

# **Change of Circumstances**

**HE Account Managers** 

Partner Services

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#### Introduction



## **Change of Circumstances**

The purpose of submitting a CoC is to communicate to SLC when something is incorrect, or needs to be changed in the student's account

#### You can submit a CoC:

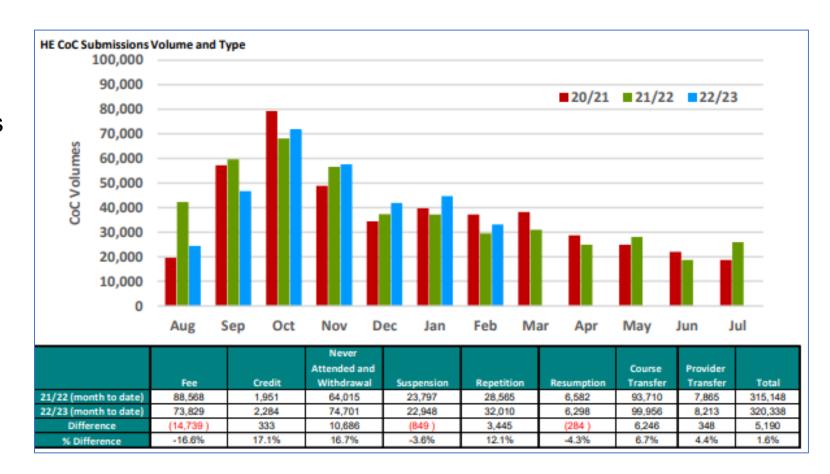
- When the student's application is approved and visible in SIS before course start (View Student Information)
- 2. After course start if the students' details change
- 3. To tell us the detail of the change required after submitting a Negative Attendance Code



#### **Service Standards**

Service / Process	Accuracy	Time to Complete
Verification of Study Programme and Notification of Changes	99%	75% of course and fee CoCs within 14 days of course start date (this must precede a first term Attendance Confirmation)
Withdrawals	99%	80% of withdrawals reported within 60 days of effective date 95% of withdrawals notified to SLC within 7 days of the withdrawal decision being made
Change of Circumstances Notifications	95%	80% of CoCs submitted within 60 days of a negative attendance code

- Fee CoCs down 17% Year-on-Year
- Notable increase in withdrawals and 'Never Attended confirmed in Error' with 17% increase on last year
- Suspensions and Resumptions are down but Repetitions have increased by 12%





## **Provider Responsibilities**



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Optimise your student data and notify us as soon as possible of any changes:

- Timely and accurate student finance for students
  - Late submissions or incorrect information can negatively impact students through potential financial hardship, and possible future funding opportunities
- Aligning with Service Standards ensures ongoing compliance and optimum Provider status
  - Ensure your internal Attendance Management policy is understood by academics and others, and there is an awareness of the implications of their actions on student funding



