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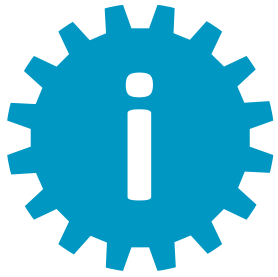
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SECTION 1

# STUDENT FINANCE 2016/17

## POLICY - ELIGIBILITY



2016/17



# 2016/17 STUDENT FINANCE

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY - RESIDENCY

Students need to meet certain residency criteria in order to be eligible for financial support from SFE:

- Settled status – can live in the UK without any Home Office restriction
- Ordinarily resident in England on the first day of the first academic year of their course
- Been living in the UK for the three years immediately prior to this date
- Tuition fee support only, without meeting residency requirements for European Union (EU) students\*



\*EU students must have lived within the EEA for 3 years prior to the first day of the first academic year of the course



# 2016/17 STUDENT FINANCE

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY - EXCEPTIONS

Students may still be entitled for support if they qualify under any of the exceptions to the general residency rules:

- The student, their spouse, civil partner, parent/stepparent are recognised by the UK government as a refugee and lived in England since this status was awarded
- The student, their spouse, civil partner, parent/stepparent, have been granted Humanitarian Protection to stay in the UK and meet the standard residency requirements
- EEA /Swiss migrant workers and the children of Swiss nationals and Turkish workers if they meet the employment/residency requirements





# NEW RESIDENCY CRITERIA

## EU STUDENTS

New students from the EU will now need to have been resident in the UK for **five** years before the first day of the first year of their course to be eligible to receive 'living cost' support from SFE:

- The rationale for this change is the substantial increase in the number of EU nationals claiming living cost support to study in England
- Between 2009/10 and 2014/15 the number of EU nationals who received living cost support rose from 11,600 (total cost £75m) to 31,500 (£240m)
- This change of policy came into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016



The final consultation documents can be found online at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)



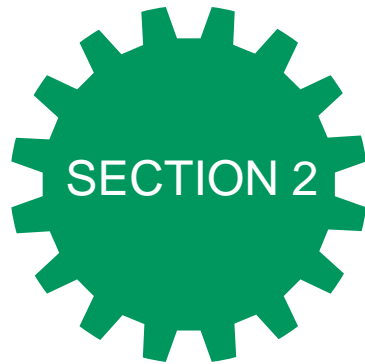
# EU STUDENTS

## BIS ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING EU REFERENDUM

Message from Jo Johnson, Minister for Universities and Science regarding the **immediate status** of EU nationals and student finance in England:

- EU nationals or their family members, currently in higher education, and who are assessed as eligible to receive loans and/or grants from the SLC, will continue to receive this support until they finish their course
- The rules applying to EU nationals, or their family members, who have applied for a place at university from this August to study a course which attracts student support are unchanged
- The SLC will assess these applications against existing eligibility criteria, and will provide loans and/or grants in the normal way\*



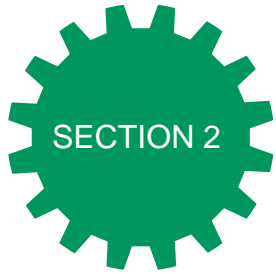


# STUDENT FINANCE 2016/17

## SUPPORT FOR FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES







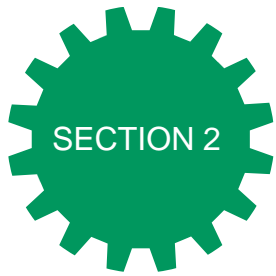
# MAINTENANCE SUPPORT

## 2016 COHORT FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Revised package of Maintenance Support for new entrants into Higher Education in A/Y 2016/17 (2016 Cohort)

- Maintenance Grant replaced by additional Maintenance Loan
- The maximum level of Maintenance Loan has been increased by **10.3%** for those previously entitled to Maintenance Grant
- The overall amount of Maintenance available is therefore higher (the amount of Loan exceeds the previous amount of Grant + Loan)





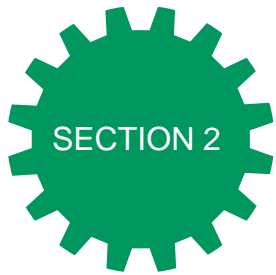
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## MAINTENANCE LOAN ENTITLEMENT

2016 cohort F/T students, not eligible for benefits or aged over 60

Household Income	Home	Elsewhere	London
£25,000 & under	£6,904	£8,200	£10,702
£30,000	£6,322	£7,612	£10,103
£35,000	£5,740	£7,023	£9,503
£40,000	£5,158	£6,434	£8,904
£45,000	£4,576	£5,845	£8,304
£50,000	£3,994	£5,265	£7,705
£55,000	£3,412	£4,667	£7,105
£60,000	£3,039	£4,078	£6,506





