



AD HOC QUERY ON 2019.96 Tuition fees for the doctoral programmes for third-country nationals in EU countries

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1. Background information

The representatives of the Czech National Contact Point presented the outcomes of the study

on Attracting and Retaining International Students in the EU at the International Higher Education Forum CZEDUCON 2019. The CZ EMN NCP was afterwards approached by the representatives of the Palacký University in Olomouc and asked whether it would be possible to raise a question about the amount of tuition fees for the doctoral programmes for third-country nationals in EU countries.

In the Czech Republic, each university has the right and duty to set the amount of tuition fees for

a doctoral study programme for third-country nationals. In the case of Czech universities, tuition fees range from EUR 500 to EUR 5,000.

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2. Questions

- 1. Who in your country determines the amount of tuition fees for doctoral programmes for third-country nationals at public universities?
- 2. What is the range of tuition fees for doctoral degree programmes for third-country nationals?
- 3. If available, please divide the amount of tuition fees at a particular public university also according to individual fields.

We would very much appreciate your responses by **31 January 2020**.

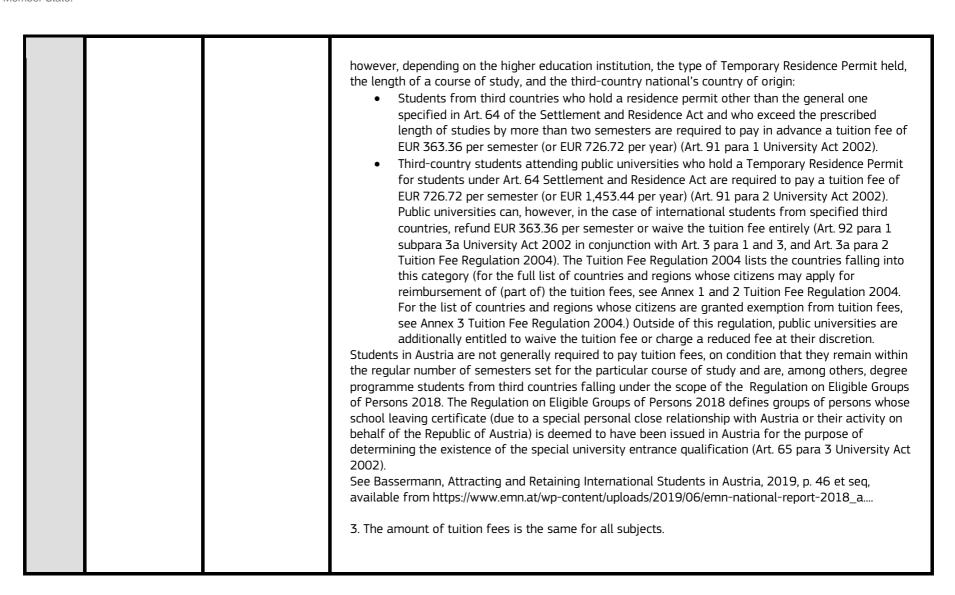
3. Responses

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| = | EMN NCP Austria | Yes | In Austria, tuition fees for public universities are specified in federal legislation (Art. 91 University Act 2002). In Austria, tuition fees do not vary based on the course of study. This means that Bachelor's, Master's and PhD/doctoral students all pay equal amounts of tuition fees. Tuition fees do vary, |

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| EMN NCP Belgium | Yes | Flemish Community The Flemish Government (Department AHOVOKS) sets the regular tuition fees (including for PhD programmes) for all Flemish public institutions of higher education. It is also the government that has decided that this fee for PhD students can only be collected twice: upon first registration and upon defense of the doctoral thesis. The institutions cannot change this. |
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| EMN NCP Bulgaria | Yes | 1. According to the Higher Education Law, the amount of the tuition fees for students and PhD students is annually approved (until 30 April) by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria after a proposal of the Minister of Education and Science, which is on the ground of proposals of the public universities. There are exceptions when the students or PhD students have been admitted to a paid higher education. The PhD fees cannot be lower than 70 percent of the normatives at the Higher Education Law. |

