

## **NMITE Switcher Accommodation Grant**

### **About**

NMITE supports students who want to switch to NMITE from their current place of study. Recognising the financial implications of changing institutions part-way through a course, we can cover the cost of outstanding committed accommodation fees that are due to be paid to your current education provider or landlord.

### **How much we can offer:**

Up to £5,000 towards outstanding accommodation costs and reasonable fees arising from early termination of a student's existing tenancy agreement. This will be paid direct to the existing accommodation provider.

### **Number available for February 2023:**

Unlimited

### **Closing date**

17 February 2023

### **Criteria:**

To be considered for the Switcher Accommodation Grant, applicants must:

- i. Hold a formal offer to study at NMITE; AND
- ii. Be currently studying for a Level 4 qualification or above at a different provider;  
AND
- iii. Be in a full-year formal tenancy contract with their current education provider or a private landlord, and be committed to pay their accommodation costs for the remainder of the year.

## Application Process:

1. Make an application to study at NMITE through UCAS (or directly through our website), joining in February 2023.
2. You will be notified if your application to study at NMITE is successful. At this stage, you will be notified about any financial grant support that are available for you to apply for. Please note that while you may apply for more than one financial award or grant, you can only be in receipt of one.
3. To be eligible for the Switcher Accommodation Grant you must also submit the additional evidence detailed below to [accounts@nmite.ac.uk](mailto:accounts@nmite.ac.uk) by 17 February 2023.
4. Your application will be submitted to the Finance Director who will make a decision based on the information supplied.
5. You must formally enrol on to your course at NMITE to be awarded the Switcher Accommodation Grant.
6. By accepting the Switcher Accommodation Grant, you confirm that you agree to the Terms and Conditions outlined below.
7. If you accept the Switcher Accommodation Grant, NMITE's Finance Director will contact your existing accommodation provider to arrange for the payment of outstanding fees.

## Evidence

Sufficient evidence to demonstrate that applicants meet criteria will be required. This will be in the form of the following:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be currently studying for a Level 4 qualification or above at a different provider;</li><li>• Be in a full-year formal tenancy contract with your current education provider or a private landlord, and be committed to pay your accommodation costs for the remainder of the year.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A letter from your current place of study confirming that you are currently enrolled on to the course;</li><li>• Evidence of your tenancy agreement which demonstrates that you are liable to pay outstanding costs for the year even if you vacate, and outlining the costs that are due.</li></ul>

## Terms and Conditions of the Switcher Accommodation Grant

1. The Switcher Accommodation Grant (the Grant) covers:
  - i. Outstanding accommodation fees that are due to be paid to the Recipient's current education provider or landlord;
  - ii. Any withdrawal fees and other reasonable costs arising from early termination of the Recipient's existing accommodation contract.
  - iii. The above are covered up to the value of £5,000.
2. The Grant does not cover fees arising from the Recipient's failure to meet the terms of their existing tenancy agreement, for example damage to the property and failure to meet rent or bill payments.
3. The Finance Director is responsible for reviewing, granting and administering the Switcher Accommodation Grant (the Grant) at NMITE to ensure efficiency, transparency, and impact.
4. The Finance Director is responsible for any decisions relating to the deferral or withdrawal of the Grant.
5. The Grant will only be paid once the Recipient has enrolled on to their Programme at NMITE, joining in February 2023.
6. NMITE will make the payment directly to the Recipient's existing accommodation provider upon receipt of an invoice from the accommodation provider. The Recipient will be notified when the payment has been made.
7. The Finance Director has the right to demand repayment of the Grant if the recipient:
  - i. permanently leaves or is withdrawn from their course of study at NMITE within the first 12 months;
  - ii. is found to be guilty of gross misconduct as stipulated in the relevant policies and procedures;
  - iii. has been found to have secured the Grant through fraud or misrepresentation;
  - iv. owes any money to NMITE and has failed, without good reason, to comply with a payment plan.
8. NMITE reserves the right to vary these terms and conditions as it deems appropriate. NMITE will not change the terms and conditions without providing due notice to Recipient.
9. By accepting payment of the Grant, the Recipient is deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions.
10. NMITE shall not be liable under, or be deemed to be in breach of, these terms and conditions for any delays or failures of payments which result from circumstances beyond its reasonable control.