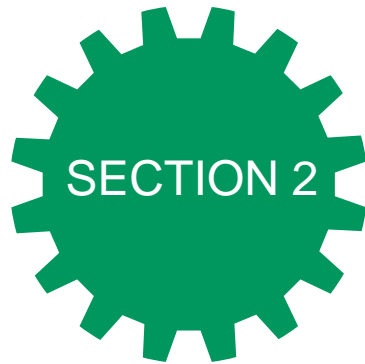
# MAINTENANCE SUPPORT

## COMPARISON

Household Income	Continuing Student* 2016/17	New Student 2016/17
£25,000 & under	£7,572	£8,200
£30,000	£7,099	£7,612
£35,000	£6,625	£7,023
£40,000	£6,152	£6,434
£45,000	£5,651	£5,845
£50,000	£5,117	£5,256
£55,000	£4,583	£4,667
£65,000	£3,820	£3,821

\*2012 Cohort F/T Student - Elsewhere Rates

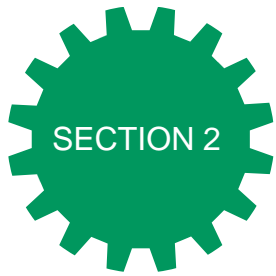




# STUDENT FINANCE 2016/17

## DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCES





# DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCES

## POLICY OVERVIEW

Maximum Disabled Students' Allowance will be maintained at 2015/16 Levels in 2016/17

Disabled Students' Allowances provide help towards the additional costs a student may face as result of their disability, long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty:

### **DSAs Support:**

- Is available in addition to the standard student finance package,
- Does not have to be repaid,
- Is not affected by household income,
- Looks at the specific needs of the individual student





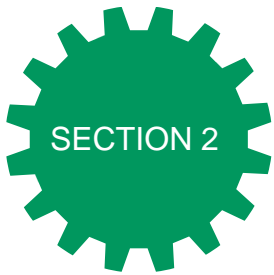
# DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCES

## 2016/17 MAXIMUM RATES

Allowance	Part-Time Max Support	Full-Time Max Support	Frequency of Payment
Non-medical personal helper	£15,543	£20,725	Annual
Specialist equipment	£5,212	£5,212	Duration of Course
Other disability-related expenditure	£1,305	£1,741	Annual
Disability related travel	No Limit – Reasonable spending can be claimed		



For both full-time and part-time postgraduate students, there is a single allowance of up to £10,362 a year



# DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCES

## CHANGES FOR 2016/17: PRACTITIONER SITE FACT SHEET

www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/products/disabled-students-allowances/dsas-updates-for-practitioners.aspx

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### DSAs - updates for practitioners

Regular updates and useful documents for DSAs. The 'DSA work streams' are processing timescales on key DSA

Pages in this section:

- Tuition fees
- Living costs
- Extra help
- Disabled Students Allowances**

- What support is available
- Who can get DSAs
- Providing evidence of a disability
- How to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances

#### 2016/17 DSA Policy Changes

30/03/2016

To provide information regarding policy changes in academic year 2016/17 a reference guide has been created

- [DSA Policy changes 2016/17](#) PDF

**OVERVIEW**  
The DSA Guidance for the 16/17 academic year is now available [online](#). This document is designed as a quick reference guide to highlight the key changes for students applying for DSA to Student Finance England (SFE) and contains references to the relevant policy information. As with the 15/16 academic year there are two versions of the guidance, one for continuing students and one for new students only. There are transitional protection rules in place which will help you determine which students are 'new' and which are 'continuing'.

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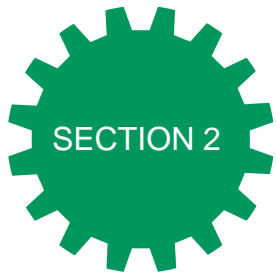


# NHS-FUNDED COURSES

## 2016/17 FUNDING







# NHS FUNDED DEGREES

## HELP WITH LIVING COSTS

### **NHS Support:**

Students training for eligible courses may be able to get a bursary from the NHS:

- A bursary is a yearly payment to help with living costs, it's paid each month and doesn't have to be paid back
- Full-time students on NHS degrees can also apply for a fixed grant of £1000 per year

