

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2018**

Question

Will the Assistant Minister advise –

- (a) what formulae are used to calculate funding for Higher Education students at University College Jersey;
- (b) what formulae are used to calculate Higher Education student fees at University College Jersey; and
- (c) what the mechanism is for awarding waivers for Higher Education fees to students wanting to complete either the Access to Higher Education course or degree courses at University College Jersey?

Answer

- (a) Higher Education (HE) students at University College are charged for the costs of the course. There is no subsidy received by the college for HE as the costs are recovered entirely from the student income fee (see response to (b) below). Students apply to Student Finance for fee assistance in the same way they do for off island degrees.
- (b) There is no formulae for setting Higher Education student fees for University College Jersey. HE student fees are set at an average level across all courses to cover costs. Fees for 18/19 were set at £7,900 to cover the anticipated enrolment figures and was agreed by Ministerial decision (MD-ESC-2018-0016).
- (c) There are **no** fee waivers available for degree courses at University College Jersey as all applicants can apply to Student Finance for financial support.

The Access to Higher Education course is a further education course and is intended for mature students who have been unable to study at level 3 when they were younger. If the applicant is 19 or over on the 1st September in the year the course starts, there are no course fees if the student has **not** previously studied and gained qualifications at level 3 (A levels or equivalent).

The fee policy for those who wish to return to study at this level, having already achieved A Levels or other Level 3 qualifications, is based on the same principle as the States not paying the fees of students who have to repeat a year of a university degree course. The fee of £3,050 still represents a 50% subsidy of the actual per student cost. The Children, Young People, Education and Skills Department does **not** fund the College for Access to HE students who have already achieved A levels for which they will already have received States' funding.

In **exceptional** circumstances the Principal will consider waiving the tuition fee if (a) the student has sufficient level 2 qualifications (b) the minimum number of funded students have enrolled on the course (c) the student is receiving financial support from social security and/or (d) the student is **not** repeating a course at this level just to improve their original level 3 grades or to study a different subject (eg science) that they did not study at A level. The Principal's decision is final.