

## **Undergraduate Programmes 2023-24**

### **CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING THE TUITION FEE STATUS OF AN APPLICANT**

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#### **Categories of Fee Status: (i) “Free Fees” (ii) EU Fees (iii) Non-EU Fees**

Please note : In order to qualify for the Free Fees Initiative applicants must be

(1) first-time undergraduates

**and**

(2) have one of the following:

(a) EU/EEA/Swiss nationality

(b) official refugee status in this State

(c) permission to reside in the State, as a family member of a refugee, under Section 18 of the Refugee Act 1996.

(c) permission to remain as family member of an EU citizen under the provisions of the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2006 and 2008 and Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

(d) humanitarian leave to remain in the State (prior to Immigration Act 1999)

(e) permission to remain following a determination not to make a deportation order under Section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999.

**and**

(3) have been ordinarily resident in an EU Member State for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to an approved third level course.

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 for refugees.

Residency for family members of refugees commences from the date of issue of their GNIB registration card.

Applicants falling under categories (b) or (c) below qualify for EU fee rates.

Details on EU fee rates are available from the Admissions Office.

**Applicants not satisfying conditions (a), (b) or (c) below are liable for non-EU fee rates.**

**Undergraduate Non EU Fee Rate: €10,950 per annum.**

Students classified for fee purposes as non-EU will not be permitted to change their fee status following admission.

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<b>(a) FREE FEES SCHEME:</b>
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**(i) First Undergraduate Degree**

AND

**(ii) Nationality Test**

EU passport or Original Irish Birth Certificate or Original EU Nationality Identity Card

or

Official Irish Refugee Status (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice indicating that the appropriate status has been granted).

or

Family member of a refugee – as above (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice confirming family member status and GNIB registration card).

or

Permission to remain as family member of an EU citizen under the provisions of the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2006 and 2008 and Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council. (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice confirming immigration status).

or

Humanitarian Leave to remain in the State (prior to Immigration Act 1999) (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice indicating that the appropriate status has been granted).

or

Permission to remain following a determination not to make a deportation order under Section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice indicating that the appropriate status has been granted).

AND

**(iii) Residency**

Have been ordinarily resident in an EU member state for at least three of the five years preceding their entry to an approved third level course. Applicants should refer to the Department of Education and Skills website [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) for details regarding what third level courses are approved, what fees are payable and for specific details regarding the Free Fees Initiative.

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<b>(b) EU FEES - NATIONALITY</b>
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**(i) Nationality Test**

EU passport or Original Irish Birth Certificate or Original EU Nationality Identity Card

or

Official Irish Refugee Status (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice indicating that the appropriate status has been granted).

or

Family member of a refugee – as above (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice confirming family member status and GNIB registration card).

or

Permission to remain as family member of an EU citizen under the provisions of the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2006 and 2008 and Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council. (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice confirming immigration status).

or

Humanitarian Leave to remain in the State (prior to Immigration Act 1999) (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice indicating that the appropriate status has been granted).

or

Permission to remain following a determination not to make a deportation order under Section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (requires the appropriate original letter from the Department of Justice indicating that the appropriate status has been granted).

**AND**

**(ii) Previous Studies Test**

Where an applicant has completed at least five academic years of study within the EU/EEA/Switzerland (at either primary or post-primary), but has not been resident for three of the five years immediately prior to university entry.

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<b>(c) EU FEES - RESIDENCY</b>
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**(i) Residency Test**

An applicant's principal residence for the purpose of taxation must have been in a European Union Member State for a minimum of 3 of the 5 years prior to entry to university. Prior residence as a full-time student alone does not qualify a student for EU fee rates.

If an applicant is under 23 years of age on the start date of the course then the principal residence for the purpose of taxation of the parents will be examined.

If an applicant is over 23 years of age on the start date of the course then the principal residence for the purpose of taxation of the applicant is examined.

A P21 form (for each of 3 years out of the last 5 years) will be required in both instances.

**AND**

**(ii) Previous Work/Studies Test**

An applicant must have spent 3 of the last 5 years in full time study or work in an EU member state prior to the commencement of the course. Students classified for fee purposes as non-EU will not be permitted to change their fee status following admission. This full time study/work requirement will be deemed satisfied in the case of an applicant for whom a spouse is claiming a tax benefit which must be confirmed by a P21 form or evidence of social welfare benefits.