

Education Department Policy

Subject: **Access to publicly funded education**

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1. Overview

This policy outlines the access to education services (to a specified level of qualification).

2. Scope

This policy applies to children and young people accessing education at the following phases:

- Pre-school Education (3-4 years)
- Compulsory School Age (5-16 years)
- Post 16 Education (16-18 years)
- Further Education (19+ years)

3. Policy/Standards

Pre-school Education (3-4 years)¹

Access to publicly subsidised pre-school education is available to:

- British & EEA² children
- Third Country Nationals holding the appropriate visa^{3 4 5 6}

1 The period in which a child's fourth birthday falls between 1st September and ending on 31st August.

2 EEA (European Economic Area which includes the European Union).

3 Non British, & non-EEA children holding the appropriate visa.

4 The entitlement to access education based on visa type is defined within the 'Directions of the Lieutenant-Governor'. All cases should be referred to the Customs & Immigration Service - immigration@gov.je

5 The type of educational establishment at which a non-British, & non-EEA child can study at is defined in the 'Directions of the Lieutenant-Governor' and is linked to visa type.

6 Third Country Nationals who enter Jersey on a General Visitor Visa, Child Visitor Visa, Student Visitor Visa or Student Visa will be liable to pay full fees and are unable to study at a wholly maintained school (non-fee paying States of Jersey School).

Compulsory School Age (5-16 years)⁷

Access to publicly subsidised compulsory education is available to:

- British & EEA children
- Third Country Nationals holding the appropriate visa ^{3 4 5 6}

Post 16 Education (16-18 years)^{8 9}

Access to publicly subsidised post 16 education is available to:

- British & EEA students living with their parents or a family member who has parental responsibility for them
- British & EEA students moving from compulsory education within a Jersey school to post 16 education
- British & EEA students who have been ordinarily resident in Jersey for a minimum of one year¹⁰
- Third Country Nationals holding the appropriate visa ^{3 4 5 6}

Further Education (19+ years)¹¹

Access to publicly subsidised further education is available to:

- British and EEA students who are 'Entitled', 'Licensed' or 'Entitled to Work Only'
- British and EEA students who are 'Registered' and have been ordinarily resident in Jersey for a minimum of one year¹²
- Third Country Nationals holding the appropriate visa and have been ordinarily resident in Jersey for a minimum of one year ^{3 4 5 6 13}

7 As defined in the Education (Jersey) Law 1999, Article 2.

8 Post 16 Education is defined as the period in which a child of non-compulsory school age aged 18 or under as of 31st August commences a course of study.

9 Access to publicly funded post-16 education is only available for recognised qualifications and delivered at at Education Department funded establishment.

10 Students must be ordinarily resident in Jersey for a minimum of one year before the course commences.

11 Further Education (excluding Higher Education) is defined as the period in which an adult aged 19 or over as of 1st September commences a course of study. This does not include adult education courses.

12 Students must be ordinarily resident in Jersey for a minimum of one year before the course commences.

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