## **Pre-Liability Change of Circumstances**

**Student CoC** 





**Provider CoC** 



Where a change is made <u>before</u> the first day of term

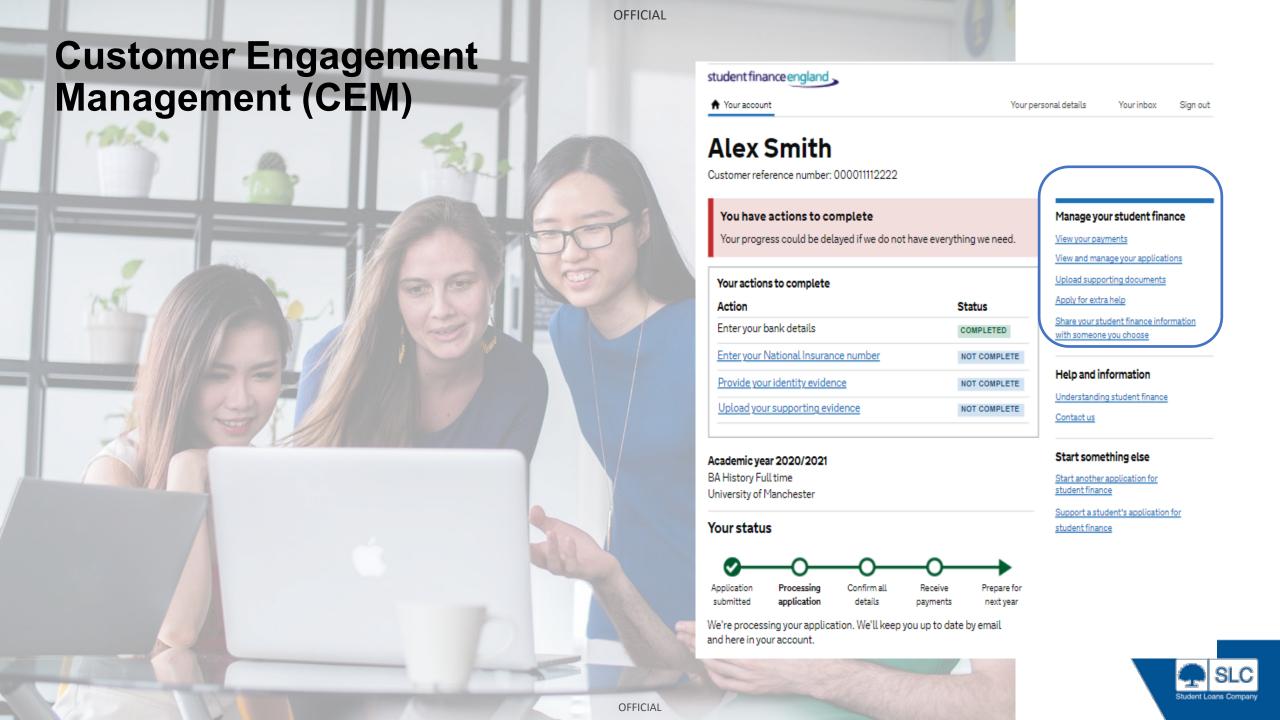
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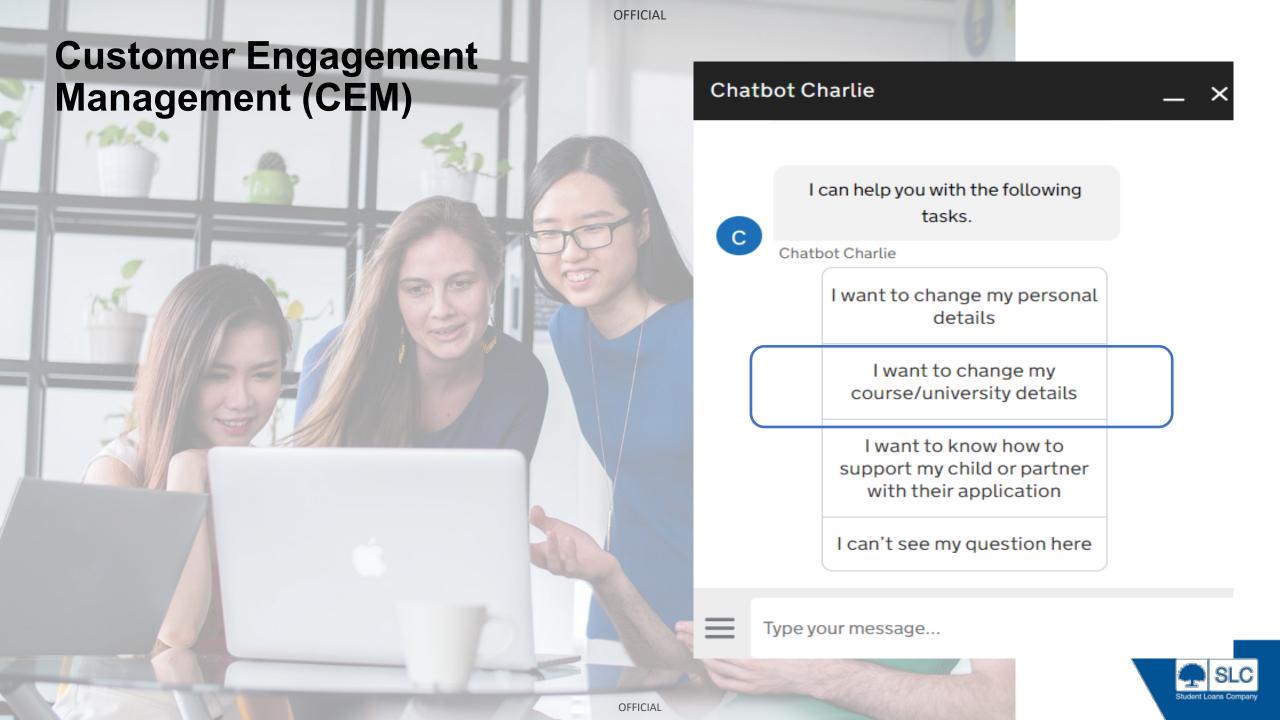
- 1. Change their course or institution
- 2. Change their course fee amount
- 3. Request additional funding for Tuition Fee or Maintenance Loan
- 4. Change their address / contact details
- 5. Update their bank details

