



FAQ – Advice for EU Students

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A guide for EU enquirers, applicants and offer holders to the London Film School following the UK's departure from the European Union (EU).

Can I still study with the London Film School?

Absolutely – the London Film School takes great pride in its diverse student population and we openly welcome applications from EU students. International students have always, and will continue to, make an enormous contribution to the success of the London Film School and wider UK Filmmaking community.

How does the UK's decision to leave the EU affect students studying at LFS?

If you are from the EU, EEA or Switzerland and you are thinking of studying with us from January 2021 onwards, there will be some practical changes as a result of the UK leaving the EU on 31 January 2021.

These changes depend on when you arrive in the UK. However, please note, if you are an Irish national these changes will **not** affect you.

If you arrive in the UK by or on 31 December 2020, there's very little that will change, however you will be required to register for the [EU Settlement Scheme](#). The EU Settlement Scheme will allow you and your family to continue living and studying in the UK beyond 30 June 2021. You must apply to the scheme if you start living in the UK by 31 December 2020 with the final deadline for applying being 30 June 2021.

If you arrive on, or after 1 January 2021, there will be some changes. Many of these are still subject to negotiations by the UK Government, however there will be changes to immigration status for arrivals after 1 January 2021 to apply.

What are the exact changes if I arrive after the 1 January 2021?

If you arrive in the UK on or after 1 January 2021 the exact changes will depend on when you wish to start your studies with LFS:

Arrive in the UK before 1 January 2021	No changes; however, you must apply for EU Settlement Scheme to stay longer than 30 June 2021 (if you want to remain in the UK beyond 30 June 2021 and keep 'home fee status' beyond this date). The EU Settlement scheme is free of charge.
Arrive in the UK on or after 1 January 2021 and start your course before 31 July 2021	Changes to immigration status, but no changes to tuition fee status. Tuition fees for January and May 2021 stay the same.
Arrive in the UK after 1 January 2021 and start your course after 1 August 2021	Changes to immigration status and changes to tuition fee status for September 2021.

(Source: British Council July 2020)

Will these changes mean EU students need a visa to study at LFS?

If you arrive in the UK before 31 December 2020, you will not need a student visa, however if you arrive in the UK on or after 1 January 2021 and intend to study on any programme longer than 6 months, the above changes mean you will need a student visa to study with LFS.

Our Admissions team will assist all students who require a student visa to study with us. Currently, the visa process for EU students is not yet open and further information will be presented by the UK Government in due course. The most up to date information can be found on the UK Governments [website](#) or by contacting our admissions team at admissions@lfs.org.uk.

Will there be any changes to Tuition Fees for EU Students studying at LFS?

There will not be any immediate changes to our tuition fees for any EU students studying with us before or up until July 2021. This therefore means all EU students studying on our MA Filmmaking programme in January or May 2021 will pay the current tuition fee as advertised.

However, any EU student studying on our MA Filmmaking or MA Screenwriting programmes from September 2021 will be subject to changes in tuition fee status, and will be categorised as an International Student, eligible for International tuition fees.

The exact fees for September 2021 and beyond have not yet been announced but will be communicated by the school at our earliest opportunity and advertised on our tuition fee pages.

Will EU students still be eligible for funding support?

We remain committed to supporting all EU students with various funding options, whether these are internal to the school or external.

At the moment it is unknown whether EU students will continue to be eligible for scholarship support via the Leverhulme Arts Scholarship, or other external funding options as advertised on our [funding pages](#).

However, it has been confirmed that eligibility for Postgraduate Loans will change following the UK's departure from the EU. The majority of EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals starting courses on or after 1 August 2021 will no longer be eligible for support from Student Finance England.

These changes will not affect EU, other EEA and Swiss nationals benefitting from Citizens' Rights under the EU Withdrawal Agreement, EEA EFTA Separation Agreement or Swiss Citizens' Rights Agreement respectively.

Irish nationals living in the UK or Ireland will also not be affected by these changes and will continue to be eligible for financial support.

Students whose courses start before 1 August 2021 will continue to get student finance for the rest of their course. For the most up to date information, please view [Student Finance England](#).

Who can I contact with any concerns?

We understand these uncertain times raise many questions, and we welcome questions from all EU students wishing to study with us.

During these times, we advise you to contact our admissions teams by email at admissions@lfs.org.uk or info@lfs.org.uk.