 

Compelling Personal Reasons

Evidence Guidance

To whom it may concern,

Students sometimes need to repeat a year of study to complete a course.

Student finance is available for repeat years of study where a student has **‘compelling personal reasons’** for needing the extra funding. They may have been impacted by:

* Poor mental health
* Illness
* Bereavement
* Pregnancy
* Caring responsibilities

To apply for extra funding, students are required to submit **a letter on headed paper from a professional person,** such as a doctor or a social worker, who can confirm the situation.

It is very helpful for the student if the letter can include the following:

* Dates of appointments/contact with professional person during the relevant period;
* Clear explanation of the circumstances or diagnosis of the problem(s);
* Symptoms and/or likely impact on studies.

The letter must explain that the student is **repeating a year of study due to the reason(s) given**.

The letter should be signed and dated.

Kind regards,

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