

Only students whose tax residence is in the European Economic Area are eligible to apply for financial independence.

Please note that Sciences Po refers to the CROUS circular: n° 2018-079 from 25-6-2018 MESRI - MEN - DGESIP A2-1

http://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/pid20536/bulletin-officiel.html?cid_bo=132210&cbo=1

INSTRUCTION SHEET

If one of the situations described below applies to you, please submit all required documentation along with a completed copy of the attached form.

You can submit an application before 31 October 2019 if you are in one of the following situations:

Students who were married or entered into a civil union prior to September 1, 2019.

The couple, the spouse or the partner must have income equal to or greater than 90% of the French minimum annual income (SMIC: 13 005 € net, as of January 1, 2019), in order to ensure their financial independence. The parties must have submitted a separate income tax declaration from their parents or legal guardian.

If this situation applies to you, please provide the following documentation:

- A completed independent student status request form.
- A copy of your "Livret de Famille" or official civil union document dated prior to September 1, 2019, as well as the couple's tax returns for 2017 income
- If the marriage or civil union occurred in 2018, the two 2018 income tax returns must be provided.
- If the marriage or civil union occurred in 2019, all pay slips for 2019 (income will be annualized) must be provided.
- Copies of employment contracts as well as September 2019 pay slips: you must prove income equal to or greater than 90% of the French minimum annual income (SMIC: 13 005 € net, as of January 1, 2019), demonstrating financial independence for the current academic year, from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.
- Proof of rent payment in your name.

Students with dependent children who are no longer declared on the income tax declaration of their own parents or legal guardian.

If this situation applies to you, please provide the following documentation:

- A completed independent student status request form.
- A copy of your “Livret de Famille” or official civil union document and your 2017 income tax return.
- A copy of the “Livret de Famille” or official civil union document. If your first child was born in 2018 you must also submit your 2018 income tax return.
- Copies of employment contracts as well as September 2019 pay slips.
- Proof of rent payment in your name.

Others cases provided by the CROUS

- Student, aged between 18 and 21 years old, who receives social assistance benefits from the child social services agency or a student, over the age of 21 years old and who used to receive the above named benefits.
- Student, aged 18 years old or more, subject to guardianship or a change in parental authority during his or her childhood: household income to which the student is taken into account or failing that, the student's personal income.
- Orphaned student (both parents): household income to which the student is taken into account or failing that, the student's personal income.
- Refugee student: household income to which the student is taken into account or failing that, the student's personal income.

Students who are civil servants (including ENS) and meet the following conditions: You must prove monthly income equal to or greater than 90% of the French minimum annual income (SMIC: 13 005 € net, as of January 1, 2019), demonstrating financial independence for the current academic year, from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. Internship compensation does not qualify as salary income.

If this situation applies to you, please provide the following documentation:

- A completed independent student status request form.
- Proof of enrolment at ENS or another institution for the 2019-2020 academic year, indicating the remuneration you will receive for the academic year. Civil servant students (including ENS) who have taken a leave of absence for the academic year, for personal or other reasons, are not eligible for independent student status.
- Your 2017 income tax return used for calculating tuition fees. The tax return must show income equal to or greater than 90% of the French minimum annual income (SMIC: 13 005 € net, as of January 1, 2019).
- Your 2018 income tax return, showing income equal to or greater than 90% of the French minimum annual income (SMIC: 13 005 € net, as of January 1, 2019).

- And/or monthly pay slips for the year 2019, in order to determine annual income. You must prove income equal to or greater than 90% of the current French monthly minimum salary (SMIC).
- Proof of salary income (December 2018 to September 2019).
- Proof of rent payment in your name. If you cannot provide proof of rent in your name, your request will be inadmissible (housing provided by parents or any third party indicates a lack of financial independence).
- A copy of your parents' 2017 income tax return– without this document your application will not be processed.
- A signed affidavit from your parents stating that they do not provide financial support of any kind for your studies, including housing.

How to request independent student status:

1. Complete your online registration (Sciences Po Online Platform, Administrative Services heading). During the online registration process, go to the Dispensation field (step 3) and check the box corresponding to your situation.
2. At step 5, fill in and upload the Independent Student Status Recognition Form along with all the requested supporting documents.
3. When your request will be reviewed, additional documents may be requested.

For all requests:

For further information or to schedule an appointment: independance.financiere@sciencespo.fr

Incomplete or late files will not be processed and the request for independent student status will be denied.