9 million (-4.5 per cent) compared with the equivalent budget for the previous year. This comprises £1,224.6 million in recurrent grant for providers and £27.4 million in funding for national facilities and regulatory initiatives.

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[1] Available from the guidance from government page on the OfS website.

[2] In this document, academic year (AY) 2026-27 refers to 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2027 and financial year (FY) 2026-27 refers to 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

[3] Available on the OfS website alongside this document at Funding for 2026-27 - Office for Students .

[4] See Capital funding for financial year 2026 to 2027 - Office for Students.

Terms and conditions placed on us by government

7. The Secretary of State's letter of 6 July placed a number of conditions on us that we must comply with when setting budgets for AY 2026-27.

8. The terms and conditions require us to no longer provide:

   - high-cost subject funding for subjects that fall into price group 1.2 (creative and performing arts) and C1.1 (nursing, computing, geographical systems and archaeology)
   - funding for three targeted allocations relating to: Clinical consultant's pay; Senior academic general practitioners 'pay; and NHS pension scheme compensation.

9. For several funding lines, we are also required to maintain the budgets at the same level (in cash terms) provided for AY 2025-26. These are:

   - high-cost subject funding for subjects that fall into price group A (clinical years of medical, dental and veterinary science) and B (lab-based science, engineering and certain health care courses)
   - the Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health supplement
   - the allocation for Very high-cost STEM subjects.

10. We are required to maintain the per-student funding rate (again in cash terms) provided for AY 2025-26 for the Disabled students' premium and the Premium for student transitions and mental health.

11. The terms and conditions require us to align our funding methods with government policy regarding the funding of franchised provision. We are required to:

    - allocate Student Premium funding for students attending franchised provision only where the franchise provider is in the OfS's Approved (fee cap) category
    - exempt providers in line with the 'Strengthening oversight of partnership delivery in higher education' Government consultation response published in December 2025.[5]

    We also must explore ways to implement the same restrictions in allocating high-cost subject funding.

12. The terms and conditions also place restrictions on the total budget that we can set for several other funding streams. The budget for:

    - Uni Connect funding must be no more than £20.0 million
    - the main world-leading specialist provider funding allocation must be set at £56.8 million
    - transitional specialist provider funding must be no more than £0.4 million
    - the Centre for Transforming Access and Student Outcomes (TASO) must be no more than £1.5 million.

[5] See Franchising in higher education - GOV.UK.

Background

13. This document announces OfS decisions on funding budgets and methods for 2026-27. These decisions have been taken with regard to our general duties, as well as terms and conditions placed on our use of funds by government.

14. In this document:

    a. References to ‘financial year’ (FY) mean the 12-month period from 1 April to 31 March. References to ‘academic year’ (AY) mean the 12-month period from 1 August to 31 July.

    b. Comparisons between years of budgets or grant rates in ‘cash terms’ make no adjustment for the effects of inflation between those years.

    c. Figures are normally rounded to the nearest £0.1 million, except where necessary to avoid showing a figure that would otherwise be rounded down to zero, but allocations to providers and their totals will be rounded to the nearest £1. There are therefore some rounding differences in the document and its tables.

    The AY 2025-26 budgets and allocations were first announced in ‘Funding for 2025-26: Decisions and allocations’.[6]

15. This publication is part of a suite of documents released as part of the summer 2026 grant announcement.[7]

    - a cover letter to accountable officers
    - this document and its annex (OfS 2026.36)
    - ‘Terms and conditions of funding 2026-27’ (OfS 2026.37)
    - ‘Guide to funding 2026-27’ (OfS 2026.38).

Terms and conditions of OfS funding for 2026-27

16. As noted above, we have published our ‘Terms and conditions of funding for 2026-27’ and providers should consult that document for full information on the terms and conditions attached to receipt of OfS funding.

Further information

17. Providers requiring further information should contact recurrentgrant@officeforstudents.org.uk.

[6] OfS, ‘Funding for 2025-26: Decisions and allocations’ (OfS 2025.39).

[7] All publications are available from our funding allocations page.

Government funding for financial year 2026-27

18. On 6 July 2026 we received a guidance letter from the Secretary of State for Education which made available £1,252.0 million of recurrent funding for the financial year 2026-27.[8] We received a separate guidance letter on the same date which also made available £88.0 million of capital funding for the same financial year.

