

AU Deposit System for visa nationals

The Aberystwyth University (AU) Deposit System (2017) – Explained

- 1) With the introduction of the Points Based System (PBS) for student visas, AU adopted a deposit system. This is common practice amongst universities in the UK and will augment the checks carried out by the UK's Entry Clearance Officers (ECOs). We will also conduct financial status checks prior to issuing the CAS.
- 2) Payment of a deposit may strengthen an applicant's case for obtaining a student visa and in some cases are required before they may be able to secure a student loan.
- 3) The deposits are non-refundable unless original evidence is provided of the ECOs decision to refuse the visa. However, if refusal is the result of misleading or inaccurate information as part of the visa application, the deposit will be withheld and the offer of a place of study withdrawn.
- 4) Applicants who provide evidence that they have full scholarships (i.e. entire cost of tuition fees plus living costs) and AU-graduates will be exempt.
- 5) Applicants may pay the deposit directly to AU by one of the following methods:
 - a) **PAY ONLINE:** noting your application / personal ID number (10-digits) and date of birth (DD-MM-YYYY): <https://epayments.aber.ac.uk/internationaldeposits/default.asp> [N.B. Preferred method]
 - b) **INTERNATIONAL BANK TRANSFER:** please quote your application / personal ID number (10-digits) and follow the instructions shown on: www.aber.ac.uk/en/student-finance/undergraduate-uk/tuition-fees/int-dep/#international-bank-transfer
 - c) **CHEQUE OR BANKER'S DRAFT:** made payable to "**Aberystwyth University**" and ensure that your application / personal id number (10-digits) and "*Deposit*" are noted on the back of the cheque/banker's draft. These are to be sent directly to the Postgraduate Admissions Office.
- 6) Alternatively, deposits in the form of banker's drafts made payable to *Aberystwyth University* may be held by an AU Contracted Educational Agent (CEA). These are to be scanned and e-mailed to the Postgraduate Admissions Office.
- 7) Once the applicant has registered with the University and officially becomes an AU student, Income Services will reconcile the deposit with the student's deposit with their tuition fee payment schedule.
- 8) Refunds can only be paid to the source of the initial payment for the deposit.
- 9) For courses lasting more than one academic year, please note that fees change annually. See www.aber.ac.uk/en/postgrad/fees-finance/ for up to date information.