



Durham University - Enrolment of students under 18

As you will be under the age of 18 when you start your programme at Durham University, I am writing to make you aware of some key points regarding your legal status as a minor in the UK (until you reach the age of 18) and to seek yours and your parent(s)/guardian(s) permission for you to be able to study with us.

All students entering the University should recognise that they are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the University and of the College to which they are admitted.

Your status at Durham University

UK higher education is an adult environment and you will be treated as far as possible as an adult.

All students under the age of 18 shall be considered by the University to be competent to understand all aspects of normal University processes, to obey University regulations, and to be disciplined under University procedures.

The University does not accept *in loco parentis* responsibility for students under the age of 18. Your parent(s)/guardian(s) retain parental responsibility for you and by agreeing to study at Durham, both you and your family accept that you are prepared to receive the same degree of care, support and supervision as students who are aged over 18.

The University has support and advisory services available through academic departments, Colleges and Student Support and Wellbeing able to offer advice and guidance throughout your time as a student with us.

Our Colleges

Our Colleges are principally occupied by students over the age of 18. All first-year undergraduates are normally resident in one of the University Colleges in the first year of their degree programme.

Each college has rules and regulations which all students are expected to abide by. By accepting a place in college, and a room if you choose to live in, you are agreeing to abide by these rules and regulations. You will be offered the same terms, conditions and pricing as those who are over 18.

As a student aged under 18, you will normally be placed in a single room in College. Some Colleges offer en-suite accommodation and single gender provision.

All Colleges offer comprehensive student support and welfare services. You will be allocated a named individual who can provide advice and support who will meet with you at the beginning of each academic term until you reach the age of 18 and at intervals in-between as agreed between you.

You will be required to administer your own medication. If you require care arising from ill health, you may be required to return home.

You will be given a number to summon assistance in case of emergency. Emergency cover is provided in College 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a porter on duty at all times.

Your parent(s)/guardian(s) are liable for any disciplinary or damage charges imposed before you reach the age of 18. We also reserve the right to contact your parent(s)/guardian(s) to speak about any aspects of your behaviour, wellbeing or health, if we believe that you are at risk and that contacting your parent(s)/guardian(s) will help to ameliorate that risk.

The Durham staff and student community

Because Durham University is an adult learning environment, the majority of staff and almost all students in the institution are not subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and you will regularly come into contact with members of staff, colleagues and contractors who have not been DBS checked.

Legal restrictions

There will be a number of restrictions and exclusions placed on you as a student aged under 18, primarily driven by legal requirements. You will not be able to purchase alcohol or tobacco yourself or have someone purchase it for you without there being an offence committed in UK law.

We will take all reasonable measures to ensure as far as practicable that current laws and licensing requirements on the purchase and consumption of alcohol are complied with in Colleges and on other University premises.

Other restrictions may be in place around student societies and being able to stand for office for Durham Students' Union.

Any restrictions or exclusions placed on you as a result of being a minor will automatically expire on your 18th birthday.

Summary

- Under UK law, if you are under 18 when you start your programme of study, you are classed as a minor.
- You will therefore be unable to purchase alcohol or tobacco, or ask another to purchase these items for you, until you reach the age of 18.
- You may also be restricted in some of your extra-curricular activities.
- Durham University will not be able to offer additional care, and your parent(s)/guardian(s) retain responsibility for you until you reach the age of 18.
- You will have access to support and advisory services through academic departments, Colleges and Student Support and Wellbeing

If you have any queries regarding this please [Ask Us](#).

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Under 18 Form

We require you **and** a parent or guardian to sign and return this form. As the applicant, please read both section 1 and section 2. Print pages 3-4, sign, scan and return to documents.educators@durham.ac.uk

Agreement

Section 1 - you

Your name:	Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	UCAS ID
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Course title:

In signing this form you confirm that you understand and agree with the following:

- I confirm I have received and understood the covering letter.
- I understand that Durham University accepts no *in loco parents* / parental responsibility for me.
- I understand and accept that Durham University is an adult environment and I will generally be treated as an adult. This applies both to course requirements and accommodation.
- I understand and consent to the activities I will be undertaking as a necessary part of my course of study.
- I understand that Durham University cannot release or discuss information relating to me (be this academic, medical, financial or personal) without my consent for this, except in exceptional circumstances, for example to ensure the University complies with the law or its Duty of Care protocols.
- I understand and accept that while studying at Durham University, I will be subject to UK law and University regulations
- I accept that I will be subject to restrictions due to being under 18 and as such may not have the same university experience as adult students.

Your signature:

Date:

Section 2 – your parent/guardian

The UKVI require an original (not electronic) signature in order for you to travel to and study in the UK. Please can you ask your parent/legal guardian to read this form and then add their original signature by way of consent. In signing this they are consenting to you travelling to the UK and studying in the UK as a child.

Name of parent/guardian giving consent:

In signing this form you confirm that you are in agreement that:

- The person named on this form may take up the place being reserved for them at Durham University.
- They may reside in their allocated Durham University College under the terms and conditions stated in the accompanying letter.
- You will take full responsibility for any damages, recharges or any breaches of the terms and conditions that are incurred until my young person reaches the age of 18.
- I agree to be contacted if the young person is at risk or engages in anti-social behaviour or conduct that brings the University into disrepute.

Signature of parent/guardian giving consent:

Address:

Email address:

Date: