

APPENDIX B – Fee concessions

This may be revised to comply with ESFA funding rules when they are final

Course Type		16-18	19-23 year olds	24+ unemployed	24+ other
F	English and maths up to and including GCSE A*-C if no existing qualification in that subject within A* -C otherwise no funding	Fully funded	Fully funded	Fully funded	Fully funded
F - CA	Level 2	Fully funded	Fully funded up to Level 1 (First and full)	Fully funded	Co-funded **
F - CA	Provision to progress to Level 2	Fully funded	Fully funded	Fully funded	Co-funded**
F - NCA	First full Level 3	Fully funded	Fully funded	Loan funded	Loan funded
F - NCA	Level 3 and above (not first full)	Fully funded	Loan funded	Loan funded	Loan funded
F	Traineeship	Fully funded	Fully funded	Not applicable	Not applicable
F - CA	ESOL up to and including L2	Fully funded	Co-funded (employed) Fully Funded (unemployed)	Fully Funded	Co-funded**
F - CA	Learning aims up to and including L2 where the learner has already achieved L2 or above	Fully funded	Co-funded (employed)** Fully Funded (unemployed)	Fully Funded	Co-funded**
F - NCA	Apprenticeship	Fully Funded	Co-funded	Co-funded	Co-funded
CONCESSIONS ON TUITION FEES					
F (for co-funded learners excluding ALDD courses)	Learners receiving state benefits including UC or Disability Living Allowance or Incapacity benefit and household income excluding these	Not applicable	BAL will pay the exam fee and 60% of tuition fees up to a maximum of £450 per year whilst funds are available. In addition, support towards the cost of travel and appropriate materials up to a combined maximum of £275 and childcare of £500 may be awarded, provided the overall maximum support for any learner does not exceed £775. This is to allow us to help as many learners as possible.		

	benefits is less than £25000		
Non accredited courses of more than 6 hours(excluding ALDD courses)	Learners receiving state benefits including UC or Disability Living Allowance or Incapacity benefit and household income excluding these benefits is less than £25,000	Not applicable	BAL will give a reduction of 50% of the balance up to a maximum of £250 per year whilst funds are available (this allows a student to study a full 60 hour course at reduced fees)

CA – Concession available NCA – No concession available

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DEFINITIONS

Fully-funded learners do not pay tuition, exam or registration fees as they are fully funded by SFA

Co-funded learners are partly funded by SFA so must pay tuition, exam and registration fees although they may be entitled to a BAL concession

Unemployed for funding purposes if one or more of the following apply:

They receive JSA including those receiving National Insurance credits only

OR

They receive ESA (WRAG)

OR

They receive Universal credit, earn less than 16 times the national minimum wage per week or £330 per month and are determined by JCP as being in one of the following groups:

1. All Work Related Requirements group
2. Work Preparation Group
3. Work Focussed Interview Group

OR

The learner receives other state benefits and earns less than 16 times the national minimum wage per week or £330 per month and the learner wants to be employed and the learning is directly relevant to their employment needs and the local labour market needs.