

Amendment to the EU & International Hardship Fund Guidance Notes 2020/21
February 2021

Please read in conjunction with the
EU & International Hardship Fund Guidance Notes for Students 2020/21

In January and February 2021, the Office for Students allocated additional funding to higher education providers to help to address student hardship. This funding has been made available by the government to recognise the particular impact this year on individual students arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to this we have reviewed our EU & International Hardship Fund assessment processes and we are implementing the following changes for assessments completed from 4th January to 31st July 2021 or when funds are exhausted (whichever is sooner).

1. Reduce the Minimum Required Provision amount used in all standard assessments by 50%. The revised amounts are:
 - £99 per week for those with dependants or those who are unable to work due to disability or ill health
 - £119 per week for all other postgraduate students
2. Include a 'COVID premium' amount of £500 in the expenditure section of all standard assessments to take into account that students may be covering additional IT-related costs and other costs associated with studying remotely

We will revisit all the EU & International Hardship Fund assessments we have completed since 4th January 2021 and applicants will be contacted if they become eligible for any additional funds.

Applicants whose assessments were completed before 4th January 2021 are welcome to contact us for a reassessment if they feel that COVID-19 is impacting their financial situation, or if their financial circumstances have changed in any other way.

If you have any questions about the above changes please email the Student Finance Adviser at studentfinance@sgul.ac.uk.