

Undergraduate Fulltime Student



UNDERGRADUATE FULL TIME STUDENT ATTENDING UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

Disclaimer : Please note these are general guidelines on fees and for clarity purposes & do not include all regulations. The University accepts no responsibility for misunderstanding in relation to Course Fees as a result of these guidelines.

SECTION 1 Nationality Criteria of Free Fees Initiative

Students must meet One of the following

Students must be a national of

- (i) an EU member State
- (ii) a state which is a contracting state to the EEA Agreement
- (iii) the Swiss Confederation

OR

Person who have official refugee status in this State. Time spent from date of official lodgement of application papers for refugee status will be included for the purpose of meeting the 3 year residency requirement

OR

Family members of a refugee who are granted permission by the Minister for Justice and Law Reform to enter and reside in the State under Section 18 of the Refugee Act 1996

OR

Persons who have permission to remain in the State as a family member of a Union citizen under the provisions of the EU (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2006 and 2008 and Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council) and have the classification "4EUfam" on their GNIB card.

OR

Persons who have been granted Humanitarian Leave to Remain in the State (Prior to The Immigration Act 1999)

OR

Be a person in respect of whom the Minister for Justice and Law Reform has granted permission to remain following a determination not to make a deportation order under Section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999.

OR

be a person in respect of whom the Minister for Justice and Law Reform has granted permission to remain under subsidiary protection under Regulation 4(4) or 16(3)(a) or 16(4)(a) of S.I. No. 518 of 2006

European Economic Area (EEA) Countries

EU Member States

Austria	Belgium	Portugal
Bulgaria	Cyprus	Slovakia
Czech Republic	Denmark	Spain
Estonia	Finland	Romania
France	Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Hungary	Sweden
Ireland	Italy	Netherlands
Latvia	Lithuania	Poland
Luxembourg	Malta	United Kingdom

Non-EU Member States

Iceland Liechtenstein Norway

SECTION 2 EU Fee Assessment Documentation Required

(A) For applicants aged under 23 on 1st September of year of entry to a programme:

Letter from school based in EU/EEA/Swiss Confederation confirming attendance for a minimum of three of the five years prior to entry or other proof of residence as stipulated by the University, **and**

P21 tax certificates (*or EU/EEA/Swiss equivalent*) and/or Social Welfare documentation for parent(s) of applicant must be submitted for a minimum of three of the five years prior to entry or other proof of residence as stipulated by the University, **and**

GNIB card with appropriate stamp (excluding Stamp 2), **or**

For EU citizens, a copy of your current EU passport

(B) For applicants aged 23 or over on 1st September of year of entry to a programme:

P21 tax certificates (*or EU/EEA/Swiss equivalent*) and/or Social Welfare documentation for applicant must be submitted for a minimum of three of the five years prior to entry or other proof of residence as stipulated by the University,

For **non-EU** applicants, work or residence visa for three of the five years prior to commencement must be submitted, **and**

GNIB card with appropriate stamp (excluding Stamp 2), **or**

For EU citizens, a copy of your current EU passport

(C) For applicants that receive all post primary education in an EU state:

Documentary evidence of completion of at least five academic years of study in the EU/EEA/Switzerland (at either primary or post-primary) will be required by the University. e.g. confirmation/certification from the schools attended.

For EU citizens, a copy of your current EU passport

(D) For applicants that have attended a University before:

Official verification in writing of award received (if applicable), dates of attendance and the extent to which free fees have been claimed by the previous 3rd level college must be provided

SECTION 3 -Further changes to Nationality status.

With effect from the 2013/14 academic year, a 'Change of Nationality' clause will form part of the Free Fees Schemes. As is currently the case students, who do not meet the nationality criteria of the schemes, will continue to be ineligible for free fees, however if such students subsequently acquire EEA citizenship during their third level studies they may be entitled to free tuition fees for the remainder of their course of study as follows:

Students who acquire EEA citizenship up to 31st January in an academic year may be entitled to free tuition fees from the second half of the academic year.

Students who acquire EEA citizenship from 1st February may be entitled to free tuition fees from the commencement of the next academic year.

In order to be eligible under this 'Change of Nationality' clause students must have met all other criterion of the Free Fees Schemes, apart from nationality, at date of entry to their course of study.

Exceptional Circumstances

The Higher Education Free Tuition Fee Scheme covering EU full time undergraduate programmes will not apply to repeat students. This condition may be waived in exceptional circumstances, such as cases of certified serious illness.

Definitions:

*Ordinarily resident means being resident in the EU/EEA/Swiss Confederation for a minimum of 183 days in any one calendar year for a minimum of 3 years

It is the date of the declaration issuing in respect of subsidiary protection that is the operable date for residency purposes.