

# **SAAS - Informing the Delivery of Student Support for Scottish Students**

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# SLC & SAAS - Supporting the Student Journey

## Service Agreement

To enable SLC to pay students their loan support on behalf of SAAS. The services covered by the Service Agreement supports the following main areas:-

- The key component of the interface is the provision of student and DWP Personal Data from SLC to SAAS, and vice versa
- To ensure the correct student support can be paid to the student
- The correct loan balance is held on the student account at SLC
- Repayment can be achieved through the Income Contingent Repayment (ICR) process to meet SLC's key performance indicators

## GDPR Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to set out the framework for the sharing of the Agreement Personal Data between the Parties. It defines the principles and procedures that the Parties shall adhere to and the responsibilities the Parties owe to each other



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# Agenda

## 2019-2020 Update

- Key Dates
- Policy Changes

## Workshop

# Key Dates 2019-2020

- Opening – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019
- “Guarantee Date” – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Closing date – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

# Policy Changes 2019-2020

## Accelerated degrees in the RUK:

- Increased fee loan for accelerated degree courses in England
- Fee loan of up to £11,100 for eligible Scottish students undertaking accelerated degree course at a publicly funded institution
- Increased Fee loan up to £7,400 for Scottish students undertaking accelerated degree course at a private provider

# Policy Changes 2019-2020

## Postgraduate support:

- Funding extended to eligible Research Masters courses
- Only free-standing Research Masters will be eligible
- Course can be taught, research based or delivered via distance learning. However, there must be a minimum amount of teaching or contact time between the student and teaching staff at the HEP



# Policy Changes 2019-2020

## Postgraduate support:

- Eligible courses in RUK can be considered for support as long as the same course is not available in Scotland
- Research Masters in RUK must be full-time and no longer than 2 years in length
- Part-time courses in RUK are not eligible for support

# Policy Changes 2019-2020

## Postgraduate support:

Non-income assessed package of:

- £5,500 tuition fee loan
- £4,500 living cost loan

# Policy Changes 2019-2020

**Maximum Bursary (Grant) awards for undergraduate students increased:**

- Young Student Bursary (YSB) - £1,875 to £2,000
- Independent Student Bursary (ISB) - £875 to £1,000

# Policy Changes 2019-2020

## Bursary (Grant) thresholds increased:

- Increase to lowest household income threshold from £18,999 to £20,999

Support package	Household Income	Bursary	Loan	Total
Young Student	£0 to £20,999	£2,000	£5,750	£7,750
Independent Student	£0 to £20,999	£1,000	£6,750	£7,750

# Policy Changes 2019-2020

## New residency category for victims of Human Trafficking:

- Students granted Discretionary Leave to remain in the UK as a result of human trafficking; and
- Ordinarily resident in UK when they were granted this status; and
- Ordinarily resident in Scotland on relevant date

# Policy Changes 2019-2020

## Loan Repayment Period:

- Reduction to the maximum loan repayment period from 35 to 30 years effective from December 2018

# Policy Changes 2019-2020

## Brexit:

- Scottish Government commitment to fund EU students for the duration of their course will continue to extend to entrants in 2019-2020 session
- Eligible EU students will therefore continue to have access to free tuition from SAAS
- This guarantee will remain in the event of a no-deal Brexit

# Staying In Touch



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