

Advanced Learner Loan



A quick guide on how to apply

Advanced Learner Loans help you pay the fees charged by approved colleges and training organisations in England. Most learners aged 19 and over, studying an eligible Level 3, 4, 5 or 6 qualification (which includes A levels, Access to HE Diplomas, and other Vocational Qualifications) will qualify for an Advanced Learner Loan from the UK government.

This quick guide gives you some key facts about applying for an Advanced Learner Loan.

The flowchart on the back takes you through the application process step by step.

For more detailed information see: gov.uk/advancedlearnerloan

Applying is easy. Your household income isn't taken into account and there's no credit check.

- Visit gov.uk/advancedlearnerloan once the application service is open to apply online or download an application form.
- You only need to apply once at the start of your course.

Apply at gov.uk/advancedlearnerloan

How much can I get?

The amount you can get depends on your course, the fees charged by your college or training organisation and the maximum amounts set by the UK government.

- You can take out the maximum amount to cover your fee or you can pay all or part of the fee yourself. Previous study won't affect your Advanced Learner Loan application.
- You can have up to a maximum of four Advanced Learner Loans in total.
- You can apply for multiple advanced learner loans at the same time for courses of the same type and level.
- For A Levels you can apply for a loan to fund each course you take towards your A Levels - up to a maximum of 4 A Levels. This means you can have up to 8 loans at once if you're taking each A Level as 2 separate courses (AS and A Level if you start on or after 1 August 2015).

The courses must be in the same subject to qualify for a full A Level. You can get up to three more loans for non A Level courses once you have completed your A Levels.

You must complete a separate application for each loan.

How is my Advanced Learner Loan paid?

Student Finance England will pay your fees to your college or training organisation once they've confirmed your attendance on the course.

Repayment is straightforward

You'll begin making repayments once you've completed or left your course and your income is over the repayment threshold. Please visit www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan for more information.

Making the right choice

It's important you consider your own circumstances and look into all options for paying for your course before choosing to take out a loan. You can get impartial money advice from the Money Advice Service at moneyadviceservice.org.uk

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How and when to apply

START

- 1** You decide what course you want to study and the college or training organisation you want to study at.
- 2** Your college or training organisation give you a Learning and Funding Information Letter. You will need this to complete your Advanced Learner Loan application.
- 3** You register and apply online - it's quick and easy. Visit gov.uk/advancedlearnerloan and apply today.
You can also download an Advanced Learner Loan application form at gov.uk/advancedlearnerloan. Fill this in and return it to us.
- 4** Student Finance England send you a letter to let you know if your loan has been approved. This letter will have your Customer Reference Number (CRN) on it. Please quote this if you need to contact us.
- 5** You start your course.
- 6** Your college or training organisation tell Student Finance England that you've started your course.
- 7** Student Finance England pay the loan for your fees direct to your college or training organisation every month.

FINISH

Who does what:

 You

 Your college or training organisation or Student Finance England

For more information

- Visit gov.uk/advancedlearnerloan
- Visit nationalcareers.service.gov.uk
- Speak to your college or training organisation

When applying

Have the following to hand:

- your Learning and Funding Information Letter showing your course and college or training organisation's details;
- your National Insurance Number; and
- your valid UK passport details (if you have one)

Top tip

Complete and submit your application to Student Finance England as soon as possible to ensure your loan is in place for the start of your course.

Apply online - it's easy and your application will be processed quickly. You should hear from us within two weeks.

If you don't apply online, or you don't send us the evidence we ask for at the time of application, it will take longer to process your application.



Contact Advanced Learner Loans on **0300 100 0619**

Advanced Learner Loans are administered by Student Finance England (SFE), a Student Loans Company service, providing financial support to students on behalf of the UK government.