



Thinking about

Restarts & Repeat Years?

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**Providing you with
detailed guidance
and information
on the restart
and repeat years
processes.**

Understanding the different types of restart & repeat years.

A restart is to recommence on the same programme of study or a different programme of study, normally starting again from the beginning.

Only one restart is permitted throughout your programme and applications to restart must be submitted by the deadline.

Programme start.	Restart application deadline.
September starters 2021	7 March 2022
January starters 2022	15 July 2022
April starters 2022	2 August 2022

It is only in exceptional circumstances, that an application to restart will be considered after the deadline, subject to evidence of extreme mitigating circumstances that have significantly impacted you for the entire academic year.

In all other circumstances, if you make an application to restart after the published deadline then you will be required to successfully complete the current academic year, without breaching accumulated failure regulations, before a restart will be considered for the next academic year.

Upon successful completion of the year/stage, you may be eligible for an intermediate award to recognise the credit you have achieved on this programme.

There are different types of restarts available to students:

Restarts on the **same** programme of study:

- Restart your entire programme by requesting to restart your course in the following academic year.
- Repeat Level 5 or Level 6 (due to exceptional circumstances) by requesting to restart the level in the following academic year.

Restarts on a **different** programme of study:

- Restart a new programme in the following academic year.

Further details can be found in the [Transfer, Restarts and Withdrawal Policy](#).

Restart on the same programme of study.

If you have experienced challenges during your first year which have prevented you from being able to study then you may be able to restart your course in the next academic year.

The grades you received in the first year would be disregarded (pass or fail) and you would restart the programme from scratch. Failure from this year will not be counted towards any accumulated failure when you start the programme again.

Once a restart is approved your studies would be paused and you would no longer be a student for the remainder of the current academic year. When you enrol the following academic year, to restart the course, you will become a student again.

If you are granted a restart on the same programme then you are responsible for managing the financial implications of this and are advised to seek guidance on the financial implications prior to finalising the restart.



Repeat Level 5 or Level 6 of your programme.

Restarts at these levels would not normally be permitted.

The only time this may be permitted would be if you can evidence extreme mitigating circumstances through the exceptional circumstances process.

If you are granted a repeat level then you are responsible for managing the financial implications of this and are advised to seek guidance on the financial implications prior to finalising the restart.

For more information please contact the academicadvisers@northampton.ac.uk

Restart on a different programme of study.

There are number of reasons why you may request to restart on a different programme of study in the following academic year.

Once a restart is approved your studies would be paused and you would no longer be a student for the remainder of the current academic year. When you enrol the following academic year to restart the course you will become a student again.

This request should not be used to avoid termination due to academic failure or to avoid the resolution of sanctions placed on your account.

If you are granted a restart on a different programme then you are responsible for managing the financial implications of this and are advised to seek guidance on the financial implications prior to finalising the restart.

