



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AGED 19+

This guidance is subject to change once we receive confirmation from the Government regarding funding for courses starting from September 2021.

Financial support is available to students aged 19+ from Discretionary Support Funds (19+ Hardship Fund, the 20+ Childcare Fund, or the Loans Bursary Fund). It is designed to support students on low income levels with some of the costs of studying at College. These funds are limited, and applying for Financial Support does not guarantee assistance. When the funds are exhausted, applications will be refused.

Applications for assistance with Childcare and Travel costs should be made online using the “19+ Application form for Financial Support for Adult Learners 2021-22”.

Please note: For courses due to start from September 2021 applications for Financial Support will be online in August. Please check our website for further details - <https://bit.ly/bcfinances>

FINANCIAL QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- Student is single – yearly income of £21,000 or less
- Student has a partner – yearly income of £25,000 or less

Help with Travel Costs

Only students aged 19+ taking Adult Skills Budget – Classroom Based (AD in the course code) courses can apply for help with their travel costs where they meet the financial criteria shown above, and

- They have to travel more than two kilometres from home to their College campus (Google Maps is used to determine the distance)
- Students aged 19+ taking a Level 3 or 4 course who could take out an Advanced Learning Loan must have applied for and **had approved** an Advanced Learning Loan to pay for their course before assistance can be paid

How much will students get and how? (providing there is a sufficiency of funds)

- Travel costs paid at a standard rate of £5 per day for students who travel solely within the Greater Manchester area.
- Students who travel from outside the Greater Manchester area, or who are disabled and cannot use public transport, may be eligible for a higher rate of assistance.
- Payments will be made to students in six instalments, the first as soon as possible after the application is approved and each subsequent payment will be made at the start of each half term.

Students must maintain at least 90% attendance to retain their funding.

Help with Childcare Costs

Students aged 20+ taking both Adult Skills Budget – Classroom Based (AD in the course code) or Community Learning (CL in the course code) courses can apply for help with their childcare costs where they meet the financial criteria shown on the previous page.

- Childcare funds can only be used for Ofsted registered Childcare, whether the College’s own facilities or an external childcare provider

- Students aged 19+ taking a Level 3 or 4 course who could take out an Advanced Learning Loan must have applied for and **had approved** an Advanced Learning Loan to pay for their course before assistance can be paid

How much will students get and how? (providing there is a sufficiency of funds)

- The College will fund 80% of **term-time** costs only.
- The College will pay childcare costs directly to the childcare provider rather than the student.

Please note: Students aged 19+ taking a Level 3 or 4 course who do not apply for, or have been refused, an Advanced Learning Loan **will not be eligible** for any Financial Support of any kind.

Important Information for 2021/22 Learners

- In response to the Coronavirus outbreak and Government guidelines on social distancing, enrolments for all Bolton courses are now completed online. Full details of how to do this will be emailed to those who have followed our Admissions process and supplied a valid email address. Information will also be provided on our College website – www.boltoncollege.ac.uk
- Funding regulations may change for 2021/22 courses and therefore the information in this handout may become out of date. Please refer to the College website for confirmed information before enrolling - <https://bit.ly/bcfinances>
- The health and safety of our learners and staff is still very important to us and so there may continue to be an element of study outside of the classroom during the 2021/22 academic year. The proportion of these hours will depend on the individual qualification(s) being undertaken. You must do the work set during these times or it will impact your progress on the course and therefore your achievement.

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Please also take a look at our handouts on:

- Covering the cost of your course
- Advanced Learning Loans
- Full Level 2 and 3 Fee Remission