Capital funding

19. The Secretary of State announced capital funding of £88 million available for the OfS to distribute in FY 2026-27.[9] Of this:

    a. £76.8 million will be distributed through a competitive bidding competition

    b. £7.8 million will be distributed through a formula allocation, restricted to providers that do not make a successful bid.

    c. £3.5 million will be allocated to Jisc, to support network upgrades, cybersecurity and learning analytics.

Strategic priorities grant recurrent funding

20. The Secretary of State has made available to us a total of £1,252 million of SPG recurrent funding for FY 2026-27. This is a reduction of £47.7 million (-3.7 per cent) compared with the equivalent sum (£1,299.7 million) for FY 2025-26.

21. In FY 2025-26, the total SPG included £48.2 million that related to funds administered by Research England. These funds support teaching-related knowledge exchange activities through Higher Education Innovation Funding (HEIF).[10] For FY 2026-27 the government is continuing to provide £48.2 million of HEIF funding, but this will be distributed as additional capital funding, rather than drawing from the overall SPG recurrent settlement.

22. The £1,252.0 million of recurrent funding includes a contribution of £3.3 million from the Ministry of Defence, earmarked for the defence-related skills funding programme (see paragraph 31).

23. **Table 1** compares the total funds available to us for FY 2025-26 and 2026-27.

Table 1: Change to Strategic priorities funding FY 2025-26 to FY 2026-27

Financial year	2025-26 (£M)	2026-27 (£M)	Change (£M)
Recurrent funding for distribution by the OfS	1,299.7	1,248.7	-50.9

[8] See Guidance from government.

[9] The letter announcing capital funding is also available on our guidance from government page.

[10] Research England, 'Higher Education Innovation Funding'.

Financial year	2025-26 (£M)	2026-27 (£M)	Change (£M)
MoD contribution to the defence-related skills funding programme	0	3.3	+3.3
Capital funding distributed by the OfS	92.0[11]	88.0	-4.0
HEIF funding distributed through Research England	48.2	48.2	0

Note: Sums may not add up because of rounding differences.

24. The Secretary of State's letter provided guidance on the government's strategic priorities for 2026-27. The letter also set terms and conditions that constrain our use of the funding. These conditions identify specific changes to funding methods and budgets that we are required to make in distributing funds for AY 2026-27 and are discussed in detail below.

Recurrent funding for academic year 2026-27

25. To set budgets for AY 2026-27, we have had to make assumptions about the funding that might be available for FY 2027-28, because of the overlap between the two from April to July 2027. **Any future changes to the grant made available to us by government for FY 2026-27, or that we have assumed will be available for FY 2027-28, are likely to affect the funding we are able to distribute to providers in AY 2026-27**. This may mean we have to revise allocations after we have announced them. We urge providers to take this into account and be prudent in their financial planning.

26. The OfS's funding settlement from government for FY 2026-27 covers the months April to July 2026 within the 2025-26 AY, and August 2026 to March 2027 within the 2026-27 AY. We have already announced our grant to providers for AY 2025-26 and do not propose to change those allocations as a result of our funding settlement for FY 2026-27.

27. **Table 2** sets out the non-capital budget that we have set for AY 2026-27 compared with the 2025-26 budget. The budgets set out here, and in tables 4 and 5 below, reflect the terms and conditions placed on us by government.

Table 2: Overall non-capital budget for AY 2025-26 and 2026-27

Academic year	2025-26 (£M)	2026-27 (£M)	Change (£M)
National facilities and regulatory initiatives	24.1	27.4	3.3
Recurrent funding for providers	1,286.9	1,224.6	-62.3
Total non-capital grant distributed by the OfS	**1,310.9**	**1,252.0**	**-58.9**

Note: Sums may not add up because of rounding differences.

28. In complying with the terms and conditions placed on us by government, we have set the total non-capital budget for AY 2026-27 so that it matches the SPG settlement made available for

[11] Includes £84 million announced in May 2025 and £8 million of additional funds announced in October 2025 as part of the Engineering Skills Package from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

the financial year. This allows us to avoid the need to implement any reductions to funding for AY 2025-26 and reduce our exposure to any SPG future reductions.

