

Note for Children, Young People and Education Committee Inquiry

The following information providing a comparison between the number of EU domiciled and international domiciled UCAS main scheme **applications** to Welsh, and **English** higher education providers was provided by HEFCW to the Children, Young People and Education Committee Inquiry at its meeting on 18 July 2018:

- EU (excluding UK) domiciled **applications** to Welsh institutions have decreased by 8% while EU (excluding UK) domiciled **applications** to English institutions have increased by 2%
- Non EU domiciled **applications** to Welsh institutions have decreased by 9% while non EU domiciled **applications** to English institutions have increased by 7%

This document seeks to provide a comparison between the number of EU domiciled and non EU domiciled applicants to Welsh, **Scottish** and **Northern Irish** higher education providers as requested at the meeting referred to above. All figures relate to the number of **applicants** or **applications** to UCAS main scheme courses in 2018 by the deadline of 30th June and are compared with figures for the previous year. All figures are taken from the UCAS data release of 12th July 2018¹. Differences between **applicants** and **applications** are explained in the notes section.

Applicants

| Country of provider | Domicile | 2017 | 2018 | Change from 2017 | Percentage change |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| Wales | UK | 59,270 | 55,590 | -3,680 | -6% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 5,290 | 4,770 | -520 | -10% |
| | Non EU | 7,630 | 7,060 | -570 | -7% |
| | All domiciles | 72,200 | 67,420 | -4,780 | -7% |
| England | UK | 468,300 | 450,550 | -17,750 | -4% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 42,080 | 42,830 | 750 | 2% |
| | Non EU | 69,020 | 73,570 | 4,550 | 7% |
| | All domiciles | 579,410 | 566,950 | -12,460 | -2% |
| Northern Ireland | UK | 20,490 | 19,820 | -670 | -3% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 1,710 | 1,760 | 50 | 3% |
| | Non EU | 2,120 | 2,150 | 30 | 1% |
| | All domiciles | 24,330 | 23,720 | -610 | -3% |
| Scotland | UK | 85,730 | 84,680 | -1,050 | -1% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 19,090 | 18,810 | -280 | -1% |
| | Non EU | 17,690 | 19,230 | 1,540 | 9% |
| | All domiciles | 122,500 | 122,730 | 230 | 0% |
| UK | UK | 529,620 | 511,460 | -18,160 | -3% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 49,250 | 50,130 | 880 | 2% |
| | Non EU | 70,830 | 75,380 | 4,550 | 6% |
| | All domiciles | 649,700 | 636,960 | -12,740 | -2% |

Source: UCAS 30 June Deadline 2018 press release, Applicants (1.7)

¹ <https://www.ucas.com/corporate/news-and-key-documents/news/english-18-year-olds-are-more-likely-ever-apply-university>

- Between 2017 and 2018, the number of EU (excluding UK) domiciled **applicants** to Welsh institutions has decreased by 10% (from 5,290 to 4,770), to Scottish institutions has reduced by 1% (from 19,090 to 18,810) and to institutions in Northern Ireland, has increased by 3% (from 1,710 to 1,760).
- For the same period, the number of non EU domiciled **applicants** to Welsh institutions has decreased by 7% (from 7,630 to 7,060), to Scottish institutions has increased by 9% (from 17,690 to 19,230) and to institutions in Northern Ireland, has increased by 1% (from 2,120 to 2,150).

Applications

| Country of provider | Domicile | 2017 | 2018 | Change from 2017 | Percentage change |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| Wales | UK | 86,840 | 82,180 | -4,660 | -5% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 7,590 | 6,960 | -630 | -8% |
| | Non EU | 8,740 | 7,970 | -770 | -9% |
| | All domiciles | 103,170 | 97,110 | -6,060 | -6% |
| England | UK | 1,887,430 | 1,806,820 | -80,610 | -4% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 158,540 | 162,160 | 3,620 | 2% |
| | Non EU | 274,830 | 294,620 | 19,790 | 7% |
| | All domiciles | 2,320,800 | 2,263,600 | -57,200 | -2% |
| Northern Ireland | UK | 56,470 | 54,510 | -1,960 | -3% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 2,980 | 3,120 | 140 | 5% |
| | Non EU | 2,240 | 2,260 | 20 | 1% |
| | All domiciles | 61,690 | 59,890 | -1,800 | -3% |
| Scotland | UK | 238,170 | 234,870 | -3,300 | -1% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 45,490 | 45,110 | -380 | -1% |
| | Non EU | 24,520 | 26,530 | 2,010 | 8% |
| | All domiciles | 308,180 | 306,520 | -1,660 | -1% |
| UK | UK | 2,268,910 | 2,178,390 | -90,520 | -4% |
| | EU (excluding UK) | 214,580 | 217,350 | 2,770 | 1% |
| | Non EU | 310,340 | 331,380 | 21,040 | 7% |
| | All domiciles | 2,793,830 | 2,727,120 | -66,710 | -2% |

Source: UCAS 30 June Deadline 2018 press release, Applications (1.5.2 to 1.5.23)

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- For the same period, the number of non EU domiciled **applications** to Welsh institutions has decreased by 9% (from 8,740 to 7,970), Scottish institutions has increased by 8% (from 24,520 to 26,530) and to institutions in Northern Ireland, has increased by 1% (from 2,240 to 2,260).

Notes

Applicant - A person who has made an application in the UCAS system during the cycle reported (including applications for deferred entry). Records of prior acceptance (RPAs) are excluded.

Application - An application to a course at a provider made by an applicant in the UCAS main scheme. Applicants may make up to five main scheme applications.

Country of provider - An applicant may be counted once for each provider country they have applied to in the main scheme. If an applicant has applied to providers in multiple countries then the applicant is counted once within each country of provider applied to.

Main scheme - The main UCAS application scheme through which up to five providers/courses can be applied to. This opens in September and closes to new applications on 30 June the following year.

Calculations – the change from 2017 and the percentage change have been calculated using rounded figures and therefore may differ from calculations using unrounded data.