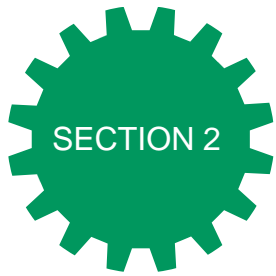
### **SFE Support:**

Full-time NHS students can also apply to Student Finance England for a reduced rate Maintenance Loan which doesn't depend on income



More detailed information is available at:

[www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students) and [www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries](http://www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries)



# NHS FUNDED DEGREES

## HELP WITH LIVING COSTS 2016/17

Courses of up to 30 weeks and 3 days:

	Means tested Bursary	Non means- tested Grant	Non means-tested Loan
London	£3,191	£1,000	£3,263
Not London	£2,643	£1,000	£2,324
With Parents	£2,207	£1,000	£1,744



[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/508834/NHS\\_Bursary\\_Scheme\\_New\\_Rules\\_for\\_2016-17\\_acc.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/508834/NHS_Bursary_Scheme_New_Rules_for_2016-17_acc.pdf)



# NHS FUNDED DEGREES

## HELP WITH LIVING COSTS 2016/17

Extra Weeks Allowance for More Intensive Courses:

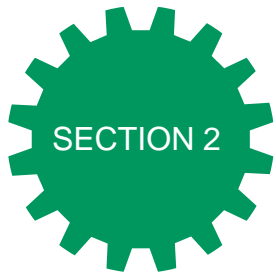
	Extra Weeks Allowance
London	£108
Not London	£84
With Parents	£56

If a student's course runs during the academic year for a period of > 30 weeks and 3 days excluding holidays, the student's Extra Weeks Allowance (EWA) is determined as follows:

- (a) Where the course is <45 weeks, the EWA is the amount above multiplied by the number of additional eligible weeks of attendance over 30 weeks and 3 days, rounding up to the nearest whole week, or
- (b) Where the course is 45 or more weeks, the EWA is the amount above multiplied by 22.



[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/508834/NHS\\_Bursary\\_Scheme\\_New\\_Rules\\_for\\_2016-17\\_acc.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/508834/NHS_Bursary_Scheme_New_Rules_for_2016-17_acc.pdf)



# NHS DEGREES

## TUITION FEES AND LIVING COST SUPPORT

### **Fee Support:**

NHS pays non-medical course fees (Nursing, midwifery etc..)

### **Medicine and Dentistry:**

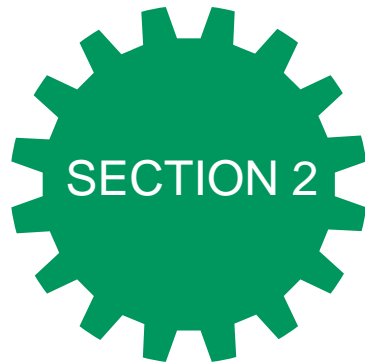
- Arrangements differ depending on year of study and pathway
- Tuition Fee Loan will be available from SFE
- NHS usually pays final year(s) tuition fees

### **Other Support:**

Allowances for disabled students and students with dependent adults and children are available from the NHS



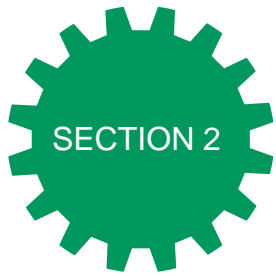
Students can also claim help with travel costs to a placements, for costs additional to those incurred travelling to their university



# NHS-FUNDED COURSES

REFORMS ANNOUNCED IN SPENDING  
REVIEW, NOVEMBER 2015





# NHS-FUNDED COURSES 2017/18

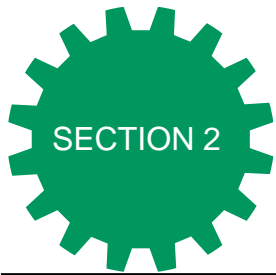
## REFORMS ANNOUNCED IN NOV 2015 SPENDING REVIEW

In the Nov 2015 Spending Review, the Chancellor outlined a number of key proposals, including a reform of funding for NHS courses (Section 5.1):

*The Spending Review reforms the funding system for health students by replacing grants with student loans and abolishing the cap on the number of student places for nursing, midwifery and allied health subjects. The current grant system means that there is a cap on student nurses and over half of all applicants to nursing courses are turned away. This reform will enable universities to provide up to 10,000 additional nursing and other health professional training places this Parliament. This will ensure that there are enough nurses for the NHS while cutting the current reliance on expensive agency staff. The move to loans will also mean access to 25% more financial support for health students during their studies. The government will work with key stakeholders to implement the reforms.*



Further information on all announcements can be found online at:  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications)



# NHS-FUNDED COURSES 2017/18

## CONSULTATION: AWAITING GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

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## Changing how healthcare education is funded