National facilities and regulatory initiatives

29. We aim to distribute as much as possible of the funding for core higher education activity through the recurrent grant to providers. However, we provide a small proportion of funding for specific purposes and to promote change that cannot easily be achieved through other routes. This funding supports activity such as the National Student Survey and facilities such as Jisc (which funds development and champions the use of digital technologies in UK education and research).

30. Government terms and conditions specify that we must allocate funding for national facilities and regulatory initiatives, and that the total budget for TASO must not exceed £1.5 million.

31. As shown in **Table 3**, we are allocating a total of £27.4 million in AY 2026-27 for these funding lines, which is an increase of £3.3M (13.9 per cent) compared to 2025-26. The increase is due to the inclusion of funding related to the Defence Skills Programme.

Table 3: Funding for national facilities and regulatory initiatives

	2025-26 budget (£M)	2026-27 budget (£M)
Provision of student information[12]	3.0	3.0
Challenge competitions	0.0	0.0
TASO	1.5	1.5
Performing arts specialist initiative[13]	9.6	9.6
Jisc	10.0	10.0
Defence Skills Programme[14]	0.0	3.2
Funding scheme governance	0.0	0.1
Total	**24.1**	**27.4**

Recurrent funding for providers

32. Recurrent funding makes up most of the funding that we distribute to providers. **Table 4** summarises the recurrent grant budgets for AY 2026-27, separated by funding stream, and compares with the figures for AY 2025-26.

[12] This includes the annual costs of running the National Student Survey and funding Discover Uni.

[13] Funding to enhance the provision of, and access to, performing arts education and training at specialist providers not in receipt of recurrent specialist provider funding. OfS, 'Initiative funding for specialist performing arts providers: Funding allocations' (OfS 2023.09).

[14] See Defence-related skills funding competition on the OfS website.

Table 4: Recurrent grant budgets for AY 2026-27

Elements of recurrent grant	2025-26 budget (£M)	2026-27 budget (£M)	Percentage change to budget
Funding for high-cost courses	**956.1**	**890.1**	**-6.9%**
Of which:			
High-cost subject funding: price groups A to B	823.3	823.3	0.0%
High-cost subject funding: price group C1.1	41.6	0.0	-100%
High-cost subject funding: price group C1.2	12.9	0.0	-100%
Nursing, midwifery and allied health supplement	32.1	32.1	0.0%
Very high-cost STEM subjects	24.7	24.7	0.0%
Clinical consultants' pay	15.8	0.0	-100%
Senior academic general practitioners' pay	0.9	0.0	-100%
NHS pensions scheme compensation	4.8	0.0	-100%
Funding set aside for emerging priorities	0.0	10.0	+100%
Funding for student access and success	**273.3**	**277.4**	**1.5%**
Of which:			
Premium to support successful student outcomes: Full-time	137.2	132.9	-3.2%
Premium to support successful student outcomes: Part-time	59.6	60.0	0.7%
Disabled students' premium	43.1	50.5	17.2%
Premium for student transitions and mental health	13.4	14.0	4.8%
Uni Connect	20.0	20.0	0.0%
Funding for specialist providers	**57.4**	**57.1**	**-0.5%**
Of which:			
World-leading specialist provider funding	56.8	56.8	0.0%
Transitional funding	0.7	0.4	-45.4%
Total recurrent grant	**1,286.8**	**1224.6**	**-4.8%**

Note: Sums may not add up because of rounding differences.

33. The budget for AY 2026-27 includes £10.0 million in funding set aside for emerging priorities. This will support any required in-year adjustments to funding and any new providers joining the OfS Register. We will distribute any funds not required for this purpose through an uplift to existing funding lines before the end of the academic year.

Changes to budgets and terms and conditions attached to our use of the strategic priorities grant

High-cost subject funding

34. The government's terms and conditions and guidance require us to:

a. No longer provide high-cost subject funding for subjects that fall into Price Group C1.2 (creative and performing arts) and C1.1 (nursing, computing, geographical systems and archaeology).

b. No longer provide funding for three targeted allocations relating to: Clinical consultant's pay; Senior academic general practitioners 'pay; and NHS pension scheme compensation.

c. Maintain the budget for subjects that fall into price group A and B at the same level (in cash terms) provided for AY 2025-26.

