

## Buckinghamshire Adult Learning – Concession Policy 2018-2019

Course Type	Fee concession (DLS)		16-18	19-23 year olds	19+ unemployed	24+ other
F	Legal entitlement NCA	English or maths GCSE/ Functional Skills or stepping stone qualification (if no existing GCSE 9-4, A*-C or equivalent qualification in that subject)	Fully funded	Fully funded	Fully funded	Fully funded
F	CA	Level 2	Fully funded	Fully funded (First and full)	Fully funded	Co-funded **
F	CA	Provision to progress to Level 2	Fully funded	Fully funded	Fully funded	Co-funded**
F	N/A	First full Level 3	Fully funded	Fully funded	Loan funded	Loan funded
F	N/A	Level 3 and above (not first full)	Fully funded	Loan funded	Loan funded	Loan funded
F	NCA	Traineeship	Fully funded	Fully funded	Fully funded up to 24 years	N/A
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 – levy Employer	Fully Funded by employer levy funds	Fully Funded by employer levy funds	Fully Funded by employer levy funds	Fully Funded by employer levy funds
F	NCA	Apprenticeship – non levy employer (more than 50 employees)***	Fully funded with 10 % employer contribution	Fully funded with 10 % employer contribution	Fully funded with 10 % employer contribution	Fully funded with 10 % employer contribution
F	NCA	Apprenticeship – non levy employer (less than 50 employees)***	Fully Funded	Fully funded with 10 % employer contribution	Fully funded with 10 % employer contribution	Fully funded with 10 % employer contribution
F	N/A	Learners receiving state benefits	Not applicable	BAL will pay the exam fee and 60% of tuition fees up to a maximum of		

		including UC or Disability Living Allowance or Incapacity benefit and household earned income is less than £20,000		£400 per year whilst funds are available. Can also apply for support for childcare and course materials up to a maximum value of £400
A	CA	Learners receiving state benefits including UC or Disability Living Allowance or Incapacity benefit and household earned income is less than £25,000	Not applicable	BAL will pay the first £75 of course fees plus give a reduction of 50% on the balance up to a maximum of £200 per year, whilst funds are available

CA – Concession available

NCA – No concession available

N/A – Not applicable

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

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

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

- In receipt of JSA including those receiving National Insurance credits only  
**OR**
- In receipt of ESA (WRAG)  
**OR**
- In receipt of Universal credit, earns 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.

The National Minimum Wage\*\*

The National Minimum Wage rate per hour depends on your age. You must be at least school leaving age to get it. The rate changes annually and the table below is provided for indicative purposes only. It is the actual minimum wage in force at the time of enrolment that will be used.

Year	25 and over	21-24	18-20	Under 18	Apprentices under 19 or in the first year of apprenticeship
2018	£7.83	£7.38	£5.90	£4.20	£3.70

Learners working up to 37 hours but earning less than £15,726.50\*\*

For the contract year 2018/19, an ESFA pilot to be able to fully fund courses is applicable to learners pursuing F courses and able to prove their income within the three months leading up to enrolment.

Apprenticeships using non-levy funding \*\*\*

From 1st April 2017 – 30th March 2020 BAL has no funding contract to deliver apprenticeships to non-levy employers. All new starts have to be from Levy employers or via 10% levy transfer through a levy DAS account.