

Students interrupting their studies in 2011/12 - how it will affect their fees in 2012/13

Students who interrupt or withdraw from their studies during the 2011/2012 academic year may be affected by the new fee structure when they return to their studies. Ideally, the decisions students take when thinking about interrupting or withdrawing should be informed by the implications for the fees they are likely to be charged in the future. These decisions can be affected by a number of factors related to the fee levels themselves, some of which are identified below.

- Students who INTERRUPT **within** the first two weeks of the start of their programme during 2011/12 and seek to return in 2012/13 or later will return under the **new fee structure**.
- Students who INTERRUPT **after** the first two weeks of their programme in 2011/2012 and seek to return to the **same** programme in 2012/2013 will normally remain on the **old fee structure**.
- Students who INTERRUPT **after** the first two weeks of their programme in 2011/12 but seek to return to a **different** programme in 2012/2013 will normally remain on the **old fee structure**. **[NB students should be aware that there is no guarantee that they will be accepted onto a new programme when they return. The only way to guarantee this is to withdraw and be accepted for the new programme upon re-application; in which case the student would return under the new fee structure.]**
- Students who have already INTERRUPTED and who are now returning to study during 2011/2012 academic year will remain on the **old fee structure**.
- Foundation degree students who return to TOP UP their qualifications to degree level will remain on the **old fee structure** provided they DO NOT change their programme or take a break and delay their return, in which case they would return under the **new fee structure**.
- Students who WITHDRAW from their studies and later seek to return will do so under the **new fee structure**.

(Information correct as at 28.11.11)