From: [Department of Health](#)  
First published: 7 April 2016  
Part of: [NHS bursary reform and nurse education](#)

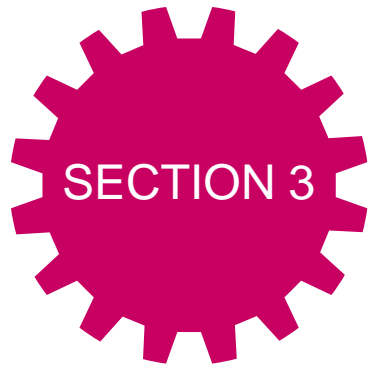
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Original consultation

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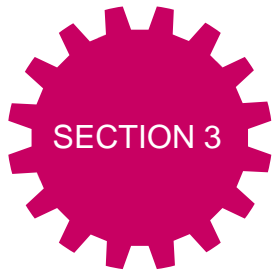
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# PART-TIME STUDENT FINANCE



2016/17





# PART-TIME STUDENT FINANCE 2016/17

## Part-time undergraduate HE courses

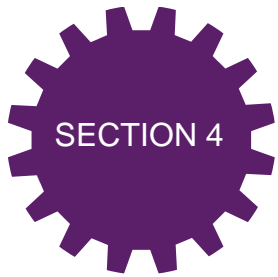
- Students taking an eligible part-time HE course of between 25% and 75% intensity can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £6,750 per year
- DSA available, but no Maintenance Loans or Grants for Dependents
- Students who wish to study Part-Time for a **second** HE qualification in engineering, technology or computer science can also now apply for a Tuition Fee Loan
- This will be extended to students wishing to do a second Part-Time degree in any STEM subject from A/Y 2017/18
- Maintenance Loans for Part-Time students to be introduced from A/Y 2018/19 (awaiting further details)





# SECTION 4 POSTGRADUATE LOAN





# POSTGRADUATE LOAN

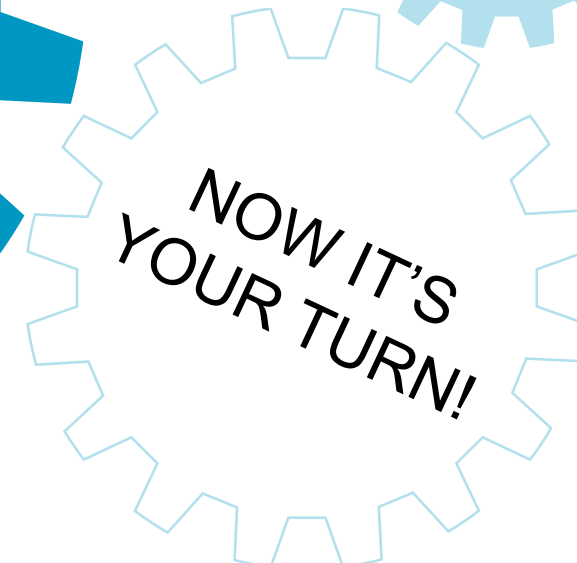
## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Loan support of up to **£10,000** (non-means tested) for students starting a full-time, part-time or full-time distance learning Postgraduate Masters course (taught, research or professional) from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016:

- Paid to student in 3 instalments for 1 yr courses (6 for 2/3/4 yr courses)
- Contribution to course costs, not specifically for fees or maintenance
- Applicants must be **under 60** on the first day of the first AY of the course
- Applications launched 27 June at [www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan](http://www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan)
- Repayments: 6% of income above £21,000 from April after finishing course (automated repayment system goes live April 2019). Concurrent with repayment of any undergraduate student loans.



More info (incl. FAQs on course & personal eligibility and CoCs) at [www.heiinfo.slc.co.uk/information-advice/postgraduate-loans.aspx](http://www.heiinfo.slc.co.uk/information-advice/postgraduate-loans.aspx)



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[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)



# Advanced Learner Loans 2016/17

Information, Advice and Guidance

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Loans to date – a profile of 2014/15