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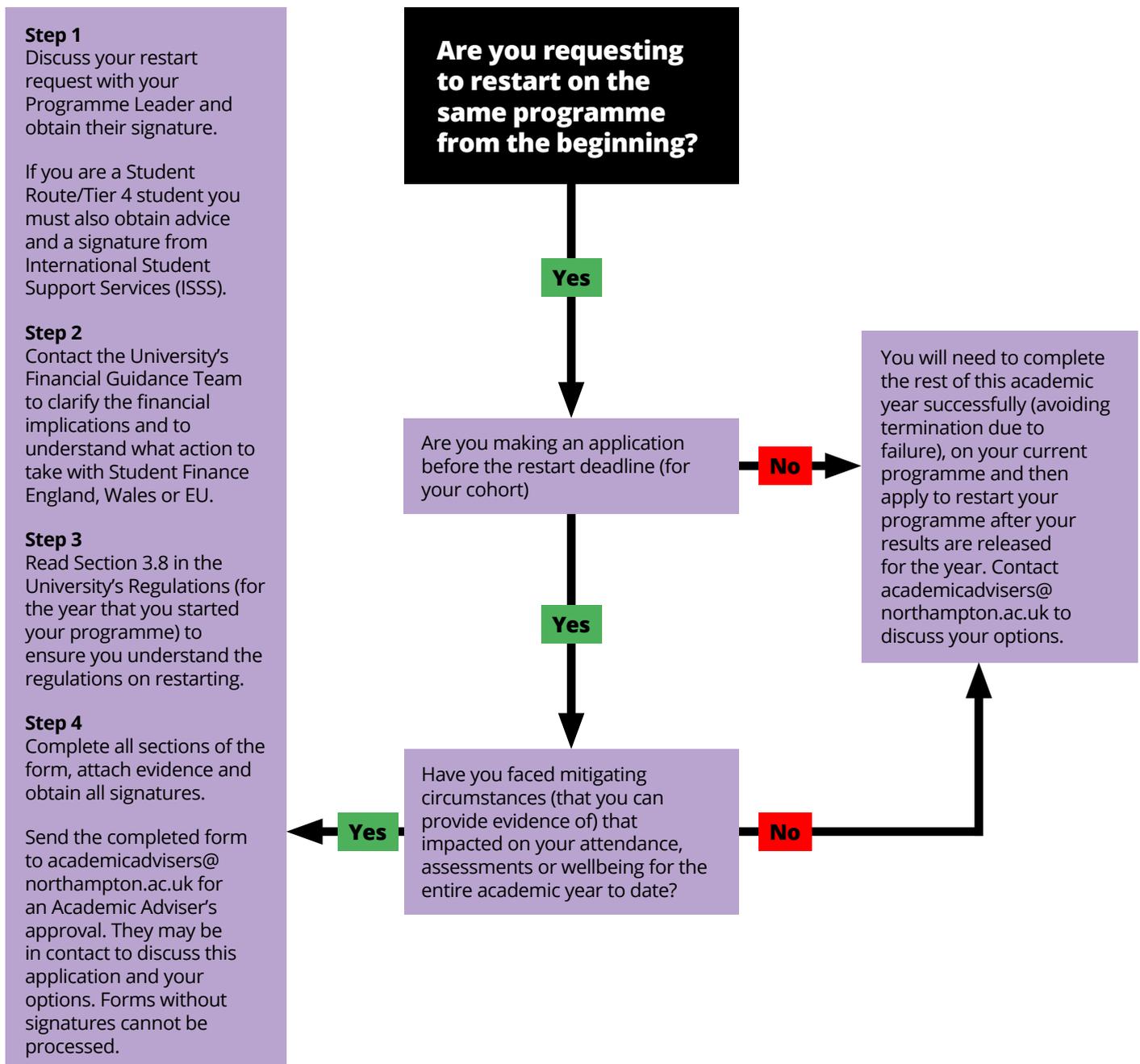




Restart on the same programme of study application process.

Restarts on the same programme after the deadline are only considered in exceptional circumstances where you have evidence of extreme mitigating circumstances, that impacted on your attendance, assessments or wellbeing for the entire academic year. Contact academicadvisers@northampton.ac.uk to discuss your options.