#### The Provider can;

- 1. Transfer a student into your institution
- 2. Change the course details
- 3. Change the year of study (repeat/placement etc)
- 4. Change the fee amount charged to the student









#### **Chatbot Charlie**



How would you like to speak to a student finance officer?

Chatbot Charlie

Transfer to student finance officer

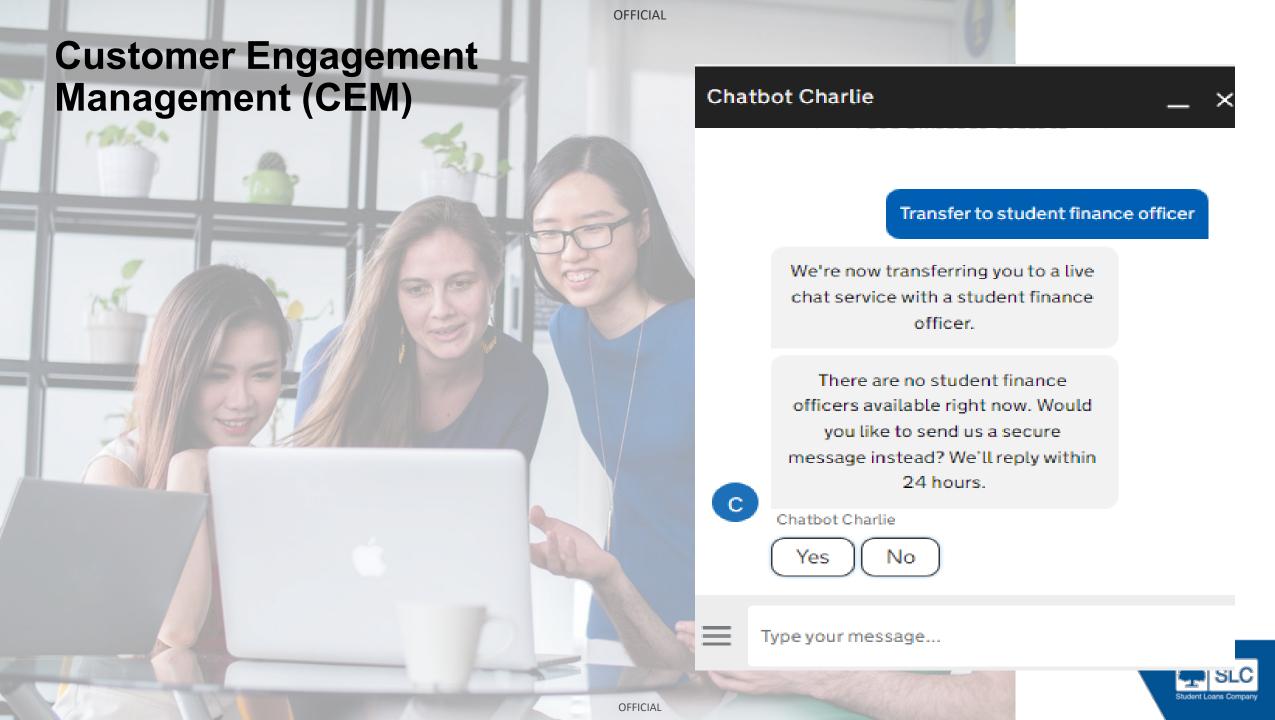
Send a secure message

Contact us by phone, social media or post

I don't want to contact student finance

Type your message...





## **Pre-Liability CoCs – Discussion**

#### **Best Practice to Consider:**

- Use View Student Information to check application data course details, year of study, fees, Tuition Fee Loan amount/Student to Pay amount
- How to increase pre-liability CoC Submissions?
- When do you contact students where course/fee details are incorrect to ask them to make a change to their Account?