| | | | The range of the tuition fees for doctoral degree programmes and specialized students for third-country nationals at public universities and scientific organizations cannot be less than the differentiated normative for the education support. Persons with dual citizenship, one of which is Bulgarian, shall pay half of the tuition fee, which is determined under article 95, paragraph 8 of the Higher Education Law, when they apply or are admitted at university under conditions and by order defined by the Council of Ministers. The tuition fees under Article 95, paragraph 8 of the Higher Education Law shall not be paid by students, PhD students and specialized students admitted at university in accordance with intergovernmental agreements which settle this issue on reciprocal base. The Council of Ministers has approved the application fees and the tuition fees at public universities for the 2019-2020 academic year with Decision № 233/25.04.2019. The Decision is published on the official website of the Ministry of Education and Science – https://www.mon.bg/bg/58 |
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| H | EMN NCP Croatia | Yes | The amount of tuition fees for postgraduate university (doctoral) study programmes are determined independently by public higher education institutions (universities), pursuant to Article 4, Paragraph 4 and Article 77, Paragraph 8 of the Act on Scientific Activity and Higher Education. Tuition fees are equal for students from the EU and third-country nationals, since doctoral programmes are not included in the Decision on Programme Funding of Public Higher Education Institutions for the academic years 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, adopted by the Government of the Republic of Croatia in 2018. The data are publicly available on the websites of public higher education institutions. According to the Guide for doctoral studies of the University of Zagreb for the academic year 2018/2019 (in attachment) the amount of tuition fees varies depending on faculty/scientific field. Approximate amounts of tuition fees per field per semester (University of Zagreb): |

| | | | Natural sciences/ EUR 650 – 1.300 Technical sciences/ EUR 650 - 2.000 Arts/ EUR 2.000 Biomedicine/ EUR 1.200 – 1.600 Biotehnical/ EUR 950 - 1.300 Social sciences/ EUR 1.100 – 2.600 Humanities/ EUR 800 – 1.300 |
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| * | EMN NCP Cyprus | Yes | In Cyprus there are 3 public universities. For the University of Cyprus and the Cyprus University of Technology the amount of tuition fees for doctoral programmes is set by the Council of Ministers and approved by the Parliament (House of Representatives). For the Open University of Cyprus (a long-distance public university) the amount of tuition fees for doctoral programmes is decided by the Council of the University. There is no difference between the tuition fees for TCNs and CY/EU nationals. The range is 3.200 euros to 9.000 euros The current fees are: University of Cyprus: Holders of a postgraduate Master degree – total fees €4,000 Non-holders of Master degree – total fees €6,500, provided that students complete the requirements of their programme of study and obtain their PhD in six academic years (12 semesters). Each year of study after the 6 academic years, with a maximum length of studies being 8 academic years (16 semesters) is charged with fees at €1250 for each academic year (€625 per semester). (The maximum fees charged are €9,000). |

| | | To the fees of the Doctoral Programme of Clinical Psychology is added a clinical practicum fee, amounting to €1,000 which is used for hiring supervision services from registered professional psychologists. Open University of Cyprus: €1350 per academic year for the first three years of studies and €675 per academic year for next five years of studies (Note: the length of study in a doctorate degree programme constitutes a minimum of three (3) years and a maximum of eight (8) years). Cyprus University of Technology: PhD without courses €3.200 PhD with courses (up to 60 ECTS) €3.234 - €5.200 For PhD with courses, tuition is €34 for each ECTS. The amounts listed are reduced by 20%, within the University's decision and approval of the Minister's Council (latest Council Decision July 25th, 2018). |
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| EMN NCP Czech Republic | Yes | In the Czech Republic, each university has the right and duty to set the amount of tuition fees for a doctoral study programme In the case of Czech universities, tuition fees range from EUR 500 to EUR 5,000 for foreign nationals In the case of Palacký University, tuition fees for individual fields are as follows: Clinical Psychology - EUR 3,000, Philosophy - EUR 3,000, Sociology - EUR 3,000, European and International Law - EUR 1,200, Education - EUR 2,500, Algebra and Geometry - EUR 1,700, Biophysics - EUR 1,700, Zoology - EUR 4,000. |

