

Tuition Fee Deposit Policy for Postgraduate Taught Programmes

The tuition fee deposit applies to all full-time PGT programmes. It confirms your commitment to study with us and helps the University plan its teaching and resources effectively. It is a key step in securing your place at Durham.

Who Needs to Pay a Deposit?

- *International applicants:* A deposit of £2,000 is required once your offer becomes unconditional.*
- *Home applicants:* No deposit is required.

*some pre-sessional applicants will need to pay their deposit at conditional stage

Deposit Deadlines

You should pay your deposit within 4 weeks of your offer becoming unconditional.

All deposits must be paid by 31 July. If you do not pay by this date, your offer may be withdrawn.

If you achieve your conditions and go unconditional with us within 4 weeks of the deadline, you must pay your deposit as soon as possible. If you do not pay your deposit we cannot issue your CAS.

Applicants on pre-sessional English language programmes

If you have obtained a place on one of our pre-sessional English language programmes you may be required to pay your deposit for your main programme before your offer becomes unconditional, and by 31st July. We will not be able to issue your CAS until we have received your deposit payment.

Cooling-off Period

You have the statutory right to cancel your deposit within 14 days of payment for a full refund, provided you have not used your CAS and applied for a visa.

Refund Policy

Deposits are non-refundable, except in the following circumstances:

- *Visa refusal:* You must provide official documentation showing your visa was refused, and that you applied in line with [University guidance](#).

Refund requests must be submitted via the Applicant Portal with all required evidence.

Refunds will not be given if:

- You withdraw for personal reasons (including accepting another offer).
- You fail to meet your offer conditions or do not attend visa appointments.
- Your application is revoked for fraud.
- Requests are made after 31 October for the relevant year of application.

Refund Administration Fee

Where a refund is granted (excluding within the 14 day cooling off period), the University will retain £200 to cover administrative costs.

How Refunds Are Processed

Refunds will be returned to the original payer in line with anti-money laundering regulations. Approved refunds will normally be processed within 60 working days.