35. The funding rates for high-cost subject funding in each price group are shown in **Table 5**.

Table 5: High-cost subject rates of funding for AY 2025-26 and 2026-27

Price group	Funding rate per FTE for 2025-26 (£)	Funding rate per FTE for 2026-27 (£)	Percentage change to rate
A	11,580.00	11,072.14	-4.4%
B	1,737.00	1,660.82	-4.4%
C1.1	289.50	0.00	-100%
C1.2	130.54	0.00	-100%
C2	0.00	0.00	N/A
D	0.00	0.00	N/A

Changes to our allocation method for AY 2026-27

36. To comply with the government's terms and conditions, we will implement changes to our funding methods. High-cost subject funding will still be based on the full-time equivalents (FTEs) counted for OfS funding purposes, derived from the 2025-26 the Higher Education Students Early Statistics (HESES) student data submitted by providers.

37. We will continue to align our funding methods with government policy regarding the funding of franchised provision. We are required to allocate high-cost subject funding for students attending franchised provision only where the franchise partner provider is:

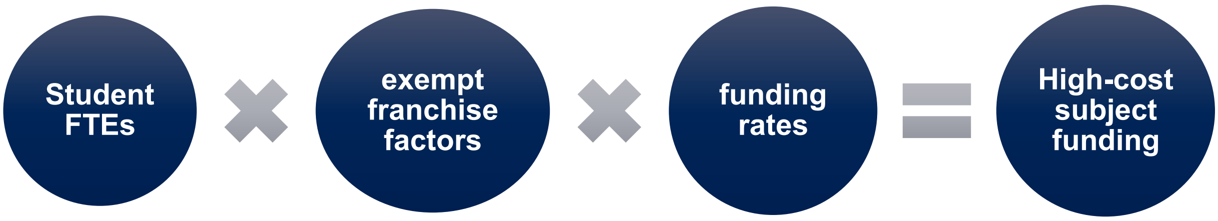
a. is in the OfS's Approved (fee cap) category OR

b. is in one of the exempt categories identified in the 'Strengthening oversight of partnership delivery in higher education' Government consultation response published in December 2025.[15]

[15] See Franchising in higher education - GOV.UK.

38. When student data for AY 2025-26 was collected in the HESES survey, providers reported subcontracted out students taught by a franchise partner *not* registered with the OfS in the approved (fee cap) category as non-fundable. This means that our funding formula automatically accounts for the restriction described in paragraph 37.a. However, the HESES data was not returned in a way that accounted for the exempt categories described in paragraph 37.b.

39. In order to adjust our funding allocations to account for students taught by exempt partner providers, we have looked at end-of-year individualised student data for each provider[16] and identified the number of such exempt students registered with a provider. We have then calculated individual 'exempt franchise factors' for each provider. These exempt franchise factors are applied to the student FTEs reported in HESES, resulting in an increase to the FTEs used to calculate high-cost subject funding.



Nursing midwifery and allied health supplement

40. Government terms and conditions also require us to maintain the budget at the same level (in cash terms) provided for AY 2025-26. Funding rates for AY 2026-27 are listed in **Table 7.** Due to changes in eligible student FTEs, funding rates have reduced by -2.95 per cent, compared with AY 2025-26.

Table 7: Price groups and rates of funding per FTE for the nursing, midwifery and allied health supplement for AY 2025-26 and 2026-27

Profession	Price group	Rate of funding per undergraduate FTE (£)	Rate of funding per postgraduate FTE (£)
Dental hygiene	A	0.00	0.00
Dental therapy	A	0.00	0.00
Dietetics	B	£82.06	£804.67
Midwifery	B	£82.06	£804.67
Nursing – adult	C1	£220.13	£942.74
Nursing – children	C1	£426.60	£1,149.21
Nursing – learning disability	C1	£426.60	£1,149.21
Nursing – mental health	C1	£220.13	£942.74
Nursing – unclassified	C1	£220.13	£942.74
Occupational therapy	B	£82.06	£804.67
Operating department practice	B	£82.06	£804.67

16 This is either the Student Record data for 2024-25 (returned to Jisc) or the Individualised Learner Record for 2024-25 (returned to the DfE).