## **Post-Liability Change of Circumstances**

**Student CoC** 





**Provider CoC** 



Where a change is made after the first day of term

#### The student can

- 1. Request additional funding (Tuition Fee or Maintenance Loan)
- 2. Change their address details
- 3. Update bank details

#### The provider can

- 1. Transfer a student into your institution
- 2. Withdraw, suspend or resume a student
- 3. Change the course the student is studying
- 4. Change the course year the student is studying
- 5. Change the fee amount charged to the student



#### **CoC Scenarios**



#### **Transfer In**

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Actions
Student applies for funding at another Provider but does not enrol or commence study.  Student decides to study at your Institution	X	X	Transfer In CoC.	Manual Registration releases 1st instalment of maintenance.  Liable for fees to your Institution	Undertake Manual Registration  Following CoC reassessment student record will appear on Attendance Worklist to be confirmed
Student applies and starts studying at another institution then changes their mind and decides to study at your Institution			Transfer In CoC  State full fees for course.	1st instalment of maintenance already released when registered by previous Provider.  Student liable for fees – which will be split between Providers depending on Liability periods confirmed by each.	Following CoC reassessment student record will appear on Attendance Worklist to be confirmed

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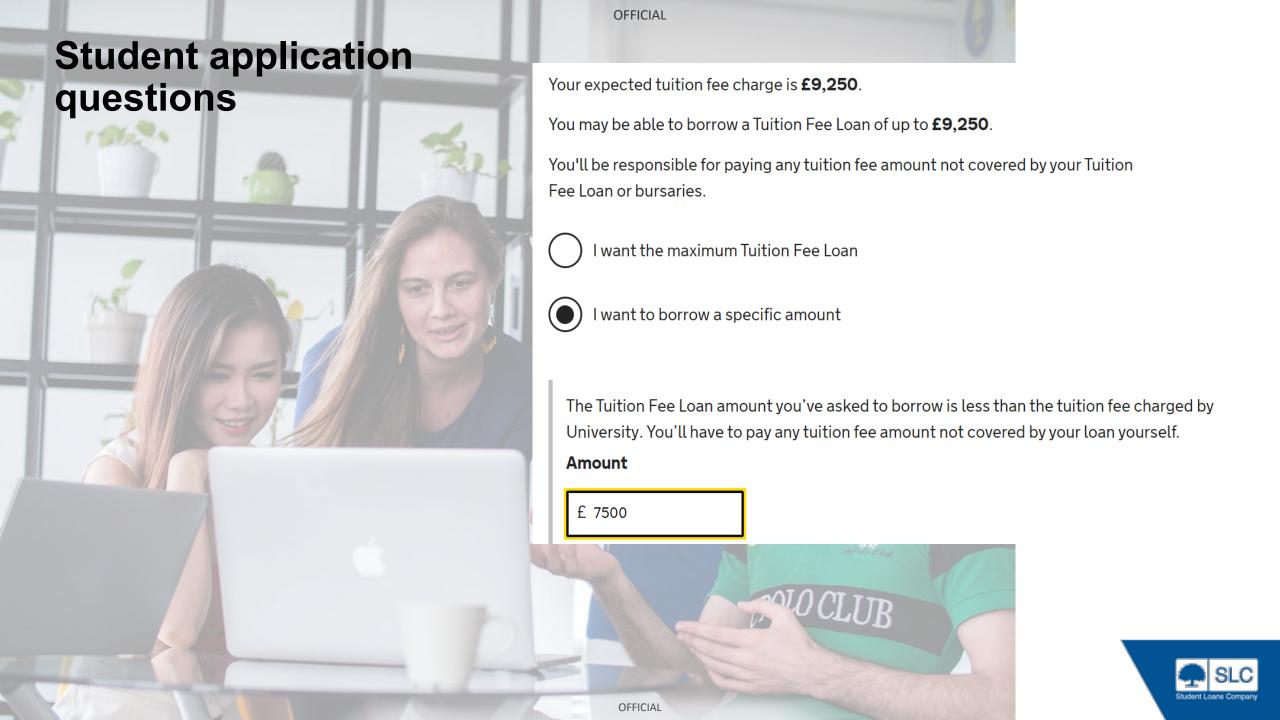
#### **Internal Transfer**

