

Refugees, and family

In order to qualify for 'home' fees under this category, you must meet all the criteria of (a), or all the criteria of (b), or all the criteria of (c):

(a) on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for, you must be a person who:

1. is recognised as a refugee by the UK Government; and
2. is *ordinarily resident* in the *UK and Islands* and has not ceased to be so resident since he or she was recognised as a refugee; and
3. was (or is) ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the *first day of the first academic year of the course*.

or

(b) on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for, you must be a person who:

1. is the *spouse* or *civil partner* of someone who is recognised as a refugee by the UK Government; and
2. was the spouse or civil partner of the refugee on the date on which the refugee made his or her application for asylum; and
3. is *ordinarily resident* in the *UK and Islands* and has not ceased to be so resident since he or she was given leave to remain in the *UK*; and
4. was (or is) ordinarily resident in the UK on the *first day of the first academic year of the course*.

or

(c) on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for, you must be a person who:

1. is the *child* of someone who is recognised as a refugee by the UK Government, or the child of the spouse or civil partner of a refugee; and
2. on the date on which the refugee made his or her application for asylum, was:
 - the child of the refugee; or
 - the child of a person who was the spouse or civil partner of the refugee;and
3. who was under 18 on the date on which the refugee made his or her application for asylum; and
4. who is *ordinarily resident* in the *UK and Islands* and has not ceased to be so resident since he or she was given leave to remain in the *UK*; and
5. who was (or is) ordinarily resident in the UK on the *first day of the first academic year of the course*.

Expiry date for refugee permission to stay

The refugee permission to stay might have an expiry date. If the person makes an application to extend or change their leave before it expires, and that application is not decided before the expiry date, then immigration law dictates that they carry on being treated as a refugee while they wait for a decision to be made (and if their application is refused, then also while they wait for an appeal or administrative review of the decision). They count as recognised as a refugee by the UK Government for fee assessment purposes during all of that time.

Becoming eligible

If you are, or if your parent (or your parent's spouse / civil partner) is, or your own spouse / civil partner is, recognised as a refugee after the start of the course, you will be entitled to 'home' fees from the start of the next academic year if you meet the requirements above.

Refugee Status: where someone gains British citizenship

The Immigration Rules revoke someone's Refugee Status once s/he subsequently obtains a new nationality, eg when a refugee gains British citizenship. If you have, or a relevant family member has, Refugee Status and you are, or the person with that status is, considering applying for British (or any other) citizenship, you should be aware that such an application could have an effect on your fee status.