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| = | EMN NCP France | Yes | Tuition fees for Bachelor, Master and Doctoral level are set annually by a joint decree by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministy in charge of the budget. It concerns all French Higher Education Institutions (including public universities) which depend of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. In 2019-2020, tuitions fees for doctoral degree programmes are: EUR 380. This fees are the same as those paid by national and EU students. Third-country national doctoral students are not subject to new differentiated tuition rates (since autumn 2019, new differentiated tuition fees have been set for international students in France). N/A |
| • | EMN NCP Germany | Yes | State universities in Germany are subordinate to the respective federal state, which can also set tuition fees. Since October 2014, however, tuition fees have been waived at state universities in Germany. But there are private colleges that can charge fees. Tuition fees are not charged for doctoral programs, especially since they often receive funding. |

| | | For both questions, there is no difference at state universities from which country the future doctoral candidate comes. Such differences only come into play when it comes to scholarship programs that want to support specific target groups. 3. n/a |
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| EMN NCP Greece | Yes | According to Law 4485/2017 (article 40), there are no tuition fees for doctoral studies at Greek public Universities and there is no distinction between Greek and third country nationals. N/A N/A. |
| EMN NCP Hungary | Yes | The amount of tuition fees for doctoral programmes for every student at public universities – including third-country nationals – is determined by the Doctoral Council of the university. There is no database of the tuition fees. The doctoral councils of the universities decide annually about the fees. Information about the tuition fees of the doctoral schools are available at the webpages of the universities or at the following link: https://www.felvi.hu/felveteli/doktori_kepzesek. The tuition fee at Corvinus University of Budapest is 3200 EUR/semester (every field of study), at Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) is 2200 EUR/semester, at University of Szeged is 5000 EUR/semester, at Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design is 700.000 HUF/semester (cc. 2000 EUR) in the doctoral schools for third-country nationals. |

| EMN NCP Italy | Yes | 1. First at all, it may be necessary to specify that the amount of tuition fees for third-country nationals at public universities is the same provided for all PHD students. However, public universities usually reserve some scholarship to TCN students. The competent authority to determine the amount of the tuition fees was the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research, which - with the Ministerial Decree n. 45/2013 - states that each University is free to decide if requires tuition fees from PHD students and to determine the amount of these taxes. Then, the 2017 Budget law (n. 232/2016, art. 1 para. 262) redefined the regulation contained in the decree 45/2013, providing that students enrolled in doctoral degree without fellowship are tax-exempt. With regard to PHD student recipient of scholarship, the Italian PHD students' association (ADI) - during the discussion about the 2019 Budget Law - called for a review of this provision and, consequently, the government is committed to expressly extend the exemption to all PHD students. In practice (see Q.3), many public universities have already done that (thanks to the power conferred to them by Decree 45/2013 and 232/2016). In any case, all PHD students have to pay the regional tax – which is autonomously established by every Regions – and the duty stamp. It is interesting to highlight that every year, the General Directorate for students, development and internationalization of higher education (inside the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research) emanates a Circular regarding procedures for entry, residence and enrolment at higher education institutions for students requiring visas for higher education courses in Italy. In particular, Part VII regulates doctoral programmes for TCNs: (link: http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studentistranieri/moduli/2020/Circolare). 2. As said in Q.1, from 2017 the PHD students not beneficiaries of scholarship are exempt from tuition fees (excluded regional tax and duty stamp) and, in 2018, they represent t |
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| | | | According to a recent research conducted by the Italian PHD students' association, the average amount of taxation is from a minimum of about 200€ to a maximum of about 2.000 €. The cost of duty stamp is always 16€, while the amount of regional tax depends on the determination of every regions. 3. For all PHD students (with or without scholarship): - University of Milan: duty stamp and 156€ for regional tax - University of Udine: duty stamp, regional tax from 120 to 160€ on the basis of income, university contribution: 100€ - University of Roma Tre: duty stamp and 140 € for regional tax. For example, the University of Catanzaro distinguishes: - Beneficiaries of scholarship: duty stamp, regional tax (from 130 to 160€ on the basis of income) and 1.224,45€ for annual enrollment (no reduction on the basis on income is provided) - PHD students without scholarship: only duty stamp and regional tax. |
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| II | EMN NCP Latvia | Yes | According to the Law on Higher Education Institutions of Latvia, Higher Education Institutions are autonomous institutions of education and science with right to self-governance including right to determinate tuition fees. According to the Higher Education Overview report 2018 – 1673 students are state funded and 259 students paid for their studies. Tuition fees for doctoral studies in largest University in Latvia – University of Latvia for third country nationals is between 2150 and 7920 (Medicine and Pharmacy) euros per year. In second largest University in Latvia – Riga Technical University is between 7700 and 9350 euros per year. |

