WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2026
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2026

Question

"Will the Minister advise, broken down for each academic year from 2023 to 2027 –

(a) the number of applications received for higher education student finance, and confirm the number of students in receipt of –
  (i) a full maintenance award;
  (ii) a partial maintenance award; and
  (iii) a fees-only award;
(b) the number of nil-award applicants and refusals, including the principal grounds for refusal;
(c) the number of students in receipt of funding for a postgraduate professional qualification under Article 9 of the Education (Grants and Allowances) (Jersey) Order 2018 and total expenditure; and
(d) the annual budget of the Jersey Bursary, the number of bursary applications received and the number granted, including their total value?"

Answer

(a) and (b)

Academic year	Full Maintenance	Partial Maintenance	Fees Only	No funding	Rejected
2023/24	251	425	453	124	111
2024/25	186	388	508	146	139
2025/26	192	377	501	92	85
2026/27	Applications for 2026/27 have not closed yet so figures are not complete				

Reasons for rejected applications are not collated into a report and to specify them all would require manual assessment of all records. The main reasons for rejection are failing to meet one or more eligibility criteria such as: -

- applicant does not meet residency requirement
- course applied for does not meet eligibility criteria
- applicant already holds a degree

(c)

	Professional Qualifications	
Academic Year	Total Number of students funded	Funding
2023/24	80	£673,094
2024/25	69	£615,924
2025/26	72	£690,324
2026/27	Applications for 2026/27 have not closed yet so figures are not complete	

(d)

Academic year	Jersey Bursary Applications	Jersey Bursary Interviewed	Jersey Bursary Funded	Jersey Bursary Funding amount	Ongoing funding
2023/24	33	14	14	£100,500	£11,000
2024/25	44	18	16	£83,000	£41,000
2025/26	40	20	20	£96,000	£22,000
2026/27	49	19	19	£101,000	£16,000
Jersey Bursary budget is circa £120,000					