



Student Awards Agency for Scotland

PREVIOUS STUDY

PROPOSED COURSE

WILL WE PAY FEES?

HNC	HNC HND ADVANCED DIPLOMA DEGREE PGDE	NO YES YES YES YES
HND (see note 1)	HNC HND ADVANCED DIPLOMA DEGREE PGDE	NO NO YES Yr 2 onwards YES
ADVANCED DIPLOMA (see note 1)	HNC HND ADVANCED DIPLOMA DEGREE PGDE	NO NO NO Honours year only YES
ORDINARY DEGREE (see notes 1, 2 and 3)	HNC HND ADVANCED DIPLOMA DEGREE PGDE	NO NO NO Honours year only YES
HONOURS DEGREE (see notes 1,2 and 3)	HNC HND ADVANCED DIPLOMA DEGREE PGDE	NO NO NO NO, however see note 3 YES
VOCATIONAL DEGREE (see notes 1,2,3 and 4)	HNC HND ADVANCED DIPLOMA DEGREE PGDE	NO NO NO NO, however see note 4 YES but only if a priority subject

Note 1

If a student does **no more than one year** of an HND, advanced diploma, degree or equivalent course and wants to do another course at the same level or the same course at a different institution, we will pay their fees again. This is known as a false start.

Note 2

If a student does **more than one year** of a degree or equivalent course and then wants to do an HND or another degree or equivalent course we may still pay their fees. We will pay fees for the minimum length of the old or new course, whichever is the longer, less the support they have already received.

Note 3

We will generally not pay a student's fees if they already hold an honours degree and want to do another degree. However, there are the following exceptions:

- We will pay fees from year five of a degree in medicine or dentistry
- We will pay fees for two years of an Allied Health Profession course.
- We will pay fees, up to a maximum of seven years in total for a degree in ministry, as long as the student is a 'bona-fide' candidate for the ministry. For example, if they have already received four years support and now want to do a three year ministry degree, we will pay their fees for all three years.

Note 4

We will generally not pay a student's fees if they have already done a course that qualifies them with a profession. For example, medicine, dentistry, architecture, social work and nursing. However, there are the following exception:

- We will pay fees for two years of an Allied Health Profession course

Note 5

We will not pay tuition fees if a student has to repeat a period of study, unless this is due to medical or compassionate reasons. This concession is normally only available once.

Note 6

We will not pay tuition fees if a student does a course on an 'in-service' basis. In other words, remains a salaried employee and takes a course relating to their employment. In such cases the employer will normally pay the tuition fees.