

**REGULATIONS OF THE LITHUANIAN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES ON
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS STUDYING IN STATE NON-FUNDED PLACES
IN FIRST-CYCLE, SECOND-CYCLE AND INTEGRATED STUDY PROGRAMMES**

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Regulations on financial support for students studying in first-cycle, second-cycle and integrated study programmes at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) establish the procedure for providing financial support to students at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the University or LSMU) studying in state non-funded places in first-cycle, second-cycle and integrated study programmes.
2. The composition of the Student Financial Support Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) shall be approved by order of the Rector.
3. The Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-Rector for Studies (Chair of the Student Financial Support Committee).
4. The composition of the Committee shall be as follows: the Chair of the Committee, the Secretary of the Committee, the Deans of all University faculties, the Dean of Students of the Student Affairs Office, the Dean of the International Relations and Study Centre, a representative of the Economics and Planning Department, and two representatives of the Students' Union.
5. These Regulations shall not apply to the awarding of the following types of financial support to University students:
 - 5.1. incentive scholarships;
 - 5.2. nominal scholarships;
 - 5.3. one-time social scholarships;
 - 5.4. social scholarships.
6. The following terms are used in these Regulations:
 - 6.1. Financial support – partial coverage of the cost of studies intended to contribute to increasing access to higher education for students experiencing social exclusion and to encourage students with the highest academic achievements.
7. Financial support shall not be granted to students who have suspended their studies at the University.

**CHAPTER II
FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

8. Financial support may be granted only to University students studying in state non-funded places whose average grade for the most recent semester is not lower than the overall average grade of University students in the same year of study and study programme for the most recent semester, reduced by 10 per cent. Where there is only one assessment grade for the semester, the grade for the most recent semester shall be not lower than the grade of students in the same year of study and study programme, reduced by 10 per cent. First-year students may apply for financial support only from their second (spring) semester.
9. The total amount of financial support granted throughout a student's entire period of study shall not exceed 50 per cent of the tuition fee established in the study agreement for all years (all years of study) of the relevant cycle of studies. Each Dean of a University faculty shall appoint an employee responsible for assessing the amount of financial support granted to a student in accordance with the procedure established by these Regulations.
10. Criteria for the allocation of semester financial support:
 - 10.1. For University students admitted through general admission (organised by the Lithuanian Association of Higher Education Institutions for Organising Joint Admission (LAMA BPO), which includes the main and additional admission stages), financial support shall be granted according to the following procedure:
 - 10.1.1. financial support of up to 75 per cent shall be granted to orphans (persons under the age of 25 whose parents (adoptive parents) or their only parent (adoptive parent) have died), persons whose parents (adoptive parents) or their only parent (adoptive parent) died during their period of study at the University, and persons who were placed under guardianship (care) in accordance with the procedure established by law before reaching the age of majority;
 - 10.1.2. financial support of up to 50 per cent shall be granted to:
 - 10.1.2.1. students from large families (persons under the age of 25 whose parents (adoptive parents) (one of the parents (adoptive parents)) are raising three or more children (adopted children) under the age of 18, as well as older children (up to the age of 25) if they are studying at general education schools, vocational education and training institutions, or higher education institutions on a full-time basis, and whose family income per family member per month does not exceed the amount of state-supported income established by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania);
 - 10.1.2.2. University students raising one or more children, where both parents (adoptive parents) or one parent raising the child(ren) (adopted child(ren)) is studying in first-cycle, second-cycle, or integrated study programmes at the University;
 - 10.1.2.3. students with a disability established in accordance with the procedure prescribed by legal acts;
 - 10.1.3. financial support of up to 10 per cent shall be granted to students whose sister(s) (half-sister(s)) and/or brother(s) (half-brother(s)) are studying in state non-funded places in first-cycle, second-cycle, or integrated study programmes at the University.
 - 10.2. For students from foreign countries admitted outside the general admission procedure (LAMA BPO) (hereinafter referred to as Foreign Students) based on an agreement with the University:

- 10.2.1. financial support of up to 75 per cent shall be granted to orphans (persons under the age of 25 whose parents (adoptive parents) or their only parent (adoptive parent) have died), persons whose parents (adoptive parents) or their only parent (adoptive parent) died during their period of study at the University, and persons who were placed under guardianship (care) in accordance with the procedure established by law before reaching the age of majority;
 - 10.2.2. financial support of up to 50 per cent shall be granted to students raising one or more children, where both parents (adoptive parents) or one parent raising the child(ren) (adopted child(ren)) is studying in first-cycle, second-cycle, or integrated study programmes at the University;
 - 10.2.3. financial support shall be granted to students with a disability established in accordance with the procedure prescribed by legal acts;
 - 10.2.4. financial support of up to 10 per cent shall be granted to students whose sister(s) (half-sister(s)) and/or brother(s) (half-brother(s)) are studying in state non-funded places in first-cycle, second-cycle, or integrated study programmes at the University.
11. In other cases, not provided for in these Regulations, where there is a clearly demonstrated substantial basis for the need for financial support, such support may be granted upon a reasoned recommendation of the Student Financial Support Committee and by order of the Rector of the University.
12. The total amount of support granted to students at the relevant University faculty admitted through the general admission procedure shall not exceed 1.5 per cent of the total projected income of the relevant University faculty from tuition fees paid by this group of students during the relevant semester.
13. The total amount of support granted to foreign students at the relevant University faculty shall not exceed 1.5 per cent of the total projected income of the relevant University faculty from tuition fees paid by foreign students during the relevant semester.
14. Where it is not possible to provide financial support to all University students who meet the criteria established in these Regulations, priority shall be given to:
 - 14.1. University students whose average grade for the most recent semester is higher, or whose assessment grade for the most recent semester is higher where there is only one assessment grade during the semester;
 - 14.2. University students admitted through the general admission procedure who are residents of regional cities and rural areas classified as belonging to groups at increased risk of social exclusion (excluding students from the five largest cities in Lithuania);
 - 14.3. Foreign students arriving from countries with a low level of economic development, assessed according to the World Bank classification based on the previous year's national indicators of countries (source: <https://datatopics.worldbank.org/world-development-indicators/the-world-by-income-and-region.html>);
 - 14.4. students who, based on their academic achievements, belong to a certain achievement level:
 - 14.4.1. the total of grades assessed at an excellent achievement level;
 - 14.4.2. the total of grades assessed at excellent and typical achievement levels;
 - 14.4.3. the total of all grades;
 - 14.4.4. the grade obtained in the subject with the highest number of credits;