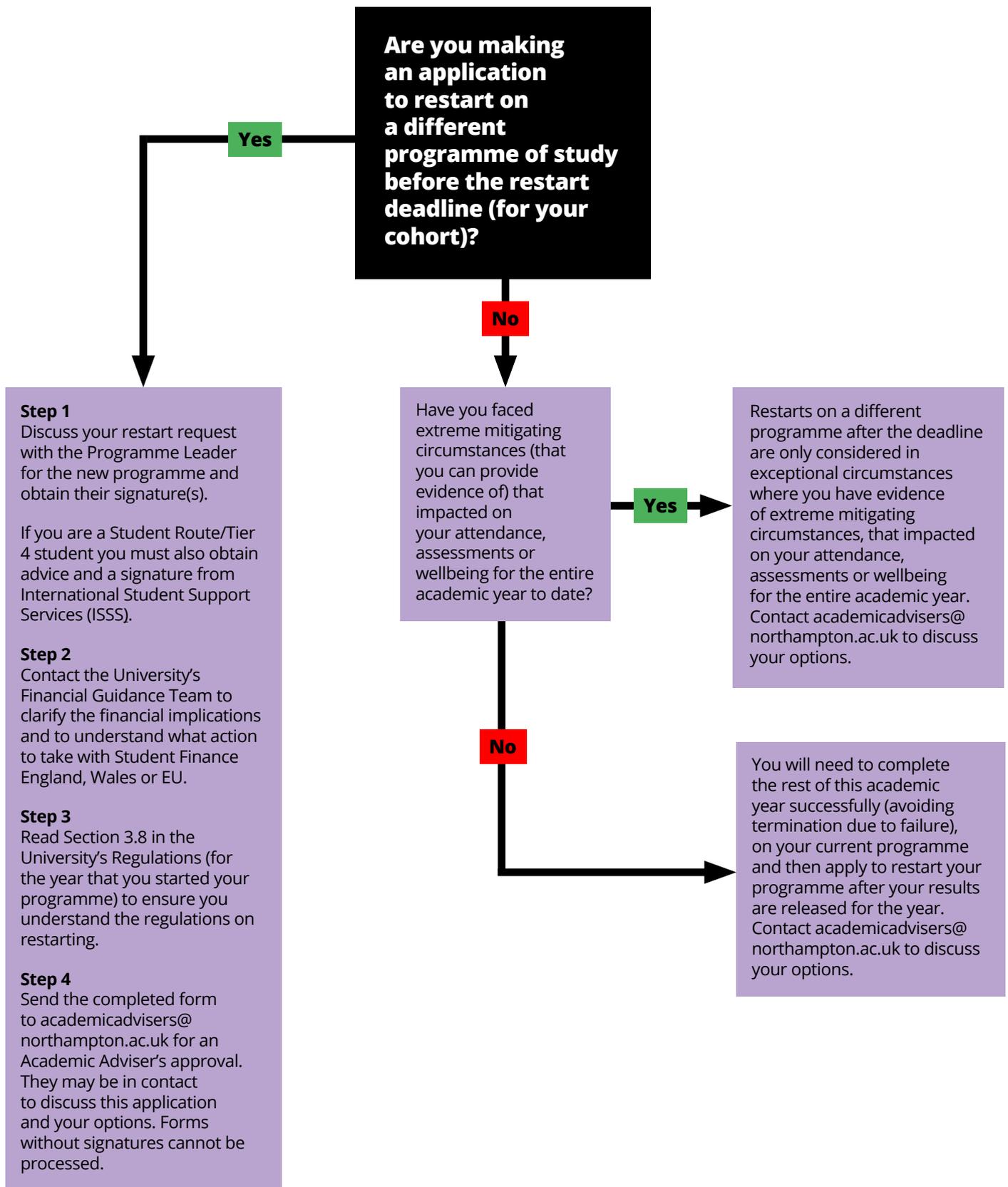
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Who should you contact for advice and support?

Student Finance England.

Please ensure you read through our [Repeating, Restarting and Extending Study Guide to Student Finance](#).

During the time after the restart has been approved, and the start of the next academic year, as you are not a student, your Student Finance payments will stop, or may be required to pay back a proportion of the money you have already received.

You should seek advice from Student Finance England or [our Financial Guidance Team](#) if you have questions about how your finances may be affected during this time.

University accommodation.

You should [contact our accommodation team](#) for questions about your University accommodation if you have a restart granted.

Student Support Officers.

If you have questions about the process then please [contact a Student Support Officer](#).

Personal Tutor & Course Leader.

You should ensure that you discuss this with the course team, you can [contact the Student Information Desk](#) if you need assistance with contact details.

International students.

If you are studying in the UK on a Student Route/Tier 4 visa, then you should [contact the International Student Support Service Team](#) for immigration and visa advice before you submit an application to restart your studies.