

# UCAS – Home Status Factsheet

The Sixth Form – University Applications



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## Home Status:

To be eligible for “*home status*” you must prove that you are ordinarily resident in the UK or in laypersons terms your normal life is in the UK. Holding a UK passport is not enough. To understand this process and the way the Universities assess this, please remember three key facts:

1. The UK Government issues guidance about what constitutes “*home status*”. The Universities then interpret the guidance as they see fit. You might find from your 5 University offers, 3 institutions give you home status and the other 2 international status (or any combination from the 5 offers). This is normal.
2. The universities take an evidence based approach to making their final decision on fee status.
3. The universities are businesses and getting international fees significantly increases their revenues compared to home students.
4. Many people who apply, have emigrated from the UK, but try to prove they are ordinarily resident anyway.

**Please use the following hyperlink to broaden your research:**

<https://www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Fees-and-Money/England-fee-status>

## Pre-University Application:

There are several ways for you to take a measure of control of the situation and to build an evidence bank to support being as “*home student*”.

- 1) **Property and Bills:** If you have relatives in the UK and/or a home there the following documentation is useful especially from the 3 years (or better) coming into Year 13:
  - i. Utility bills (gas, water, electricity, council tax) in your family name.
  - ii. Being on the electoral roll at your address.
  - iii. Your son/daughter having a National Insurance number (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number> )/UK Bank account all registered at this address (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/banking/getting-a-bank-account/> ).
  - iv. Please note using a singular address for all this is the preferred way forward.
- 2) **Your Employer:** a letter from your employer outlining the following information is also very useful:
  - i. That your contract is temporary.
  - ii. That they (your employer) have made you and your family move here for work reasons and that as your dependents (son/daughter) then have to follow you to Oman as you are their primary carer.
  - iii. On completion of the contract the family will be repatriated to the UK by the company.
  - iv. No need to mention salary etc.
- 3) **Flights and Time:** Prove that you spend a considerable amount of time in the UK by keeping all:
  - i. Return flight e–tickets per family member.
  - ii. Dates and durations of regular stays in the UK.

## Post University Offers:

- 1) Ensure each University has documented, in the written format (email or letter) that you definitely have “*Home Status*”.
- 2) If not, politely ask for written clarification.

- 3) Should you be categorised as "*International Status*" then **do not accept** the decision of the University. Remember the wording of the universities communication may be very final and stern in tone/wording. This is done on purpose to minimise appeals and make you think this choice they made is final. **See through this approach.** Ask for a review/appeal the decision and provide further evidence and keep pushing until they relent; which they normally do.

Fee status outcome depends upon giving accurate and clear information about you and your son/daughter's circumstances. You will need to provide comprehensive, relevant supporting documentation and demonstrate a regular, habitual mode of living in the UK as a family for substantial amounts of time each year. This should help to prove that you have not emigrated and are ordinarily resident in the UK. Historically the overwhelming majority of BSM students who are eligible for Home Status get it.