

FSM Ever 6

Explained

For All Schools

The 6-year period - **Ever 6**, is unique to individual students' **Free School Meal end dates**.

This is when a student has an historic FSM status. They will be classed as Ever 6 FSM for **6 years after their FSM eligibility end date**.

For example, if a student was FSM eligible from 1st September 2018 until 31st October 2020, they will be Ever 6 FSM until 31st October 2026 - 6 years after their FSM end date.

Additionally, any pupil with a start date for FSM eligibility on **31st March 2018** until **31st March 2023** should continue to receive free school meals until the end of the universal credit roll out period.

1. Students with a FSM start date in this range **will continue** to be protected from Universal Credit until the end of their current phase of education.
2. This protection will continue until at least **March 2025** and applies even if the student's circumstances change and they no longer meet the eligibility criteria.
3. Ever 6 status can only **start**, after the FSM end date of the student is reached.