

### **Maintenance requirements for Student Route**

You need to show that you have enough money to pay for your course fees and for your living expenses when you apply for a Student Route visa. The amount you need to show depends on your circumstances. Please see the guidance below.

If you have been living in the UK with immigration permission for 12 months or longer from the date you make your visa application, you automatically meet the financial requirement and are not required to show evidence of funds.

The monthly sums required for living costs for students studying at Newcastle are **£1023 per month for the student plus £680 per month per dependant**, up to a maximum of 9 months.

Student Route applicants are required to show that they have the funds available for, or that they have paid, a full year's course fees.

Money for living costs must be shown for every month of the course, up to a maximum of 9 months.

For example:

- a student studying for 6 months must show  $(£1023 \times 6) = £6138$
- a student studying for 9 months must show  $(1023 \times 9) = £9207$

If your course ends part way through a month, the amount required will be rounded up to a full month. For example, if your course is 7 months and 2 weeks, you will be required to show enough maintenance for 8 months.

If you are living in University accommodation (NOT private or managed partnership) and you have already paid for this accommodation, up to a maximum of £1334 can be deducted from the required amount of maintenance to be shown in your financial evidence (but cannot be deducted from your required tuition fees). Any accommodation fees paid will be shown in your CAS.

### **Living costs for Doctorate Extension Scheme applicants**

Current Newcastle University PhD students applying for the Doctorate Extension Scheme near the end of their course only need show money for 2 months' living costs. This is in addition to any unpaid tuition fees.

**Sponsored students** must be able to show that their tuition fees and living costs are covered by their sponsor. If only fees are covered, then you will need to provide supplementary evidence to prove that you have the required maintenance amount. Sponsored students must have an up-to-date sponsor letter with any currency amounts converted to pounds sterling (£) on the date of application using the currency converter at [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com).

### **How to prove that you have the correct level of maintenance**

Personal funds can be shown through:

- Instant access bank statement in your name (or including your name as a joint account holder). Current accounts are more appropriate for Student Route applications as they tend to show your most recent transactions.
- A letter from your bank.
- A Certificate of Deposit
- A letter confirming a loan in your name.
- Official financial or government sponsorship letter.

You must be able to show that all required funds have been held in the account for at least 28 days, with the date of the closing balance being no more than 31 days before the date of your visa application.

Please refer to the [Home Office website](#) for full details of the requirements for your financial evidence.

Overseas funds must be converted to pounds sterling (£) on the date of application using the currency converter at [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com).

If you are making your application in the UK, it is strongly recommended that you provide financial evidence from a UK bank account.

Bank statements from parents can be used, but you will need to provide official evidence of your relationship and a consent letter from your parents. Please see [Student Route guidance](#) for specific criteria for the use of parental bank statements.

### **How to prove that you can pay or have paid your tuition fees**

If you have not yet paid your fees, you will need to prove that the funds have been available in your bank account for 28 days, or that you have an approved loan, or that your official financial sponsor will be paying your fees.

If you have paid your fees this will be documented in your CAS, or you can provide an official certificate of tuition fees. You will normally receive a receipt from the university when you make payments for tuition fees.

### **University scholarships**

Students in receipt of a Newcastle University scholarship or any scholarship paid through the University for the relevant academic year should advise that department producing their CAS of the scholarship at the earliest opportunity. University scholarships can only be used as evidence of fee payment/maintenance if details are shown in your CAS. Paper evidence will not be accepted.