

CAN I GET A **FREE PLACE** ON A LEARNING AND SKILLS COURSE ?



For skills courses and community learning, many learners are entitled to free study during 2016/2017.

Please note: You must provide proof of entitlement before you start your course or the offer of your place will be withdrawn.

The following learners are entitled to free study during 2016/2017:

- 16-18 years at the start of the course
- 19-24 years and undertaking a Traineeship
- 19+ and studying Functional Skills in English or Maths learning aims up to Level 2
- 19+ and studying GCSE English Language or Maths learning aims and you do not already possess a grade C or higher in the subject
- 19-23 years studying to progress to level 2 (e.g. Entry Level or Level 1 and have not yet achieved above Level 1)
- 19-23 years and studying first full Level 2 qualification, where you have not already achieved at Level 2 or above
- 19-23 years and studying first full Level 3 qualification, where you have not already achieved at Level 3 or above
- 19+ years who are studying up to and including Level 2 who are unemployed and meeting one of the following conditions:
 - receiving Job Seekers Allowance
 - receiving Employment Support Allowance and are in the Work Related Activity Group
 - receiving Universal Credit, either earning less than £330 a month or are determined by Job centre Plus (JCP) as being in one of the following groups: All Work-Related Requirements Group, Work Preparation Group, Work-Focused Interview Group

At our discretion we may provide you with fee remission if you are:

- unemployed and receiving any state benefit and earn less than £330 a month, want to enter employment and where the course is directly relevant to your employment prospects and the local labour market needs.
- employed but earn less than £330 a month and you need to progress into more sustainable employment and the learning is directly relevant to employment prospects and the local labour market needs. An example of where we may support your fees is if you are on a zero hours contract earning less than £330 a month and you undertake vocational training for an occupation.

All other learners are expected to pay fees in full or if you are 19+ and studying at level 3 or higher, you can apply for an Advanced Learning Loan.



DON'T WORRY

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT FEES OR FREE STUDY
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