<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	Internal Transfer CoC - all fees to new course.  State full course fees and liability  Ensure effective date of transfer is prior to the start of the original course	Maintenance support may change depending on the difference in course duration  The instalment dates may change depending on the new course term dates  Liable for tuition fees	Following CoC reassessment student record will reappear on your Attendance Worklist and require confirmation 'A' (approving course change)
		Internal Transfer CoC - split fees  State 100% course fees and liability and system will allocate fees between the two courses  Effective date of transfer is actual date of change to new course		Will require confirmation against relevant liability period for the new course
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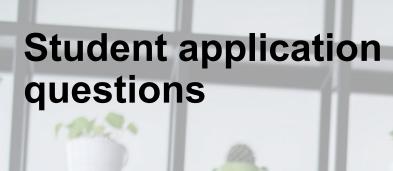
#### **Fees**

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Actions
Student has not requested the correct tuition fee loan			No CoC required	Student can submit a Tuition Fee Loan Request Form via their online account to amend their fee loan  If reducing the TFL, they can only do so to the amount of any liability already attached	Following CoC reassessment student record will reappear on your Attendance Worklist and require confirmation 'A' (approving fee change)



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Course Fee is incorrect			Fee CoC	Student will only have to complete a Tuition Fee Loan Request Form if, at time of application, they did not select the 'maximum available' loan	Following CoC reassessment student record will reappear on your Attendance Worklist and require confirmation 'A' (approving fee change)



Your expected tuition fee charge is £ 7,000

You may be able to borrow a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £ 7,00

You'll be responsible for paying any tuition fee amount not covered by your Tuition Fee Loan or bursaries.



want the maximum Tuition Fee Loan



I want to borrow a specific amount

# Do you want us to adjust your Tuition Fee Loan if your tuition fee changes?

Universities and colleges sometimes change the tuition fee they charge. They normally tell you about any changes, and let us know.

If this happens, we can **automatically reduce or increase your Tuition Fee Loan** to match the tuition fee charged — we'll send you a letter to confirm this.

If you'd prefer to make any adjustments yourself, you'll be responsible for paying any tuition fee amount not covered by your Tuition Fee Loan.



Yes, automatically adjust my Tuition Fee Loan



No, I'll make any adjustments myself



# Repetition

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Actions
A student fails to progress to the next year of their course and is given the option to repeat modules and attendance is required	Once student commences their repeat study if starting in a later term	'C' Code if year of study needs to be amended	Repetition CoC required to provide dates student is repeating from/to  Add reasons for part repeat /further information in free text boxes  Provide new course end date	Will use 'additional' years funding or will need to provide CPR, if applicable or no TFL available  Must be in study for a min. of 8 weeks to eligible for support	Must not transfer students to a different 'intake' to repeat



#### Final Year course extensions

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Actions
Student requires a course extension to complete their final year			Fee CoC  Add notes to advise:  Extended course date  Reason for extension  Confirmation that the student is still engaging with tutors/lectures etc.	Student will receive additional support up to but not beyond the end of academic year  This will include Childcare if applicable too	

Note: That if the extension is required beyond the end of the academic year the student will have to make an application for the next AY – funding will be available provided the extension is for a minimum of 8 weeks in the new academic year.



# Early completion of studies

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Actions
Student has completed their course early, during Term 2			Fee CoC  Add notes to advise;  Date of early completion  Reason for early completion  Change the fee liability	Student's maintenance support will be pro-rata'd to the new date of completion which might mean an 'overpayment'  Fee liability will be reduced	Following reassessment record will reappear on Attendance Worklist and require confirmation confirmation 'A' (approving fee change)



## **Mode Switchers**

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Actions
Student started on a full time course but midway through the academic year decides to transfer to a part time course			Fee CoC In notes provide;  New Course Name  New Course Code  Date of Change  New Mode of Study  Credits for PT	Student is withdrawn from previous mode  Student must submit an application for the new mode  Student will receive a new entitlement letter once the new application is approved	



## Suspension

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Actions
Student takes an agreed leave of absence for personal reasons  If the student is returning at the start of the next AY they should submit an application			Suspension CoC using date of last attendance  Indicate reason for suspension - Health - Other  Provide a date of return (if unknown enter expected date or end of AY)	The student funding will be prorata'd from start of term to point of suspension (+60 days if for health reasons)  No further payments will be made until student resumes study	A resumption CoC will only be required if the student returns in the same AY  Resumption not required if student returning at <i>start</i> of next AY  Suspension required If student is returning <i>later</i> in next AY
			Notes:		

#### Notes:

If the student does not apply for the following AY but tells you they are withdrawing there is no need to submit a Withdrawal. If the student does apply for the following AY and tells you they are now withdrawing you can submit a 'D' Code.