| | | 3. Tuition fees in University of Latvia please see here: https://www.lu.lv/en/admission/study-programmes/doctoral-study-programme Tuition fees in Riga Technical University (for details: http://fsd.rtu.lv/wp- content/uploads/sites/65/2019/08/Programme-Catalogu) Study programme Full Time Studies tuition fee year/EUR Civil Engineering 4 years – 8550 Computer Systems 4 years – 7700 Automation and Computer Engineering 4 years – 8600 Information Technology 4 years – 7700 Telecommunications 4 years – 7700 Electronics 4 years – 7700 Power and Electrical Engineering 4 years – 8550 Environmental Science 4 years – 9350 Engineering Technology, Mechanics and Mechanical Engineering 4 years – 8550 Transport 4 years – 8550 Production Engineering 4 years – 8550 E-Learning Technologies and Management 4 years – 7700 |
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| EMN NCP Lithuania | Yes | 1. According to Article 83.1 of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Science and Studies, the cost of studies is determined by a higher education institution, however, The Ministry of Education, Science and Sports sets standard tuition fees (for 2019 PhD tuitions for regular studies – 9449 Eur and extended (part-time) studies – 6299 EUR per year, which many public universities follow (see Q3). When a joint study programme is carried out or the right to carry out doctoral studies is granted to several higher education and research institutions, the cost of the joint study programme or doctoral studies is determined by these institutions subject to mutual coordination. Tuition fee rates are indicated in rules for admission to a higher education institution. |

| | | | 2. Tuition fees in practise is the same for all students. On average, doctoral studies cost from 4097 EUR to 9449 EUR per year. As regards medical studies, the mentioned rates are higher and amounts to 14000 EUR. However, citizens of countries of the European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA), persons (non-EU/EEA) granted a right of permanent residence in the Republic of Lithuania, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the Diaspora and people of Lithuanian origin can apply for state-funded study places. Additionally, most Lithuanian universities provide various scholarships for PhD students. For instance, Vilnius University offers the following types of financial aid to students: incentive scholarship, one-off earmarked scholarships, nominal scholarship, foreign student scholarship, PhD student scholarship and resident doctor scholarship (e.g. from https://www.vu.lt/en/studies/academic-info-for-students/scholarships-and). 3. Kaunas University of Technology: technological sciences 8583 EUR, physical sciences 9449 EUR, social sciences 7685 EUR, the humanities 9110 EUR; Vilnius Gediminas Technical University: tuition fees for one year are set for non-EU students (except for Aircraft Pilot programme) 9449 EUR; Vilnius University: tuition fees per one academic year for all fields of studies: regular studies – 9449 Eur and extended studies – 6299 EUR; Vytautas Magnus University – 9449 EUR per year for full-time studies; 6229 EUR per year for part-time studies; Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre – tuition fee for one year in artistic studies in the field of music 9449 EUR per year for full-time studies; Mykolas Romeris University – Tuition fee per year for full-time studies 4097 EUR, part time 2731 EUR; Lithuanian University of Health Sciences – tuition fee 14000 EUR per year for full-time studies; Vilnius Academy of Arts – tuition fee that is 9449 EUR per year; Šiauliai University – 9449 EUR per year for full-time studies, part-time studies 6229 EUR. |
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| = | EMN NCP Luxembourg | Yes | 1. In Luxembourg the only public university is the University of Luxembourg which was created by the abrogated law of 12 August 2003 and now regulated by the amended law of 27 June 2018 on the |

