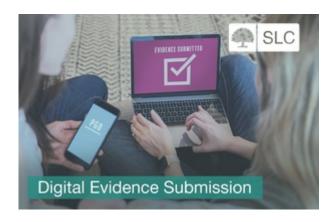
<u>SLC unveils new Digital Evidence</u> Submission service

Press release

New Digital Evidence Submission service launched as students encouraged to apply now



The Student Loans Company has launched a new system that makes it easier to provide supporting evidence for student finance applications, as it urges returning and part time students in England and Wales to apply now.

The Company has introduced Digital Evidence Submission which allows undergraduate full and part time students and their parents and partners, to submit evidence via their online accounts.

The service will also make it easier for students who need additional support to supply evidence. Students applying for Disabled Students' Allowances, Grants for Dependants and full income assessed support can now directly upload evidence rather than having to post it.

The launch of Digital Evidence Submission is one of a number of planned improvements for SLC customers. It will benefit many students who will be able to upload their evidence without leaving home — making the application process faster and more streamlined.

Derek Ross, SLC Executive Director of Operations said: "Our clear message to students is to apply now to ensure funding is in place for the start of term. The arrival of Digital Evidence Submission makes it even easier to get this done, as most evidence can now simply be uploaded from a phone or laptop — without the need for a trip to the post office."

Students and their parents and partners can submit most evidence required by logging in to their online accounts. They can also follow Student Finance England and Student Finance Wales on Twitter and Facebook for regular information updates.

Further information

Digital Evidence Submission

Digital Evidence Submission is currently available to full time and part time undergraduate students and their parents and partners in England and Wales.

All supporting evidence can be submitted digitally. The only exception is a small number of students who require to post the following:

- ID Evidence if a student is unable to provide their passport details online and verify them with HMPO, then they will still be required to post original evidence.
- Residency Evidence students required to provide 3/5-year residency evidence must also post original evidence.

Students, parents and partners can submit digital evidence by logging on to their online accounts and following the instructions provided.

Deadlines for student applications

The deadline for returning students in England and Wales was recently extended to 30 June.

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