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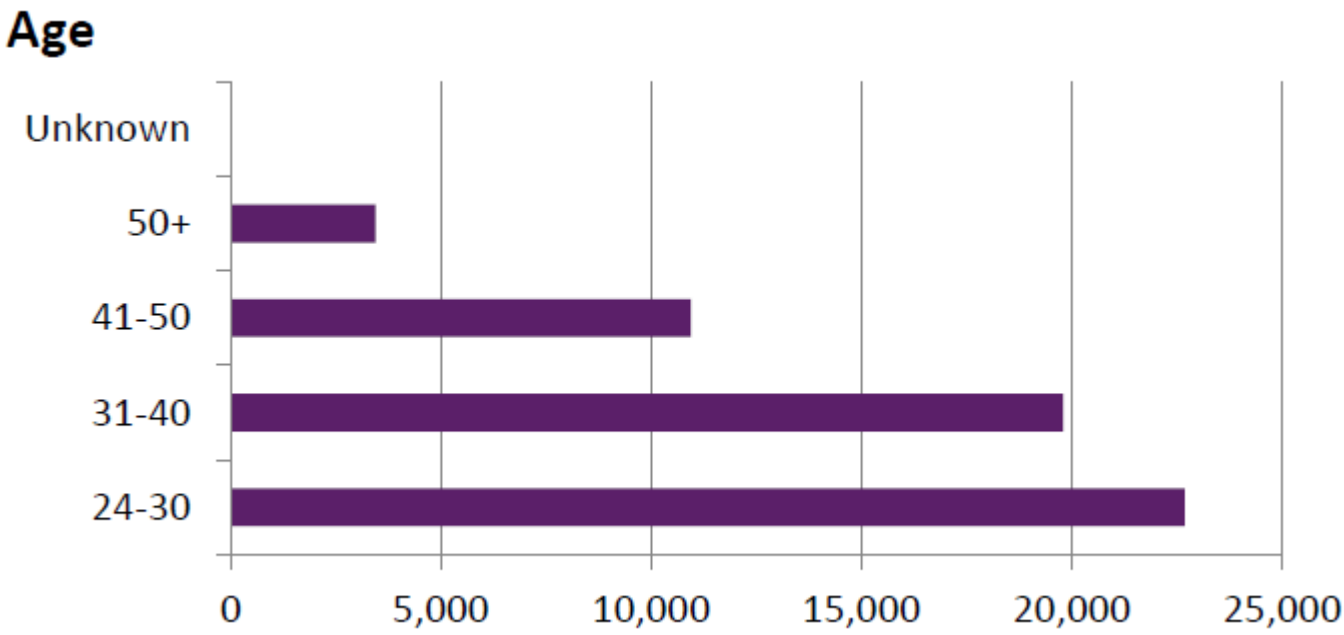
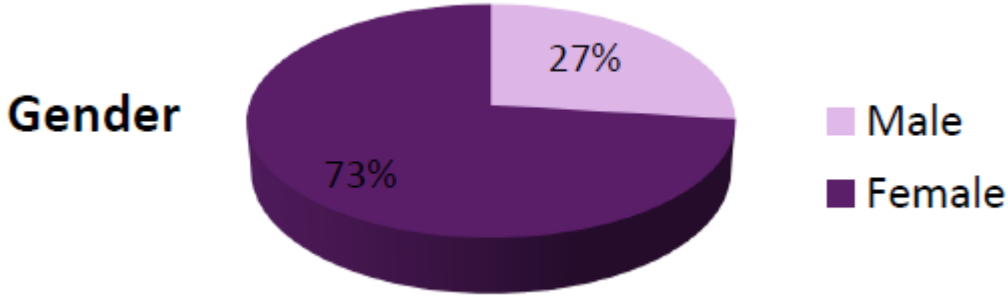


