

# Fees and Cancellation Policy

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy applies to all students registering for a Falmouth Flexible\* course of study.
- 1.2 By making a payment towards your tuition fees, you agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this policy. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that by paying your Acceptance Fee or an instalment of your Tuition Fees you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of this policy.
- 1.3 It is therefore important to make sure you have read and understood this policy **before** you make a payment.

## 2 Acceptance Fee

- 2.1 In order to accept your offer of a place on your course you will be required to pay a £200 Acceptance Fee.
- 2.2 The Acceptance Fee must be received **within two weeks** of the date at the top of your offer letter to guarantee you a place on your chosen Falmouth Flexible course.
- 2.3 The Acceptance Fee will be offset against your overall Tuition Fees.
- 2.4 The Acceptance Fee is **non-refundable** in the event you do not take up your place or do not meet the entry conditions set by the University.

## 3 Tuition Fee Levels

- 3.1 Tuition Fees will be charged at the rate advertised on the relevant course page of Falmouth Flexible's website on the date the Acceptance Fee is received.
- 3.2 Discounts or bursaries may be applied to the Tuition Fee in accordance with the terms advertised on the Discounts and Bursaries web page.
- 3.3 Tuition Fees are reviewed each year and are liable to increase each academic year for those who commence a new course of study.
- 3.4 Students who are continuing to study on the same course are **not** subject to a fee increase providing they complete their studies within the Recommended Timeframe (8 months for PG Cert, 16 months for PG Dip, 24 months for Masters).
- 3.5 Students who take longer than the Recommended Timeframe to complete their studies will be subject to tuition fee increases.

## 4 Payment Options

- 4.1 Tuition Fees can be paid either as a single lump sum at a discounted rate or in pre-arranged instalments (if available).

4.2 A schedule of payments and payment options ('Payment Schedule') will be emailed to you once we have received your Acceptance Fee.

4.3 Payments can be made:

- Via WorldPay (in Pounds Sterling)
- Via Flywire (in local currency or Pounds Sterling) - accepts most credit & debit cards, and bank transfers in most countries; or
- By phone using credit or debit card.

## 5 First payment of Tuition Fees

5.1 Unless you receive funding from the Student Finance organisations in the UK ('SF'), the first payment of your Tuition Fees can be paid at any point once you have paid your Acceptance Fee but **MUST** be received three weeks before the course starts.

**5.2 If your Tuition Fees are not received by this date, you will not be able to start your course and your place may be offered to someone else.**

5.3 If you receive funding from SF, the timing of your first payment will be **deferred** to two weeks after you receive your first SF instalment. **You must send us your 'Postgraduate Loan Summary' letter two weeks before the course starts to be eligible for this deferral.** Until we receive the Postgraduate Loan Summary letter you will be deemed as self-funding and liable for payment three weeks before the start of the course in accordance with the deadlines for self-funding students.

**5.4 For SF students, if we have not received payment by the above deadline, access to your online course will be withdrawn.**

## 6 Subsequent payment of Tuition Fees

6.1 Unless you receive funding from SF, all subsequent payment instalments **MUST** be received no later than two weeks prior to starting your next module.

6.2 If you receive funding from SF, the timing of your subsequent payments will be deferred to two weeks after you receive your next SF instalment.

**6.3 If your Tuition Fees are not received by the above deadlines, access to your online course will be withdrawn.**

## 7 Liability

7.1 In the event of a student's sponsor or loan provider failing to make payment in respect of the tuition fees, the student will be held personally liable for the payment.

7.2 Students waiting for confirmation of funding from SF or equivalent bodies will be classed as self-funding until confirmation of support is received.

## 8 Withdrawal

8.1 For the first module only, students who withdraw within 14 days of the first day of teaching (the 'Cooling Off Period') will be eligible for a full refund. Students who withdraw after the

Cooling Off Period will not be eligible for a refund for the remainder of the module, regardless of whether they have logged in to their online course or not.

- 8.2 For subsequent modules, there is no Cooling Off Period.
- 8.3 Notification of withdrawal must be received in writing in accordance with the University's withdrawal process.
- 8.4 Excepting during the Cooling Off Period in 8.1, once a student has withdrawn from their course, they will be removed from the VLE and will be liable for the Tuition Fee or any other monies still owed regardless of whether they have logged in to their online course or not, until all debts have been repaid.
- 8.5 Excepting during the Cooling Off Period in 8.1, Students who have paid in advance for modules not yet started will be liable for the current module, but eligible for a refund for the modules not yet started **less** the discount they received for paying in full in advance. For the avoidance of doubt, this discount will be deducted from the amount refunded.

## 9 Intermittence

- 9.1 Where a student undertakes an approved temporary suspension of studies (intermittence), Tuition Fees already paid will not be refunded but retained until studies are resumed or permanent withdrawal occurs. Students who intermit their studies remain liable to pay any outstanding fees which may be due at the point of intermittence.

## 10 Payment of refunds

- 10.1 Any refunds due will be made to the bank and account holder (or other financial institution) that originally paid the fee.
- 10.2 Where payment of fees was split between more than one payee, refunds will be made in proportion to the original split.
- 10.3 We aim to process refunds within 3 weeks. Please note at busy periods this may take longer.
- 10.4 All refunds will be calculated in Pounds Sterling. We will not offer compensation for any bank or other charges incurred nor for any shortfalls due to exchange rate fluctuations.

## 11 Student Debtors

- 11.1 Students who have outstanding financial commitments to Falmouth Flexible will not be permitted to progress to their next module until the debt has been repaid.
- 11.2 Students who wish to dispute a debt must submit their dispute to the Falmouth Flexible Fees Office ([ff-admissions@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:ff-admissions@falmouth.ac.uk), the 'Fees Office') within 7 days of receiving a payment demand.
- 11.3 Assessment board decisions cannot be withheld from any student who has an outstanding financial commitment but the University retains the right to withhold transcripts/certificates and prohibit attendance at the awards ceremony until the debt has been cleared.
- 11.4 Students who have outstanding financial commitments to Falmouth Flexible will be sent two reminder emails by the Fees Office. If the debt remains unpaid one week after the final reminder email has been sent, the following sanctions will apply:

- 11.4.1 The student will be blocked from using the VLE.
- 11.4.2 Students will be liable at any time thereafter to be excluded from the University by the Vice-Chancellor until the debt has been repaid. **In the event of permanent withdrawal, liability for the debt will still remain.**
- 11.4.3 The debt will be referred for external collection including the use of legal action where the debt is still outstanding after a reasonable time.

## 12 Variation of Conditions

- 12.1 Falmouth Flexible may, by two weeks' written notice via the VLE, vary the terms and conditions contained in this Fees and Cancellation Policy as may be necessary to comply with any law, regulations or amendment thereof, of the Government of Great Britain.
- 12.2 Falmouth Flexible additionally reserves the right, upon giving two week' written notice of such change via the VLE, to make an addition, amendment or alteration to these conditions as is deemed necessary by Falmouth Flexible.
- 12.3 These terms and conditions are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

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