

## Person granted indefinite leave as a victim of domestic violence or abuse

**(use this category only if the academic year you are paying fees for starts on or after 1 August 2023 but before 1 August 2024)**

The requirements for this category were different in academic years that started before 1 August 2023. So it is important you look at the category titled 'Person granted indefinite leave as a victim of domestic violence or abuse (use this category only if the academic year you are paying fees for starts before 1 August 2023)' too, if you started before 1 August 2023.

This category is only for students who start a course on or after 1 August 2020.

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

(a) on the *first day of the academic year* you are paying fees for (unless you are being assessed for the first academic year of your course, in which case use instead the day on which the first term of the first academic year actually begins), you must be a person who has been granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK under any of the following provisions of the immigration rules:

- (i) paragraph 289B (victims of domestic violence); or
- (ii) paragraph D-DVILR.1.1. of Appendix FM (victims of domestic abuse); or
- (iii) paragraph 40 of Appendix Armed Forces (victims of domestic violence: partners of members of the armed forces)

(b) you must have been *ordinarily resident* in the *UK and Islands* since you were granted such leave

(c) you must be ordinarily resident in the *UK* on the day on which the first term of the first academic year actually begins (note this is a different date from the *first day of the first academic year of the course*)

**Note:** Usually you do not count as 'ordinarily resident' in a place unless your residence there is lawful. However, the regulations make a special adjustment to that for requirement (c) in this category. They say that if you became a 'person granted leave as a victim of domestic violence or abuse' after the day on which the first term of the first academic year actually began, you get special treatment. The special treatment means you are treated as though your residence was lawful, even if it was unlawful. The residence can therefore count as 'ordinary residence' for the purpose of requirement (c).

## **Becoming eligible**

If you are granted indefinite leave as a victim of domestic violence or domestic abuse 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 or the requirements in the category titled 'Person granted indefinite leave as a victim of domestic violence or abuse, and children (use this category only if the academic year you are paying fees for starts on or after 1 August 2024)'.