## Loans to date – a 2014/15 profile



# Learner Profile

## Advanced Learner Loan



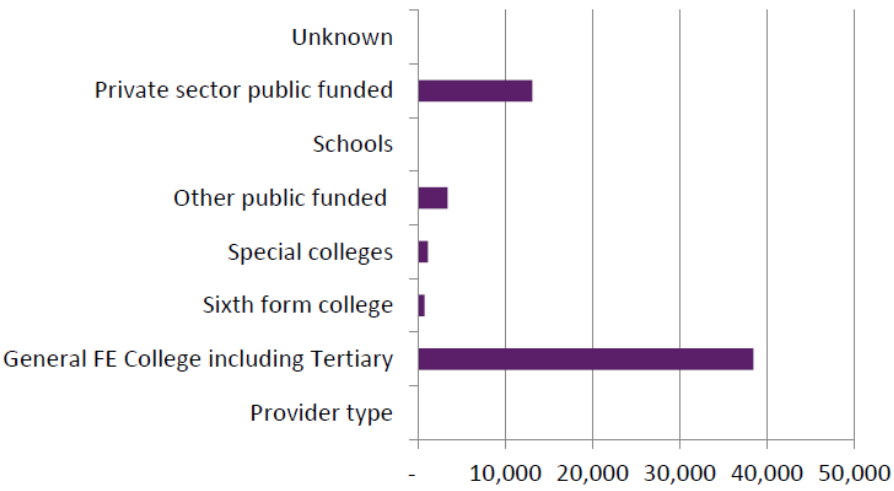
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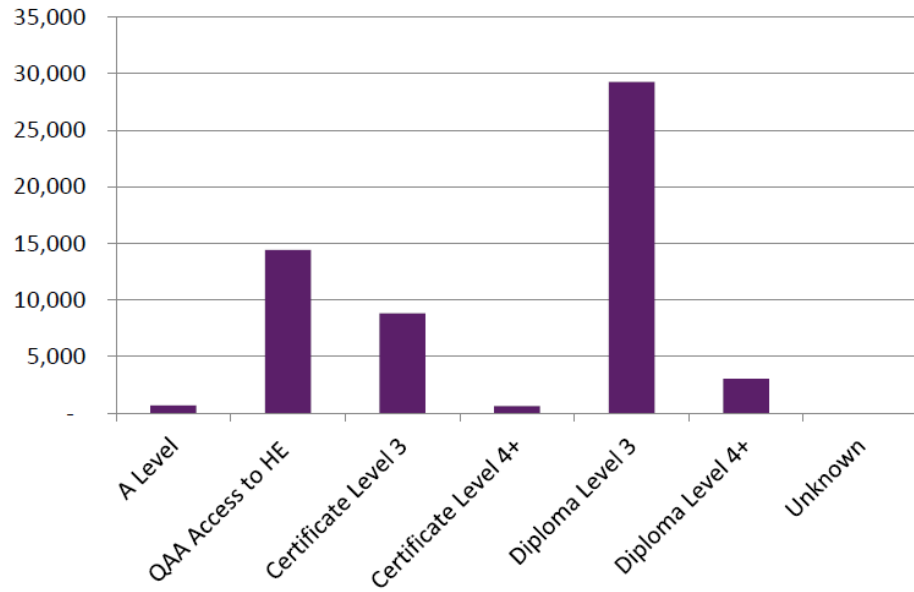
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# Advanced Learner Loan

## 2014/15 Provider Types



## Qualification types 2014/15



\*Figures for 2014/15 provided by SFA

# Sector Profile

# Advanced Learner Loan




3.1%  
Social sciences




13.6%  
Business,  
Administration and  
Law



31.6%  
Health, Public  
Services and Care



< 1%  
Languages,  
Literature and  
Culture



4.6%  
Construction, Planning  
and the Built  
Environment




7.4%  
Leisure, Travel and  
Tourism



14.8%  
Education and  
Training



2%  
Engineering and  
Manufacturing  
Technologies




< 1%  
Preparation for  
Life and Work

## 2014/15 Sector subject areas




1.4%  
Information and  
communication  
technology



< 1%  
History, Philosophy and  
Theology



3.6%  
Arts, Media and  
Publishing



2.8%  
Science and  
Mathematics



10.6%  
Retail and Commercial  
Enterprise



2.3%  
Agriculture,  
Horticulture and  
Animal Care

# Policy Expansion 2016



- [Government Spending Review](#) announced expansion of the 24+ Advanced Learner Loans scheme
- Advanced Learner Loans are now available to learners aged 19+
- Advanced Learner Loans are now available to learners studying approved learning aims at Level 3,4,5 and 6
- Learners aged 19-23 will be able to get their first full Level 3 qualification fully funded through the Adult Skills Budget. If for any reason the learner is unable to access grant funding for their first Level 3 qualification, they can access an Advanced Learner Loan



- Removal of concurrent study rule – allowing learners to take out more than one loan at any one time
- Removal of level and type restrictions – allowing learners to access more than one loan for the same level and type of course



### Removal of the concurrent study rule

Allowing learners to take more than 1 loan at any one time

### Removal of the level and type restrictions

Allowing learner so have more than one loan for the same level and type i.e.

**Loan 1 – Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing**

**Loan 2 – Level 3 Diploma in Barbering**

Qualification ranges	19-23 year olds	Aged 24 and above
Level 3	All eligible Level 3 qualifications after a first full Level 3	All eligible Level 3 qualifications
Level 4	All eligible Level 4 qualifications	All eligible Level 4 qualifications

### Loans Available for Level 5 and 6

Opening up the policy to allow Level 5 and 6 courses to be funded via loans



## Eligibility Criteria



### Learner Eligibility

- Aged 19 or over on the first day of the learning aim
- Resident in the UK
- Studying an approved learning aim with an approved college or training provider in England
- Able to provide a valid NINO which will be verified with DWP
- Not exceeded the maximum number of loans (4 maximum)

The Eligibility Tool is available for advisers to give indicative guidance on learner eligibility for Advanced Learner Loans. [Click Here](#)





