

Lancashire Adult Learning Fees and Remission Policy 2015/16



Applicable to all Community Learning Courses.

Overview

Within Lancashire Adult Learning there are three main categories of Community Learning:

- **Publically Advertised Programme** – this offer is accessible to all Lancashire adults, delivered through main college sites and community venues within Lancashire. This provision generates course fees from the learners.
- **Targeted Programme** – this is delivered in partnership with a range of agencies including schools, community and voluntary organisations. The targeted programme aims to meet the learning needs of adults within specific target groups and also contributes to local strategies for improving health, well-being and stronger communities. This programme is free to the learner.
- **Full Cost Programme** – this is delivered with no public subsidy and meets the demand for specialist learning related activities which fall outside any government frameworks.

Policy

Learners aged 19 or over on the 31st August 2015, are eligible to participate in Community Learning courses. Community learning is funded through the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) Community Learning budget and the fee paid by the learner (where applicable).

The tuition / course fee is the fee charged by the learning provider for the delivery of the learning activity. This fee represents only a proportion of the full cost of the course, with the remainder being paid for with grants from central government. Fees are payable at the beginning of each course as part of the enrolment process. We charge tuition fees at a maximum of £4.75 per hour.

Learners will be expected (when required) to provide their own resources or, where available, purchase them from us. This is called the materials Fee and is payable in full by all learners.

Band	Course (Type)	2015-16 Fee £
A	Targeted* Learning Family Learning Employability Programmes English and Maths (excluding ESOL) Provision for learners with a learning disability / difficulty	£nil
B	Publically Advertised Programme	£4.75 per hour
C	Courses in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	£1.00 per hour
D	Learners ineligible for public subsidy by virtue of age, residency or other SFA criterion	£6.60 per hour

*** Target groups include:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People recovering from drug or substance misuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People suffering from mental ill health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with low / no qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with learning disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who are unemployed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners with sensory impairment of other physical disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable and older Learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People living in areas of high deprivation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpaid carers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People whose English, maths and language skills are below Level 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offenders and ex-offenders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with families 		

Fee Remission for Publicly Advertised Programme

Lancashire Adult Learning acknowledges that course fees are a significant disincentive to enrolment. With this in mind and in line with government priorities, certain courses and learner criteria will enable the learner to have a reduction in fees.

Learners who are eligible for fee remission (see below) will pay a maximum (and minimum) course fee of £15 for up to 2 courses per year, after which normal course fees shall apply. *This only applies if the course is over 3 hours in duration.* **

** Learners in households in receipt of any of the following benefits will pay a standard course fee of £15 (where applicable):

Universal Credit	Income Support	Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	Employment Support Allowance (WRAG)
Pension Credit	Working Tax Credit	Child Tax Credit	Housing Benefit
Council Tax Credit	Disability Living Allowance	Personal Independence Payment	Carer's Allowance