

Planning to start a course? Find out about types of financial help you could get through the LSC

Looking for help with the costs of learning?

These charts can give you an idea of what may be available through the Learning and Skills Council (LSC). The information applies to the 2009/10 academic year.

How to use this:

Start with **Chart A**. First find your age in column 1. Column 2 will point you in the right direction depending on whether you have children. Then find out what types of financial support might be available in column 3.

For schemes **listed in blue**, what you get depends on your income.

Then use **Chart B** to find out what income limits apply, and where to go for more information.

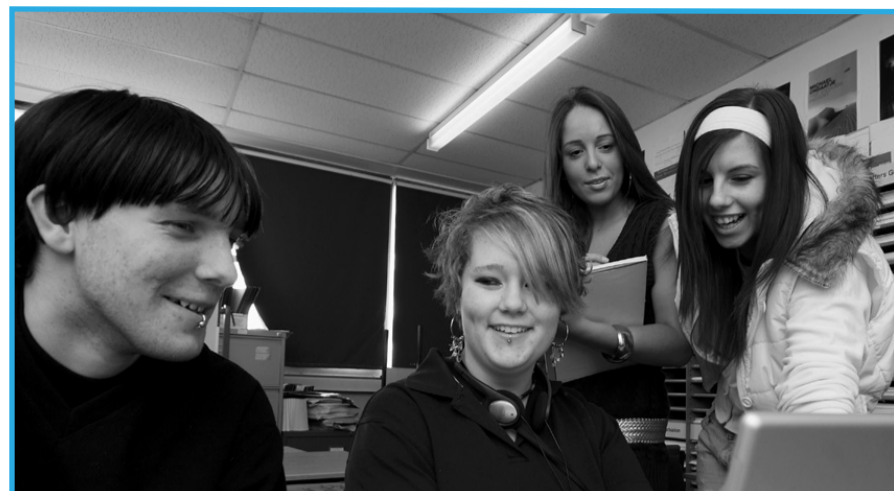


Chart A

1. Your age at start of course	2. Do you have children?	3. You may be eligible for:
Under 16	Yes	Care to Learn
	No	Not eligible for LSC funding
16 or 17	Yes	Care to Learn, Dance and Drama Awards (for dance courses only) , Education Maintenance Allowance , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
	No	Dance and Drama Awards , Education Maintenance Allowance , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
18	Yes	Care to Learn, Professional and Career Development Loan , Dance and Drama Awards , Education Maintenance Allowance , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
	No	Professional and Career Development Loan , Dance and Drama Awards , Education Maintenance Allowance , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
19	Yes	Adult Learning Grant , Care to Learn, Professional and Career Development Loan , Dance and Drama Awards , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
	No	Adult Learning Grant , Professional and Career Development Loan , Dance and Drama Awards , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
20 or over	Yes	Adult Learning Grant , Professional and Career Development Loan , Dance and Drama Awards , Discretionary 20+ Childcare , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work , Residential Support Scheme , Sixth Form College Childcare Scheme
	No	Adult Learning Grant , Professional and Career Development Loan , Dance and Drama Awards , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme

Chart B

LSC funding	May be eligible if income in previous tax year was:
Adult Learning Grant (ALG) Support of up to £30 per week if you are 19 or over www.direct.gov.uk/alg	Your income is £19,513 or less, if you're single Your joint income is £30,810 or less, if you are living with a partner
Care to Learn (C2L) Help with childcare costs if you're under 20 www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn	Doesn't depend on income
Professional and Career Development Loan Support for learning to enhance your career prospects www.direct.gov.uk/pcdl	Doesn't depend on income
Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA) Help towards tuition fees and living costs at a leading private dance and drama provider www.direct.gov.uk/danceanddrama	Household income £33,000 or less
Discretionary 20+ Childcare Help with childcare costs from your further education provider www.direct.gov.uk/learnersupport	Varies for different learning providers
Discretionary Hardship Support with further education costs if you're in exceptional financial circumstances www.direct.gov.uk/learnersupport	Varies for different learning providers
Discretionary Residential Bursary Help with residential costs if you attend a specialist course at a participating college www.direct.gov.uk/studyingaway	Varies for different learning providers
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Support if you're 16-18 years old and about to enter or continue in further education or learning www.direct.gov.uk/ema	Household income £30,810 or less
Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work Help towards the costs of childcare if you're aged 20 or over www.direct.gov.uk/freechildcareforlearning	Household income £20,000 or less
Residential Support Scheme Help with residential costs if the course you want to do isn't available locally www.direct.gov.uk/studyingaway	Household income £30,810 or less
Sixth Form College Childcare Scheme Help towards the cost of childcare if you're 20 or over and studying in a sixth form college or school sixth form www.direct.gov.uk/sixthformcollegechildcare	Household income £50,502 or less