14.4.5. for first-year students – the competitive admission score.

CHAPTER III

PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARDING OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

15. Applications for the award of financial support shall be considered by the Committee established by order of the Rector of the University at least once (1) per semester. Applications for the award of financial support shall be considered no later than two (2) weeks before the deadline for payment of the relevant instalment of the tuition fee.
16. University students shall submit applications for the award of financial support to the Rector of LSMU through the LSMU Study Information System (LSMUSIS, "Regarding Financial Support") and submit documents confirming the circumstances specified in Clause 10 of these Regulations or compliance with one of the criteria specified in Clause 10 of these Regulations, in accordance with the requirements of Chapter II of these Regulations, no later than the 15th day of the first month of the semester. Applications submitted after the specified deadline shall not be considered.
17. The following documents shall be submitted together with an application for financial support to substantiate compliance with specific criteria (documents submitted by foreign students shall be provided in English):
 - 17.1. To substantiate the circumstances specified in Clauses 10.1.1 and 10.2.1 of these Regulations, a copy or copies of the death certificate(s) of the parent(s) and/or a court decision (mayor's decree or similar document) establishing guardianship (care) shall be submitted. A copy of the birth certificate shall be submitted where the surnames of the parents and the student submitting the application differ.
 - 17.2. To substantiate the circumstances specified in Clause 10.1.2.1 of these Regulations, the following shall be submitted:
 - 17.2.1. a certificate confirming family composition (issued by the municipality, eldership, or Population Register);
 - 17.2.2. documents confirming family income issued by the relevant division of the State Social Insurance Fund Board or a certificate confirming that the monthly family income per family member does not exceed the amount of State-supported income.
 - 17.3. To substantiate the circumstances specified in Clauses 10.1.2.2 and 10.2.2 of these Regulations, the following shall be submitted:
 - 17.3.1. a copy or copies of the birth certificate(s) of the child(ren) (adopted child(ren)); in the case of adoption, copies of documents confirming the adoption shall be submitted;
 - 17.3.2. a certificate confirming the declared place of residence of the parent raising the child and the child; an entry in the birth certificate identifying only one parent; or a court decision establishing that the child's place of residence is with one of the parents (e.g. the mother);
 - 17.3.3. a copy of the death certificate of the other parent of the child.
 - 17.4. To substantiate the circumstances specified in Clauses 10.1.2.3 and 10.2.3 of these Regulations, a disability certificate shall be submitted (all levels of working capacity/disability shall be accepted).

- 17.5. To substantiate the circumstances specified in Clause 10.1.3 of these Regulations, a certificate or extract confirming the existence of brothers/sisters (half-brothers/half-sisters) shall be submitted (issued by the municipality, eldership, or Population Register).
- 17.6. To substantiate the circumstances specified in Clause 10.2.4 of these Regulations, a certificate or extract confirming the existence of brothers/sisters (half-brothers/half-sisters) shall be submitted.
- 17.7. A certificate confirming the declared place of residence shall be submitted by persons residing in regional cities and villages classified as belonging to groups at increased risk of social exclusion.
18. Where it is not possible to provide the documents specified in Clause 17 of these Regulations, other documents confirming the relevant circumstances may be submitted.
19. Applications submitted by University students through the LSMU information system shall be assessed by the Deans of the University faculties or, upon the Dean's instruction, by another employee.
20. No later than five (5) working days before the meeting of the Committee, the Deans of the University faculties or, where delegated by the Dean, other employees shall submit recommendations to the Committee through the LSMU information system.
21. The Committee shall decide on the award or non-award of financial support based on the application submitted by the University student. A decision to award financial support shall be formalised by an order of the Rector of the University.
22. A University student shall be informed of the Committee's decision to award or not to award financial support through the LSMU information system (LSMUSIS) within five (5) working days from the date of adoption of the Committee's decision.
23. Where a University student disagrees with the Committee's decision not to award financial support, the student shall have the right, within 10 (ten) working days from the date of the Committee's decision, to submit a complaint to the University Student Dispute Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Student Dispute Committee), which may decide to refer the application referred to in Clause 16 of these Regulations for reconsideration or submit it to the Rector of the University for consideration.
24. A student who meets more than one of the financial support award criteria established in these Regulations shall receive support under only one clause during a semester of study.

CHAPTER IV

FINAL PROVISIONS

25. These Regulations shall be approved, amended, and/or supplemented by a decision of the Council.
26. Minutes of the Committee meetings shall be registered and stored in accordance with the documentation plan approved by the Rector.