| | | | organisation of the University of Luxembourg In accordance with article 5 (1) 5 it is the Board of Governors is the authority that establishes the registration fees for doctoral programmes. These registration fees are the same for all type of students (Luxembourgish nationals, EU citizens and third-country nationals). 2. The registration fees are of 200€ per semester. The only exception is when there is a supervised program between two universities. In this case, the fees can be waived in order to avoid charging double fees to the student. 3. The registration fees are the same for all the areas of study. |
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| | EMN NCP Malta | Yes | Fees are set by Legal Notice following approval by Cabinet The tuition fee for doctoral degree programmes for third-country nationals is of Eur 11,000 per annum if followed on a FT basis and of Eur 5,500 if followed on a PT basis. The same fees apply in the different areas of specialisation. In certain exceptional circumstances, bench fees may also apply. The only exception to the mentioned fees is the Doctorate in Pharmacy which the University of Malta offers in collaboration with the College of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Illinois, USA. This is a professional degree which includes the delivery of taught study units. The applicable fees for third country nationals are as follows: Yr 1: Eur13,500; Yr 2: Eur 12,000; Yr 3: Eur 12,000 Please refer to our reply to question 2. There is no difference in tuition fees according to the individual fields. |
| II | EMN NCP Netherlands | Yes | 1. In general, PhD positions are paid positions within the university. Therefore there is no tuition fee for the applicant. In fact, PhD candidates often have an employment agreement with the university |

| | | and therefore receive a salary. However, some universities offer 'Contract PhD' or 'External PhD' positions, where there is no employment agreement between the applicant and the university. These PhD students will usually have to pay some form of tuition. The specific fee to be paid can be variable and depends upon the research institution, the research itself, and the length of study. Regardless of whether the candidate has an employee status or not, they may still be required to pay statutory fees to cover supplementary costs for supervision, examination, administration and university access. The specific cost of these varies with individual universities and research disciplines. https://www.studyinholland.nl/dutch-education/degrees/phd 2. N/A 3. N/A |
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| EMN NCP Poland | Yes | In connection with the entry into force of the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science, the model of doctoral education in Poland has changed by introducing doctoral schools. To lead doctoral education a university is obliged to open so called "doctoral schools" where a number of conditions must be fulfilled. A doctoral school is an organized form of education at least 2 disciplines. Education of doctoral students may be conducted in cooperation with other entity, in particular an entrepreneur or a foreign university or scientific institution. Admission to the doctoral school takes place through a competition for rules set by the senate or scientific council. The education of doctoral students lasts from 6 to 8 semesters Article 198 para. 8 of the Act provides that no fees are charged for the education of doctoral students in doctoral schools. This rule also applies to foreign doctoral students, from third countries. As mentioned above due to the Act of 20 July 2018 Law on Higher Education and Science since October 2019 no fees are charged for the education of doctoral students in doctoral schools. |

| | | Additionally, it's worth mentioning that a doctoral student without a doctoral degree receives a scholarship PhD – the awarding of the doctoral scholarship is statutory usually based upon merit and/or financial need. Total period of receiving doctoral scholarship in schools doctoral dissertations cannot exceed 4 years. The amount of the monthly doctoral scholarship is at least: 1) 37% of professor's salary – up to the month in which the mid-term evaluation is carried out; 2) 57% of the professor's remuneration – after the month in which the mid-term evaluation is carried out. The amount of doctoral scholarship may depend on achievements of PhD student 3. However, fees are collected from foreign students who began doctoral studies under the provisions of the repealed Act of 27 July 2005 – Law on Higher Education and continue these studies on the basis of these rules, the amount of fees in public and private universities was determined by the particular institution, while the fees could not be lower than the planned cost of education. Example of doctoral tuition fees of full-time studies per semester: SGH Warsaw School of Economics: range from 2000 to 4250 PLN University of Technology in Rzeszów: range from 2664 to 4900 PLN Kozminski University (private one) 2600-4500 PLN Academy of Arts in Warsaw: 3500 PLN |
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| EMN NCP Portugal | Yes | In Portugal tuition fees for doctoral programmes are determined by universities. There is not a single document referring all universities so regarding a search made by NCP PT for several universities the range found was from 2400€- 3500€. Please be aware that this amounts may be differ each year. N/A |

