

POLICY: HE FEES POLICY

Approval required by:	SLT	Y	Governing Body	Y
SMT Lead:	Vice Principal Students			
Responsible Manager:	Director of Adults & Higher Skills			
Date approved:	March 2025			
Date to be reviewed:	May 2026			

Significant changes to policy

Fees charged are in line with the fee limits proposed in the College Access and Participation Plan.
Policy now includes fees for the HE Flex modules

Impact of changes

College – Will receive income for the additional HE Flex module delivery

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

To define Barnsley College or ITS ('the college') policy for home students (as defined by *Statutory Instrument 2007 Number 779, Education England, The (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulation 2007*) around tuition fees for prescribed Higher Education courses in the 2025/26 academic year.

Office for Students recognised Higher Education courses offered at the College are Higher Nationals, Foundation Degrees, First degrees, Professional Graduate Certificate in Education and Certificate in Education.

The maximum fee chargeable by the College for any course type is defined by the fee cap prescribed in regulations made under the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 and regulated by the Office for Students.

Students on OfS non-recognised (professional) Higher Education courses will be subject to a different level of fee based on individual programme, as advertised on the College website.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

All students that follow an OfS recognised Higher Education course will pay a fee. Home students following an OfS recognised Higher Education course can access loans secured through Student Finance England (SFE) to support the payment of fees.

Students can pay fees that are a combination of individual/employer contribution and a loan. Students should identify whether fees are funded through loan, self-funded or sponsorship at enrolment at the beginning of each year. This information is also requested at interview stage and recorded on the interview decision form.

Fee structure for 'Home' students on OfS recognised programmes

Full-time students - The fee for full time Higher Nationals, Foundation Degrees and other undergraduate programmes validated by partner universities for new entrants is set at the fee limit published by the Office for Students. **For 2025/2026 entry this is £6995 for each year of study.**

Fees for 15 credit HE Flex modules are £500 for each module of study

Tuition fees for students will remain at the level set at the start of their programme for the duration of their study on that programme. Any increase in fees to students which either comes about because of any changes in college or the Office for Students will only apply to new entrants, or existing students starting another programme of study.

Part-time students - The fee for part time programmes is calculated and agreed on a course-by-course basis and will be a pro-rata figure based on the duration and number of credits studied per year compared to the equivalent full-time programme. Please refer to the advertised fee for each programme.

Payment

The student is ultimately responsible for the fee being paid.

Where the fee has been identified as being student self-funded, the individual student will be invoiced.

Home students who are identified as self-funded will have the option to pay their fees in full, or in instalments; a third on entry to the course, followed by four equal instalments payable by direct debit.

Where a student obtains a student loan for their fees the College will receive payments in three parts:

- 25% of the fee will be received following attendance confirmation at the start of the programme.
- 25% of the fee will be collected in semester 2.
- 50% of the fee will be collected in semester 3.

When Student Finance England issues are not resolved the student will be invoiced.

Where the fee has been identified as being paid by sponsorship, the sponsor will be invoiced if written agreement is provided prior to enrolment.

Invoices will be sent preferably in advance of the first day of each academic year. It is anticipated that the fee will be paid within 30 days.

Within 14 days of receipt of an invoice a student should contact the College if they are unable to pay. Over the 30-day period from invoice despatch the College will work with the student to resolve any issues. If, at the end of this period, the situation remains unresolved the College reserves the right to withdraw the student from the programme.

Non-payment of Fees

The College may suspend continued study and/or prevent future enrolment on additional courses if any fees are outstanding. If a student fails to arrange payment of tuition fees, the College will take action to suspend the student's accounts (including access/IT/Library Services) and ultimately the student may be withdrawn from the course.

A student will not be able to attend graduation if they have course fees outstanding.

Refunds

Where the College is unable to commence or continue to deliver a particular programme of study, any refunds for fees already made by a student or employer will be addressed in accordance with the Higher Education Refund and Compensation Policy. Where a student leaves a continuing programme of study and the student or employer has made a contribution to the fees, the refund of fees will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

Re-registration Fees

A student who fails one or more modules may be able to retake them the following year, subject to Course Assessment Board decisions and validating institution regulations. The resit fee will be charged based on a pro-rata basis depending on the number of credits required and the number of credits involved within the academic year for the qualification.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

An EqIA is not required for this policy.

LINKED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- HE Refund and Compensation Policy

LOCATION AND ACCESS TO THIS POLICY

This policy is available on the College's intranet.