

Stateless Persons - Academic Year 2018/19

Overview

From Academic Year 2018/19 the Department for Education (DFE) have introduced a new residence category of eligible student.

The new residence category is referred to as `stateless persons` and applies to individuals who have been granted leave to remain as a stateless person by the UK Home Office (HO) because they are stateless, and have no right to residence in their country of former habitual residence or any other country.

Eligibility

Learners and eligible family members, who hold this status, as granted by the HO, will be eligible to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan (ALL).

To be eligible under this category Learners must:

- have been granted leave to remain as a stateless person by the HO;
- be ordinarily resident in England to which they are applying on the first day of the first Academic Year of their course; and
- have been ordinarily and lawfully resident in the UK and Islands throughout the three year period immediately prior to the first day of the designated course.

Family members of individuals granted leave to remain as a stateless person may also be eligible for support. The definition of a family member will mirror that currently used for a refugee or someone who has been granted Humanitarian Protection.

If the Learner is the:

- Spouse; or
- Civil partner; or
- Child or step-child (under 18); or
- Child or step-child (under 18) of the spouse or civil partner,

of a person granted leave to remain as a stateless person, and was so on the date that the valid application for leave to the HO was made, they may be eligible for support.

Please Note that family members will also need to:

- hold a valid HO form of leave (for example Limited Leave to Remain 'LLR') on the first day of the first Academic Year of their course; and
- have been ordinarily and lawfully resident in the UK and Islands throughout the three year period immediately prior to the first day of the first Academic Year of their course.