

TUITION FEES { the facts

The Coalition Government is reforming higher education funding to ensure universities have the money they need to succeed. Following the advice of the independent funding review, set up by Labour, the upper limit on tuition fees will be raised to £9,000. Students will pay nothing up front, and will only start to pay the money back once they've left university and are earning over £21,000 a year.

A lot of myths have been circulated about our plans. **Here, we give you the facts.**

Myth 1

I don't have £9000 so now I can't go to uni

Fact: No one going to uni will have to pay anything up front with the new plans. You'll only have to pay money back after you graduate — and then only if you earn over £21,000 a year.

Myth 2

I won't be able to repay the debt

Fact: You don't have to pay anything back until you start to make over £21,000 a year — and even then, the monthly payments will be linked to how much you're earning to ensure they're affordable.

Myth 3

I'd be better off under the old system

Fact: Everyone will have to pay back less each month with our plans. Most graduates will be £540 better off a year — see the table overleaf for more details. Those graduates in the bottom 20% of incomes will actually pay back less in total than they currently do.

Myth 4

Parents will have to foot the bill

Fact: Parents won't have to pay any of their children's fees. The student pays for their tuition — and only once they've graduated and are earning enough to be able to afford it.

Myth 5

The poor won't be able to go to uni

Fact: We're giving more assistance to poorer students, increasing maintenance grants, insisting that universities charging over £6,000 widen access, and setting up a new £150 million National Scholarships Programme to get students from disadvantaged backgrounds into top universities.

MAKING LIFE EASIER FOR GRADUATES

Our plans will make paying off tuition fees more manageable and affordable for graduates.

By increasing the income threshold for repayment to £21,000 a year, we are protecting those graduates on the lowest wages, whilst also reducing everybody else's monthly repayments by up to £45.

The table below shows how graduates joining some typical professions will pay less each month (although most graduates will have to pay over a longer period).

JOB TITLE	MONTHLY REPAYMENT		ANNUAL SAVING
	THE OLD SYSTEM	OUR NEW SYSTEM	
Plumber	£17.35	£0.00	£208.20
Charity worker	£22.50	£0.00	£270.00
Librarian	£30.00	£0.00	£360.00
Teacher	£49.41	£4.41	£540.00
Police Constable	£61.94	£16.94	£540.00
Social worker	£63.75	£18.75	£540.00
Accountant	£75.00	£30.00	£540.00

(All figures based on average starting salaries)

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