# Eligibility Criteria:

## Advanced Learner Loan

### EU Students announcement by SLC's CEO

*The following statement applies to EU nationals who are currently in receipt of student loans from the Student Loans Company, and to EU nationals who intend to begin studying from this autumn.*

*EU nationals or their family members, currently in further education, and who are assessed as eligible to receive loans from the SLC, will continue to receive these loans until they finish their course. This applies to all student finance from the SLC for students in England for which EU nationals are eligible. This includes loans to cover tuition fees (for those resident in the EEA for three years). It also includes other SLC products not offered in FE such as loans and grants for maintenance (limited to those resident in the UK for at least three years), and some other grants and allowances.*

*The rules applying to EU nationals, or their family members, who have applied for a place at a provider from this August to study a learning aim which attracts student support are unchanged. The SLC will assess these applications against existing eligibility criteria, and will provide loans in the normal way. EU nationals, or their family members, who are assessed as eligible to receive loans by the SLC will then be eligible for the duration of their study on that course.*



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### Course Eligibility

- All eligible qualifications must be approved for public funding by the Skills Funding Agency.
- 2016/17 Funding rules are available on the Skills Funding Agency website
- Skills Funding Agency will notify SLC of all approved courses and set the maximum fees
- A summary of the changes to Funding Rules for 2016/17 is available [here](#)



### Other Eligibility

- Loan amount available will be capped at the Agency's maximum funding rate or fee charged, whichever is lowest
- Minimum amount of loan available is £300. Learners can take any amount up to maximum loan available
- If providers charge more than the maximum funding rate then a learner will need to pay the difference.
- Learners do not have to progress
- Loans will not be restricted on basis of prior attainment. If individual is already qualified at Level 3 or higher this will not prevent them from receiving an Advanced Learner Loan.



### Previous Study Eligibility

- Loans will not be restricted on basis of prior attainment. Learners permitted to take out maximum of 4 Advanced Learner Loans, unrestricted by level or learning aim

### Access to HE Courses

- If a learner is loan funded and completes an Access to HE course, they are not entitled to apply for a loan for a second Access to HE course
- If a learner self funded or was grant funded for a previous Access to HE course, they can apply for a loan for a second Access to HE course
- If a learner is loan funded and withdraws before the end of the course, they can apply for a loan for a second Access to HE course
- Upon completion of the subsequent HE course, loan write off applies to the completed – and any uncompleted - Access to HE course loans



## Repayment 2016



# Repayment

## Advanced Learner Loan

- Learners will repay their loans on the same income contingent basis as HE.
- Learners won't make repayments until their future income is over a threshold of £404 a **week**, £1,750 a **month** or £21,000 a **year**
- Repayments will be automatically deducted from earnings through the tax system at 9% of earnings above £21,000. If earnings drop below £21,000 repayments will stop
- Learners are due to start repaying their loan in the April after they finish or leave their course – whichever comes first. If they finish or leave their course before April 2016, they won't start making repayments until after this date
- Learners pay through PAYE or by Self Assessment through HMRC, explained in this flowchart from the [SLC Repayment website](#)
- Outstanding balance written off 30 years after entering repayment



# Repayment IAG

# Advanced Learner Loan

WELCOME TO the Student Loans Company Repayment Site

The Student Loans Company (SLC) is a UK public sector organisation providing loans and grants to over one million students annually, across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

**Our most popular topics**

- How student loan repayment works
- How to make a repayment now
- Find out the current interest rate
- Find out about a letter you've received
- Find out how much you owe
- Update your personal details
- Lost or forgotten your loan details
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- How and when to apply
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- Parents of students
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What, how and when to repay

www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Student loans - a guide to terms and conditions

www.gov.uk/studentfinance

2016/17

In which county was your home address when you first applied for your loan?

Wales  
England  
Scotland  
Northern Ireland

How many courses have you received funding for?

1 course  
2 or more courses

When did the first year of each course start?

All of my courses started before 1 September 2012  
All of my courses started on or after 1 September 2012  
One (or more) of my courses started before 1 September 2012 and one (or more) started on or after 1 September 2012

Did you take a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan?

No  
Yes

Thank you.  
Based on your answers, you have Plan 1 loans.  
Find out more about Plan 1  
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New students can now apply for their 2016/17 student finance

Encourage your students to apply now to make sure their money is available at the start of their course.

