

# FAST Facts

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In October 2008, the Secretary of State for the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills announced some proposed changes to the financial support package for new full-time students in England, entering Higher Education from September 2009. All of these proposed changes are subject to consideration by Parliament.

This leaflet provides you with a summary of the key elements of the 2009/10 package, assuming approval by Parliament.

For further information please visit [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

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### **Non-repayable grants**

- There are non-repayable grants to help toward living costs worth up to £2,906 per year for students with household incomes up to £25,000. If your household income is up to £50,020 you may still qualify for some non-repayable support;
- Around two thirds of all full-time students are expected to qualify for a full or partial grant and for students with disabilities or students with children there are additional grants.



## **Student loans for tuition fees and living costs**

- From September 2009 we expect Universities and colleges will be able to charge up to £3,225 per year in tuition fees. However, a tuition fee loan is available to cover the full cost of tuition fees;
- On top of the loan for fees there are student loans for living costs. These can help toward the cost of accommodation, food, books and other expenses. How much you get depends on where you live whilst you study and the amount of non-repayable maintenance grant you receive.

## **Non-repayable bursaries**

- Universities and colleges also offer bursaries and other financial support to students which doesn't have to be repaid. The amount of support available varies, depending on the institution and your personal circumstances. Look in university and college prospectuses or websites to see what they are offering.

## **Repaying student loans**

- Students don't pay back their loans until after they have left their course and are earning over £15,000. You then pay back 9% of your income over £15,000. This means that someone earning £18,000 per year would pay back approximately £5.19 per week.

## **How to apply**

- Applications for student support for 2009/10 are expected to open early in 2009. You will be able to apply online to the Student Finance England Service by going to:  
[www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

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