

## Residence in British Overseas Territories, course starts before 1 August 2023

If you will start your course on or after 1 August 2023, look at the two categories for 'Residence in British Overseas Territories, course starts on or after 1 August 2023', instead of this category. They are more generous.

Note that from 1 August 2025 people can become eligible for this category part-way through a course, because requirement (a) changes for academic years that start on or after 1 August 2025. The change is described in requirement (a).

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

### (a) you must fall into (i) or (ii):

(i) You are a *UK national* on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for (or on the *first day of the first academic year of the course*, if your fees are for an academic year that started before 1 August 2025).

or

(ii) Both of the following bullet points are true:

- on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for, you are a family member of another person; and
- that other person is or was a *UK national* on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for (or on the *first day of the first academic year of the course*, if your fees are for an academic year that started before 1 August 2025).

For this category, 'family member' means:

- *spouse* or *civil partner* of the UK national
- *direct descendant* of the UK national, or of the UK national's spouse or civil partner, who is:
  - under 21 years old; or
  - 21 or over and a *dependant* of the UK national, or of the UK national's spouse or civil partner

**(b) you must have been ordinarily resident in the ‘specified British overseas territories’ and/or *UK and Islands* for the full three-year period before the *first day of the first academic year of the course*. For example, if your course begins in October 2022 you must have been ordinarily resident in the ‘specified British overseas territories’ and/or UK and Islands from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2022**

The ‘specified British overseas territories’ are:

- Anguilla
- Bermuda
- British Antarctic Territory
- British Indian Ocean Territory
- Cayman Islands
- Falkland Islands
- Gibraltar
- Montserrat
- Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands
- South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
- St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Virgin Islands

**(c) the main purpose for your residence in the large area described in (b) must not have been to receive full-time education during any part of that three-year period**

Tip: if you were in full-time education at some point during the three years, then ask yourself: If I had not been in education, where would I have been? If the answer is that you would have been somewhere in the large area that consists of the ‘specified British overseas territories’/UK/Islands anyway, then you meet criterion (c).

**(d) you must have been *ordinarily resident* in the ‘specified British overseas territories’ at some point during the three-year period**

**(e) you must undertake the course in the UK**