# Withdrawal following Suspension

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Action
Student commenced course then takes an leave of absence (suspension) – during suspension student decides to withdraw			Withdrawal CoC  Date last attended should be the 'agreed' date of withdrawal (not suspension date)	Student is liable for the fees for the period up to suspension  Student maintenance support will be pro-rata'd to date of suspension (Plus 60 days if health reasons)  Student will be notified if there is any overpayment	Ensure you check the Attendance Worklist again as once the CoC reassessment has been processed the record will be put back on the Worklist for you to confirm an 'A' to indicate your 'approval' of the revised details



# Resumption

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Actions
Student ready to return to study after a leave of absence  1. Midway through same AY that they suspended	Opens for confirmation once the CoC is processed	Opens for confirmation once the CoC is processed	Resumption CoC required providing date the student is returning to study	Student funding will be reinstated and pro-rata'd for the remainder of the AY	Use free text boxes to provide additional details i.e. Placement or conditions of return
2. At the start of a new academic year	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	No CoC Required – student application resumes	May impact available funding if 'additional' year of funding already awarded	



## **Withdrawal**

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Action
Student completed registration but had no other engagement		X	Never attended – Confirmed in error  The effective date of the Withdrawal CoC must be before the course start date	Student is not liable for Tuition Fees.  1st instalment of Maintenance support has been released - student will go into overpayment  This will <b>not count</b> as a year of funding	Ensure you check the Attendance Worklist again as once the CoC reassessment has been processed the record will be put back on the Worklist for you to confirm an 'A' to indicate your 'approval' of the revised details
Student in attendance but withdraws after the start date of the course but before the end of the cooling off period		X	Left during cooling-off period Withdrawal after the course start date when the student is no longer in ongoing and active engagement with their course  No fees will be charged to the student	Student is not liable for Tuition Fees.  1st instalment of Maintenance support has been released - student will go into overpayment.  This will count as a year of funding	Ensure you check the Attendance Worklist again as once the CoC reassessment has been processed the record will be put back on the Worklist for you to confirm an 'A' to indicate your 'approval' of the revised details

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## **Withdrawal**

Student Engagement	Registration Confirmation	Attendance Confirmation	CoC Required	Impact on Student Finance	Additional Provider Action
Student completes year of study and withdraws during Summer break Or Fails exam boards		X	None	Student has received all 3 instalments of Maintenance support - this will go into Repayment.  This will be counted as a year of study	If student has already applied for next AY you can submit an 'N' or 'D' to cancel application against the next AY
Student commenced course then decides to withdraw due to health reasons			Withdrawal CoC  Date last attended should be the 'agreed' date of withdrawal	Student is liable for the fees for the period up to withdrawal  Student maintenance support will be pro-rata'd to date of withdrawal  Student will be notified if there is any overpayment	Ensure you check the Attendance Worklist again as once the CoC reassessment has been processed the record will be put back on the Worklist for you to confirm an 'A' to indicate your 'approval' of the revised details

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# Impact of Late Withdrawal CoCs (AY21/22)

Туре	Overpayment	Average per student
Maintenance Loans	£26,349,706 paid (10,587 students)	£2,489
Grants	£1,657,739 paid (1,226 students)	£1,352
Fees	£25,950,743 paid to Providers ( 9,623 students)	£2,697
Total	£53,958,188 overpayments	





# **Hints and Tips**

Think about using tactical Suspension CoCs if 'non-attendance' pending withdrawal

 Make sure any notes added are necessary, clear & concise

Avoid duplicating CoCs – if in doubt after 30 working day SLA deadline has passed contact
 CoC@slc.co.uk to request follow up

#### **Further Guidance**







For guidance information for SIS, CMS, BAS, the Service Agreement and news
please visit the HEP Services website:
https://www.heinfo.slc.co.uk

Contact the Partner Support Desk

E-mail: HEP Services@slc.co.uk

Phone: 0300 100 0642

Contact your Regional HE Account Manager



## **Questions**



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