Profession	Price group	Rate of funding per undergraduate FTE (£)	Rate of funding per postgraduate FTE (£)
Orthoptics	B	£3,695.10	£4,417.71
Orthotics and prosthetics	B	£3,695.10	£4,417.71
Physiotherapy	B	£82.06	£804.67
Podiatry	B	£1,320.81	£2,043.42
Radiography (diagnostic)	B	£1,320.81	£2,043.42
Radiography (therapeutic)	B	£1,320.81	£2,043.42
Speech and language therapy	B	£288.53	£1,011.13

Other funding for high-cost courses

41. Government terms and conditions require us to maintain at the same levels (in cash terms) provided for AY 2025-26 the budget for the very high-cost STEM subjects allocation.

Funding to improve access and support successful student outcomes

42. The government terms and conditions require us, where affordable within the SPG budget, to maintain the per-student funding rate (again in cash terms) provided for AY 2025-26 for the disabled students' premium and the premium for student transitions and mental health.

43. The per-student funding rates for each student premium are set out in **Table 8**.

Table 8: Rates of funding per weighted FTE for the full-time, part-time and disabled students' premiums

Premium	Rate of funding for 2025-26 (£)	Rate of funding for 2026-27 (£)	Percentage change to rate
Premium to support successful student outcomes: full-time (main allocation)	156.65	154.96	-1.1%
Premium to support successful student outcomes: full-time (supplement)	170.04	168.20	-1.1%
Premium to support successful student outcomes: part-time	797.90	789.29	-1.1%
Disabled students' premium	128.53	128.53	0.0%
Mental health and student transitions premium	29.84	29.84	0.0%

Changes to our allocation method for AY 2026-27

44. The government's terms and conditions require us to make the same changes to our funding methods that apply for high-cost subject funding. That is, we must:

    a. Allocate high-cost subject funding for students attending franchised provision only where the franchise provider is in the OfS' Approved (fee cap) category. This is a continuation of the change made for AY 2025-26.

b. Exempt franchise partner providers from this requirement where they fall into one of the exempt categories identified in the ‘Strengthening oversight of partnership delivery in higher education’ Government consultation response published in December 2025.

45. To comply with this requirement, we will also be using exempt franchise factors to adjust the student FTEs that inform calculation of our student premiums. This will use the same method described in paragraph 39.

Funding for specialist providers

46. The government terms and conditions require us:

a. To maintain the budget allocation at £56.8 million for world-leading specialist provider funding for AY 2026-27.

b. To ensure that the transitional funding is no more than £0.4 million for AY 2026-27. This relates to three providers that were previously (directly or indirectly) in receipt of specialist provider funding. The total requirement for this transitional funding has reduced by £0.3 million (-45.4 per cent) for the 2026-27 AY.

Impact of changes to grant for academic year 2026-27

47. When comparing their funding allocations for AY 2026-27 with funding provided for AY 2025-26, providers may see changes for two reasons:

a. Changes to OfS funding methods and budgets for 2026-27, as set out above.

b. Changes in student numbers at each provider relative to all others. In broad terms, if a provider's share of the total student numbers for the sector as a whole has reduced, it is likely to receive a similarly reduced share of the total funding. This will, however, depend on their mix of students between different types of courses and student characteristics.

Changes to student numbers counted for funding

48. **Table 9** summarises changes to the FTEs counted for OfS funding purposes between AYs.[17]

Table 9: Changes to student FTEs counted for funding for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 AYs

Price group	FTEs for 2025-26	FTEs for 2026-27	Difference
A	32,347	33,628	1,281
B	259,254	271,519	12,265
C1.1	127,179	126,708	-471
C1.2	117,986	97,183	-20,803
C1.3[18]	0	20,452	20,452
C2	241,494	230,417	-11,077
D	472,099	406,594	-65,505
Total	**1,250,360**	**1,186,502**	**-63,859**

49. The student numbers we count for funding purposes are primarily derived from the HESES survey for the previous year (for example, the 2026-27 fundable FTEs are informed by the HESES data for 2025-26).[19] Funding FTEs also incorporate 'multiplication factors'; these are unique to each provider and adjust HESES data to reflect study intensity for part-time provision and completion rates.[20]

50. We also adjust the FTEs derived from HESES to account for known changes that we expect to happen in the coming year and which we want to recognise in our funding allocations. These

[17] The figures for 2025-26 are the total FTEs used to inform our funding allocations for the year as of May 2026, incorporating further adjustments for individual providers. The figures for 2026-27 are the equivalent FTEs that we expect to count in our initial allocations for the year but may be subject to change as a result of, for example, changes to providers' registration status, data amendments and transfers.

