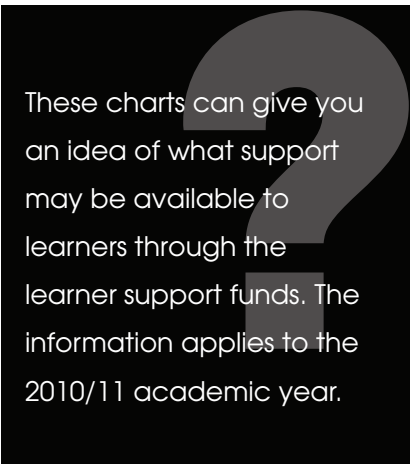


An overview of Eligibility Criteria



How to use this:

Start with **Chart A**. First find the learner's age in column 1. Column 2 will direct you to which schemes the learner is eligible for, depending on whether they have children. Then find out what types of financial support might be available in column 3.

For schemes **listed in red**, the learner's entitlement will depend on their income.

Chart B can be used to find out what income thresholds apply to each scheme and where learners should be directed for more information.



Chart A

1. Learner's age at start of course	2. Does the learner have children?	3. The learner may be eligible for:
Under 16	Yes	Care to Learn
	No	Not eligible for YPLA 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 Loans, Dance and Drama Awards , Education Maintenance Allowance , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
	No	Professional and Career Development Loans, 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 Loans, Dance and Drama Awards , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
	No	Adult Learning Grant , Professional and Career Development Loans, Dance and Drama Awards , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
20 or over	Yes	Adult Learning Grant , Professional and Career Development Loans, Dance and Drama Awards , Discretionary 20+ Childcare , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme
	No	Adult Learning Grant , Professional and Career Development Loans, Dance and Drama Awards , Discretionary Hardship , Discretionary Residential Bursary , Residential Support Scheme

Chart B

YPLA funding	May be eligible if income in previous tax year was:
Adult Learning Grant (ALG) Support of up to £30 per week if the learner is 19 or over www.direct.gov.uk/alg	£19,513 or less if the learner is single; £30,810 or less if the learner is married or living with a partner.
Care to Learn (C2L) Help with childcare and travel costs for young parents if they are under 20 at the start of their course www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn	Doesn't depend on income
Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA) Help towards tuition fees and living costs for learners 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 the learner's education provider www.direct.gov.uk/learnersupport	Varies for different learning providers
Discretionary Hardship Support with further education costs if the learner is in exceptional financial circumstances www.direct.gov.uk/learnersupport	Varies for different learning providers
Discretionary Residential Bursary Help with residential costs if the learner attends a specialist course at a participating college www.direct.gov.uk/studyingaway	Varies for different learning providers
Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Support for learners if they are 16-18 years old and about to enter or continue further education or learning www.direct.gov.uk/ema	Household income £30,810 or less
Professional and Career Development Loans Commercial bank loan to help those wishing to enhance their career prospects www.direct.gov.uk/pcdl	Doesn't depend on income
Residential Support Scheme Help with residential costs if the course the learner wishes to study is not available locally www.direct.gov.uk/studyingaway	Household income £30,810 or less