

Long residence

This category is for any academic years of your course that start on or after 1 August 2021.

In order to qualify for 'home' fees under this category, all of the following criteria (a) to (d) must be met:

(a) on the *first day of the first academic year of the course*, you must either be:

(i) under the age of 18 and have lived in the *UK* throughout the seven-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; or

(ii) aged 18 years old or above and, preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course, have lived in the UK throughout either:

(aa) half your life; or

(bb) a period of twenty-years

(b) you must be *ordinarily resident* in Northern Ireland on the first day of the first academic year of the course

(c) you must have been ordinarily resident in the *UK and Islands* throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course. See our definition of *ordinary residence*, including the need for residence to be / have been lawful

(d) the main purpose for your residence in the UK and Islands must not have been to receive full-time education during any part of that three-year period

Extra note: If you meet all the criteria but the reason you moved to Northern Ireland from England, Wales, Scotland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man was to undertake a course, then you will be charged a higher rate of 'home' fee than a Northern Ireland student (for example it might be £9,790 instead of £4,985 for an undergraduate course).