[18] Note – price group C1.3 was introduced in the HESES25 data collection. The subjects in C1.3 were previously recorded in C1.2

[19] We have published the HESES data for each year.

[20] For further detail, see Multiplication factors.

adjustments for 2026-27 relate to expected changes in student numbers on pre-registration medicine and dentistry courses, reflecting the effects of increases to pre-registration medicine and dentistry courses since and other miscellaneous adjustments and transfers.

Changes to the sector-level unit of funding

51. **Table 10** summarises the changes to the average unit of recurrent OfS funding per FTE student in the period 2018-19 to 2026-27. The unit of funding is calculated by dividing the recurrent OfS funding for providers and Uni Connect by the total fundable FTEs counted in the formula allocations for the relevant year.[21] This information shows a small increase (0.53 per cent) in the unit of resource compared with 2025-26.

52. These are 'real terms' comparisons between 2026-27 and previous years, which take into account the effects of inflation between those years, using the GDP deflators published by the government on 31 March 2026.[22]

Table 10: Changes to the average unit of OfS funding for providers for academic years 2019-20 to 2025-26

	Total recurrent budget (£ millions)	Total fundable FTEs	Unit of funding: Cash terms	Unit of funding: Real terms (2025-26 prices)	How the 2026-27 unit of funding compares in real terms with earlier years
2018-19	1,290	1,147,863	£1,124	£1,471	-29.66%
2019-20	1,303	1,200,151	£1,086	£1,373	-24.64%
2020-21	1,351	1,222,683	£1,105	£1,349	-23.31%
2021-22	1,276	1,305,606	£977	£1,164	-11.13%
2022-23	1,356	1,302,318	£1,041	£1,165	-11.20%
2023-24	1,412	1,263,829	£1,117	£1,192	-13.22%
2024-25	1,402	1,251,522	£1,120	£1,152	-10.18%
2025-26	1,287	1,250,360	£1,029	£1,029	0.53%
2026-27	1,252	1,186,502	£1,055		

[21] This calculation excludes funding for national facilities and regulatory initiatives. The recurrent budget totals include one-off sums of £83.3 million for 2020-21 relating to student hardship, £10 million for each of 2020-21 and 2021-22 for additional student numbers, and two allocations totalling £19 million for 2022-23 also supporting students facing hardship. The one-off allocations for 2020-21 are shown in Annex A (updated October 2021) of ' Recurrent funding for 2020-21'. The one-off allocation for 2021-22 was announced in 'Additional one-off funding for 2021-22'.

[22] GOV.UK, 'GDP deflators at market prices, and money GDP'. We have estimated the GDP deflators by academic year (August to July) using two-thirds of the deflator for the financial year (relating to the eight months from August to March) and one-third of the deflator for the following financial year (relating to the four months from April to July).

Provider grant allocations for academic year 2026-27

53. This publication announces to providers their individual recurrent funding allocations for AY 2026-27. Annex A to this document lists allocations for all providers registered in the Approved (fee cap) category of the OfS Register on 15 July 2026.

54. Subject to providers meeting all eligibility criteria for funding and our having sufficient funding available, we will make further recurrent funding allocations to providers that become registered in the Approved (fee cap) category before the end of the academic year (31 July 2027). Such grants will be reduced pro rata to reflect the number of days in AY 2026-27 before the provider becomes registered in this category. We will not reduce allocations already announced to providers in order to extend funding to newly registered providers.

55. Updated versions of Annex A will be published periodically throughout the academic year to reflect changes to the providers registered in this category.

56. The total recurrent funding for providers announced initially in this publication is £1,194.6 million. The remaining £30 million comprises:

    a. £20 million of funding for Uni Connect, which is not part of the formula grants to providers.

    b. £10 million of funding set aside to account for in-year adjustments and new providers joining the OfS register.