

University of Strathclyde

Student Financial Support

Academic Suspension and Registration with Attendance

If your examination results have led to you being placed in Academic Suspension by the Board of Examiners you may find these notes helpful, particularly if you are a UK student.

i) Academic Suspension

Students in 'Academic Suspension' do not attend classes on a formal basis in their year of suspension, but are entitled to sit their failed classes at the end of that year. Informal attendance at classes may be allowed at the discretion of the academic departments concerned. There are no tuition fees payable, although there is a one-off registration charge of £75. Online registration will be available via Pegasus in due course. The current position is that, students in academic suspension are neither eligible for continued assistance from funding authorities (SAAS, Student Finance England, Wales or Northern Ireland) nor (normally) entitled to any welfare benefits (though some benefits, e.g. those in relation to students with children, may still be payable).

ii) Registration with Attendance

*UK students placed in Academic Suspension sometimes ask to be allowed as an alternative to attend a reduced number of credits for the year in which they attempt to pass their failed classes. Such 'registration with attendance' can have both academic benefits and, in some cases, financial benefits. You will pay a tuition fee on a "pro-rata" basis according to the number of credits you will be studying. For example, if you will be studying 60 credits, you will be charged 50% of the relevant full time fee. Funding authorities normally allow students in this position to apply for the full student loan and, if applicable, living cost grants (e.g. Lone Parent Grant). SAAS, SFE, SFNI & SFW funded students may also be able to apply to have the tuition fees for the year funded under the "+1" arrangement, however, students are encouraged to seek advice from Student Financial Support before deciding to do this. This option is detailed in the attached Factsheet. **If you wish to take up this opportunity please arrange to meet with your Adviser of Study, complete the form attached to the Factsheet and ensure that it is returned to the Student Business Team by the end of September.** For further financial information please contact the Student Financial Support Team (0141 548 2753 / financial-support@strath.ac.uk).*

***Important:** if you are permitted to register on this basis and receive support from SAAS or Student Finance England/Wales/NI, you should immediately notify that funding body that you are repeating classes on a 'Registration with Attendance' basis, that you remain registered on your full-time course and that you therefore wish to apply for full-time loan support. It is best to convey this information to your funding body in writing or by email.*

Students in suspension are eligible to apply for support from the University's Discretionary Fund as long as the student is still registered and intending to return to University to resume or complete his/her studies.

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Factsheet

1. *Students in Academic Suspension*

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2. *What is Registration with Attendance?*

Students placed in Academic Suspension sometimes ask to be allowed as an alternative to attend a reduced number of credits for the year in which they attempt to pass their failed classes. Such 'registration with attendance' can have both academic benefits and, in some cases, financial benefits. You will remain registered on a full time course but will pay a tuition fee on a "pro-rata" basis according to the number of credits you will be studying. For example, if you will be studying 60 credits, you will be charged 50% of the relevant full time fee. Funding authorities normally allow students in this position to apply for the full student loan and, if applicable, living cost grants (e.g. Lone Parent Grant), but not Young Student's Bursary (YSB) or Independent Student's Bursary (ISB). SAAS funded students may be able to apply to have the tuition fees and YSB/ISB for the year funded under the "+1" arrangement, however, students are encouraged to seek advice from Student Financial Support before deciding to do this.

3. *Who can apply for Registration with Attendance?*

Students who are not subject to a Tier 4 visa who will be studying temporarily part-time whilst still registered on a full-time course of study (i.e. those students who register to attend classes on a part-time basis, on the clear understanding that this is with a view to gaining the academic credit necessary to return to the full-time course or complete studies). Students seeking Registration with Attendance status should not normally be registering for a curriculum which amounts to more than 50% of the equivalent full-time curriculum. In certain cases, this may be considered. However, this would require further formal approval.

4. *What are the advantages and disadvantages of Registration with Attendance?*

The current position is that students in "academic suspension" are neither eligible for continued assistance from funding authorities (SAAS, Student Finance England, Wales or Northern Ireland) nor (normally) entitled to any welfare benefits. Registration with Attendance allows the student to apply to his/her funding authority for the full student loan and living cost grants (see exceptions listed in section 2). It is important to bear in mind that student loan entitlement is, as usual, means-tested against parental, spousal or partner income

It should be noted, however, that Registration with Attendance may not be ideal for some categories of student, e.g. mature students with children or students with disabilities who may be entitled to Income Support and/or Employment and Support Allowance.

Academic Suspension (without pursuing the Registration with Attendance option) may also suit those students who would prefer to return to the parental home and undertake resits when they are next available, thus avoiding further fee and loan costs.

5. *How do I know if Registration with Attendance is suitable for me?*

You can discuss the matter further with your Adviser of Study. You can discuss financial implications with the Student Financial Support Team.

6. *How much will it cost me?*

You will pay a tuition fee on a “pro-rata” basis according to the number of credits you will be studying. For example, if you will be studying 60 credits, you will be charged 50% of the relevant full time fee. Funding authorities normally allow students in this position to apply for the full student loan and, if applicable, living cost grants (e.g. Lone Parent Grant). RUK students may be able to apply for tuition fee support. SAAS funded students may also be able to apply to have the tuition fees for the year funded under the “+1” arrangement, however, students are encouraged to seek advice from Student Financial Support before deciding to do this.

7. *How do I arrange to Register with Attendance?*

Any transfer to Registration with Attendance can only take place with the agreement of the relevant academic department or faculty. You must discuss fully your situation with your Adviser of Study. An agreement will be made as to how many classes will have to be taken under Registration with Attendance in order to proceed to the next year of study or complete your course. A signed agreement detailing the nature and number of classes to be undertaken will then be returned to the Student Business Team who will make the necessary adjustments in terms of registration, fee collection etc. Student Business will email you with the outcome of your application in due course.

8. *What's the next step?*

You must contact your local funding authority (SAAS, Student Finance England/Wales/NI) and inform them that you intend to continue your studies, registered for a reduced credit load but with the intention of completing your course or returning to full-time study the following academic year. As such, you seek full-time funding under the ‘Registration with Attendance’ scheme. It is important to stress that you are not a “part-time student” but that you are studying part-time whilst still registered on a full-time course of study.

9. *What is the deadline for applying for Registration with Attendance?*

Students should apply for Registration with Attendance **before the end of September**.

10. *Further details*

Advice on the financial implications of Academic Suspension and Registration With Attendance is available from Student Financial Support (0141 548 2753 / financial-support@strath.ac.uk).

For Advice on academic considerations please contact your Adviser of Study.

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Registration with Attendance
Agreement

I agree that under the terms of the 'Registration with Attendance' scheme, the following classes will be undertaken. I understand that this will allow me to attend the said classes this session on a part-time basis with the intention of proceeding to the next year of full-time study the following session or completing my studies.

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Registration number

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Course

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Academic Year

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Code

Class

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Student Signature

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Adviser of Study Signature

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Vice Dean Signature

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Date

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*The completed form should be handed in to the Student Lifecycle counter, McCance Building (level 1), 16 Richmond Street or email the relevant Student Business Team (see contact details at <https://www.strath.ac.uk/studentlifecycle/contactus/>) **before the end of September.**