Global Recruitment, Marketing and Admissions
Postgraduate Regional Discount Scheme Policy

1. Introduction

The Postgraduate Regional Discount Scheme is a recruitment and conversion incentive scheme targeting local and commuting home postgraduate taught students. The Scheme provides a University-funded waiver of a proportion of the relevant postgraduate tuition fee, applied at the point of fees being raised for the student.

2. Relevant legislation or regulation

- HESA statutory reporting (fee income reporting)
- Consumer protection law

3. Scope

This policy applies to the Postgraduate Regional Discount Scheme at the University of York. This Scheme does not apply to Hull York Medical School postgraduate taught courses where these are registered at the University of Hull.

4. Applicability

a. The Scheme is applicable to students who at the point of application live within the University-defined local and commuter regions, are eligible for Home fee status, and who hold an offer for entry to a full or part-time postgraduate taught course at York.
b. The waiver is applied in each year of study.
c. The waiver can be applied to more than one course of study at the University of York.

5. Definitions

a. The University defines local and commuter regions by postcode. Eligible postcodes are reviewed annually and published on the University website.
b. The University defines living within the local and commuter region by the postcode of a student's permanent residence as at the point of application.
c. Home fee status is defined as the eligibility to pay home fees under the prevailing fee assessment rules at the time of application. This is related to but distinct from nationality, citizenship or passport status. Prevailing fee assessment rules are summarised on the University webpages.

6. Exclusions

The Scheme is not applicable to students who are eligible for the York Graduate Loyalty Discount Scheme.

The Scheme is not applicable to students on courses:

- which are distance learning or online courses; or
- which are not taught courses; or
- which are not delivered on the University of York campus; or
- for which there are specific external funding arrangements available to all students on the course; or
- which are equivalent to RQF level 6 or below (for example Graduate Diploma); or
- which are priced as undergraduate courses.

Details of excluded courses are listed on University webpages. For 2027/8 entry these are:

- MA Public Policy (Mundus MAPP)
- PGCE
- MA Social Work
- LLM Law (Juris Doctor)
- Masters by Research
- York Online

7. Responsibilities

a. Approval of waiver level

The review and approval of the level of the University-funded waiver of a proportion of the relevant postgraduate tuition fee is the responsibility of the University body approving all non-regulated University tuition fees, and is reviewed annually by this body.

b. Approval of applicability and exclusions

The review and approval of applicability and exclusions is the responsibility of Global Recruitment, Marketing and Admissions, and is reviewed annually and on the approval of new postgraduate taught courses.

c. Implementation

Implementation of the waiver is the responsibility of Postgraduate Admissions and the Fees Office. The waiver level is published on University webpages as a percentage discount and included in relevant offer letters. All eligible students will receive the same level of waiver.

8. Appeals and complaints

Appeals and complaints will be managed as set out in the University's Complaints Procedure.

9. Policy ownership

This policy is the responsibility of the Deputy Head of Admissions (Postgraduate).

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