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| | EMN NCP Slovakia | Yes | 1. If the student is studying full-time in the Slovak language, the study is free of charge. A full-time study program student is obliged to pay the annual tuition fee in each academic year if the study program is conducted exclusively in a language other than the state language. The amount of tuition is not limited. A student of the public university/higher education institution in a part-time (external form of) study is obliged to pay the annual tuition fee in each year of study. In the case of tuition fees in part-time study programs, the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, pursuant to the Higher Education Act, issues annually a measure stipulating the maximum annual tuition fee for the relevant academic year for study programmes in part time/external form for public and state universities and higher educational institutions. 2. N/A 3. For part time studies the maximum amount of tuition fees for study programs at public and state universities is regulated by the measures of Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sports, available at: https://www.minedu.sk/opatrenia/ For the 2020/2021 part time studies in specific study programs the tuition fees range from 3900€ up to 5620€ for most doctoral programs and 6780€ (for medical studies and dentistry). |
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| 8 | EMN NCP Spain | Yes | In Spain, the competence to set the amount of public universities tuition fees belong to the Regional authorities (17), as it is a decentralized policy. For Spanish and European citizens, tuition fees for doctoral programs vary substantially among the different regions, in a range between 60 euros per year, to more than 400. Third country students will pay that very same amount in some regions, although in other cases the regular fee is multiplied by an index (1.3, 2), depending on the region and/or the University (in some regions University are free to set tuition fees for third country national). |

| | | 3. In this link you will find a study comparing tuition fees all over Spain (among the different regions) for diplomas in different fields, Master degrees and doctoral programs. The study is 3 years old, but we have checked some data related to the doctoral tuition fees and they are mainly the same. Although the study is in Spanish, there is an executive summary in English that might help you. In page 37 you'll find a graph comparing tuition fees for doctoral programs among the regions, and in pages 40 and 41, the tuition fees for third country nationals. https://www.observatoriuniversitari.org/en/2017/04/01/why-so-different-prices/ |
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| EMN NCP Sweden | Yes | Not applicable since we in Sweden do not have tuition fees for doctoral programmes. On the contrary no one can be accepted for doctoral studies without an employment or other form of funding/wage from the university or other source of finance. We do not have tuition fees for doctoral studies. Not applicable |
| EMN NCP United Kingdom | Yes | 1. Tuition fees for postgraduate study are not regulated by the Government - unlike those for undergraduate study. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in England are autonomous public bodies and as such they are free to set their own postgraduate course fee levels, and these vary widely. However, they must comply with the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007 which set out the criteria for being charged a 'home' fee rate. Students who are unable to meet one of the criteria listed in the regulations may be charged fees at the higher 'overseas' rate. However, to allow flexibility in dealing with individual students' circumstances, HEI's can waive or reduce fees where they consider it appropriate. The onus is on the student to provide a persuasive case to the institution which would warrant the exercise of this discretion in their favour but ultimately the decision on whether to charge non-'home' student's at the home or overseas rate of fee lies with the University. |

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| | | | Generally, to automatically meet the requirements for home fee status a student should be resident in England, must have 'settled status' in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course and must have been a resident of the UK and Islands (Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) for the three years prior to that date. 2. See above. 3. N/A. |
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| #= | EMN NCP Norway | Yes | The Parliament would decide most likely based on white paper recommendations produced by the Ministry of Education and Research. (There are no tuition costs for EEA students to study at public universities in Norway (2019): but PhD programs often require a student to work as a research assistent. The cost of living is however extremely high, so most students have to find other work if not employed as a research assistant. As of 2019, study at most Norwegian universities (those subsidized by the government) is tuition free. However, the government has debated this issue a number of times in the past so there is always the possibility of changing this practice. N/A |