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Student finance for 2016/17 – it's time for new students to apply

Student Finance England 2016/17 Disabled Students Allowance guidance

Students  
For up to date information visit the student zone

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Student finance made easy

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The Student Room  
www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance

YouTube  
www.youtube.com/SFEFILM

Facebook  
www.facebook.com/SFEngland

Twitter  
www.twitter.com/sf\_england

## The Application Process





- Learners can access the application via [www.gov.uk/advancedlearningloans](http://www.gov.uk/advancedlearningloans)
- Have available details from the Learning and Funding Information Letter including :
  - Qualification codes
  - Start and end dates
  - UK Provider Reference Number
  - Fee being charged
  - Valid Passport Number (if available)
  - NINO
- Apply as soon as possible – if in doubt apply and cancel
- Keep log in details safe and manage your own account online



## IAG Resources



# Practitioner Website

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## Advanced Learner Loan

Other SLC sites: [Loan Repayment](#) | [SFE Practitioners resources](#) | [HEP Services](#) | [Learning Provider Services](#)

Return to: [www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)

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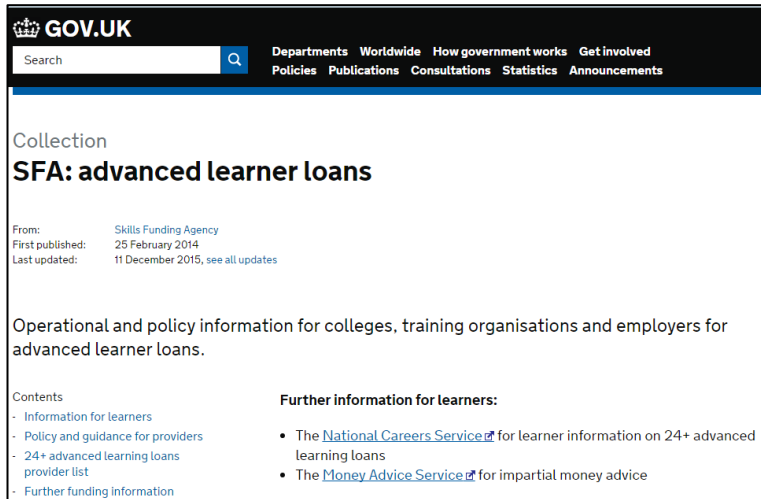
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# Other IAG Resources

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**SFA: advanced learner loans**

From: Skills Funding Agency  
First published: 25 February 2014  
Last updated: 11 December 2015, see all updates


Operational and policy information for colleges, training organisations and employers for advanced learner loans.

Contents

- Information for learners
- Policy and guidance for providers
- 24+ advanced learning loans provider list
- Further funding information

**Further information for learners:**

- The [National Careers Service](#) for learner information on 24+ advanced learning loans
- The [Money Advice Service](#) for impartial money advice



**Advanced Learner Loans**

Advanced Learner Loan

A provider toolkit for leaders, managers and learner-facing staff



**National Careers Service**  
Helping you take the next step

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**Courses and learning**

### Advanced Learner Loan

These loans help learners aged 24 or above pay the fees charged by colleges and training providers for courses at Level 3 and Level 4.

Level 3 and Level 4 courses include A levels, Access to Higher Education Diplomas and other Certificates. Visit the Advanced Learner Loans qualifications catalogue to find out if your qualification is eligible.

Getting a Loan doesn't depend on your household income and there's no credit check. You won't have to pay anything back until you're earning over £21,000 a year. Once you earn over this amount you pay back 9% of the earnings you receive above this figure.

Also available is a Advanced Learner Loan Bursary Fund which can help you if you have any support needs, for example if you need help with your learning, or help with childcare or residential costs. Your provider can give you details on how they operate their Bursary Fund.

**From August 2016**  
The eligibility criteria for loans is being expanded so they are available to everyone aged 19 and over and for study at level 3 to level 6. Applications for the expanded Advanced Learner Loan can be made from May 2016 for courses starting from 1 August 2016.



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Free and impartial money advice

## Free and impartial money advice, set up by government

- ✓ Advice and guides to help improve your finances
- ✓ Tools and calculators to help you keep track and plan ahead
- ✓ Support in person, over the phone and online

# Support and Contact Information

- General business to business queries on administrative systems and processes
  - [lpervices@slc.co.uk](mailto:lpervices@slc.co.uk)
- If you would like to inquire about a learners application status, or have a technical query contact Operations Services
  - [lp\\_operations\\_services@slc.co.uk](mailto:lp_operations_services@slc.co.uk)
  - 0300 100 0643
- If a learner is having difficulty with the application process
  - 0300 100 0619
- Learner Facing Information Advice and Guidance
  - [www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/further-education](http://www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/further-education)
- Skills Funding Agency
  - [www.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/](http://www.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/)
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