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SFC Call for Information

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Deadline: **17 March 2021**

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Summary: This Call for Information requests colleges and universities to provide the estimated amount of income lost in providing student accommodation rent rebates due to COVID-19 in AY 2020-21.

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Purpose

1. This call for information requests colleges and universities to provide the amount/estimated amount of income lost in providing student accommodation rent rebates due to COVID-19 in Academic Year (AY) 2020-21.

Background

2. On 26 January the Scottish Government announced an [additional £20 million to support students experiencing hardship](#) as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). **A further £10 million has also been allocated to colleges and universities for income lost in providing rent rebates**, which has prompted this specific Call for Information.

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3. Colleges and universities are requested to provide the following:
 - (i) Actual loss of income less any related cost savings in providing student accommodation rent rebates in AY 2020-21, up to the end of February 2021.
 - (ii) Estimated loss of income less any related cost savings in providing student accommodation rent rebates in AY 2020-21, from March 2021 to the end of July 2021.
 - (iii) Total estimated loss of income less any related cost savings in providing student accommodation rent rebates in AY 2020-21.
4. For the purpose of this Call for Information, estimates should be based on current lockdown restrictions remaining in place until the end of the current AY.
5. Examples of COVID-related student accommodation rent rebates include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Not charging rent, or applying a reduced rent, for student accommodation while the lease continues, less any related cost savings.
 - The loss of actual/expected student accommodation rental income due to the early termination of a lease, less any related cost savings.

- Charges and/or associated costs relating to contractual below minimum usage of Purpose-Built Student Accommodation/third-party accommodation providers, less any related cost savings.

Information requested

6. Please complete the template in Annex A and return it to SFC **by 17 March 2021 at the latest**. Completed templates should be emailed to isg-returns@sfc.ac.uk.
7. For the Highlands and Islands region, the University of the Highlands and Islands (the Regional Strategic Body) should submit one consolidated return capturing both the university and the assigned colleges.

Further information

8. Should you have any queries or require any additional information, please contact Andrew Millar, Assistant Director, Finance, email: amillar@sfc.ac.uk in the first instance.



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Call for Information Template

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Institution name:	Actual income lost less any related cost savings (Aug - Feb) £	Estimated income lost less any related cost savings (Mar - Jul) £	Total estimated income lost less any related cost savings AY 2020-21 £	Commentary