

Loans for part-time study

Tuition Fee Loan 

Disabled Students' Allowances 

How to apply 



One of the main costs part-time students will have while studying are tuition fees.

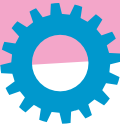
New and continuing part-time students, and students studying with the Open University (OU) on other distance learning courses, who started their course on or after 1 September 2012, can get a Tuition Fee Loan to help them pay for their course.

Tuition Fee Loan



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What's it for?	The Tuition Fee Loan covers the tuition fees charged by the university or college.						
How much can they get?	<p>Up to £6,750 depending on whether the university or college is publicly or privately funded and how much the student is being charged. It doesn't depend on the student's household income.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="450 1155 1318 1404"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Maximum Tuition Fee Loan</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Public university or college</td> <td>£6,750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Private university or college</td> <td>£4,500</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>To qualify for a Tuition Fee Loan students must be studying at a course intensity of at least 25% of the equivalent full-time course for each year of study, taking no longer than four times the time it would take to complete the course if studied full-time (up to a maximum of 16 years).</p>	Maximum Tuition Fee Loan		Public university or college	£6,750	Private university or college	£4,500
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How's it paid?	We pay the Tuition Fee Loan directly to the university or college.						
Does it have to be paid back?	Yes						

How course intensity is worked out



Course intensity is how long it takes the student to complete their part-time course compared to the equivalent full-time course.

The intensity of the course is worked out by taking the number of part-time units (such as credits, credit points or modules) they'll be studying in the academic year and dividing it by the number of units that they'd complete in one academic year if they were studying the course full-time. The result is then multiplied by 100 to give the course intensity as a percentage.

So, the formula to work this out is:

Part-time units ÷ full-time units x 100 = the intensity of the course as a percentage (%)



Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)



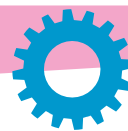
DSAs are available to students who have extra costs because of a disability, long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia. DSAs don't depend on household income. How much a student gets depends entirely on their circumstances.



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How much can they get?	<p>How much students can get doesn't depend on household income - what they can get depends on their individual needs. The table below shows the help they may be able to get.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="397 808 1469 1675"> <tr> <td data-bbox="397 808 831 987">Specialist Equipment Allowance – helps pay for any essential equipment needed.</td> <td data-bbox="831 808 1469 987">Up to £5,212 for the whole course</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="397 987 831 1290">Non-medical Helper Allowance – helps pay for support workers and other non-medical assistants the student needs to use to benefit fully from their course.</td> <td data-bbox="831 987 1469 1290">Up to £15,543 a year</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="397 1290 831 1514">General Allowance – helps pay other course-related costs the student may have as a direct result of their disability.</td> <td data-bbox="831 1290 1469 1514">Up to £1,305 a year</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="397 1514 831 1675">Travel Allowance – helps with any extra travel costs the student may have to pay.</td> <td data-bbox="831 1514 1469 1675">Reasonable spending on extra travel costs students may have to pay to attend their course because of their disability.</td> </tr> </table>		Specialist Equipment Allowance – helps pay for any essential equipment needed.	Up to £5,212 for the whole course	Non-medical Helper Allowance – helps pay for support workers and other non-medical assistants the student needs to use to benefit fully from their course.	Up to £15,543 a year	General Allowance – helps pay other course-related costs the student may have as a direct result of their disability.	Up to £1,305 a year	Travel Allowance – helps with any extra travel costs the student may have to pay.	Reasonable spending on extra travel costs students may have to pay to attend their course because of their disability.
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How's it paid?	We'll pay the money directly to the supplier of the service (or services) - for example, the university, college or equipment supplier - or into the student's bank account.									
Does it have to be paid back?	No, unless you leave your course early, in which case you may be asked to pay some back.									

Apply online



Students can apply online as soon as the application service opens at **www.gov.uk/studentfinance**

If you're a continuing student we'll send you an email to let you know it's time to re-apply.

For everything you need to know about student finance from how and when to apply to repaying, bookmark SFE's student finance zone on The Student Room at **www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance**

