

Course Concessions and Exemptions

You may be eligible for subsidised fees if: you claim state benefits or state pension, have LLDD needs, are an asylum seeker or refugee, or enrolling onto courses to improve your Maths or English.

The differences between our courses:

Courses prefixed with an 'S', are our own courses and unsubsidised, though some may still have concession rates based on your circumstances.

Courses prefixed with an 'L' or 'P' are delivered on behalf of and subsidised by Leeds City Council, and enrolment is subject to eligibility criteria from Leeds City Council.

Courses prefixed with an 'F' are delivered on behalf of and subsidised by Leeds City College, and enrolment is subject to eligibility criteria from Leeds City College.

'L', 'P' and 'F' courses are for students aged 19 and over, and are available to all residents of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Kirklees & Calderdale) with priority given to Leeds residents especially those living in disadvantaged areas, are unemployed and/or in receipt of state benefits, those with low skills and/or no qualifications, those from disadvantaged groups or specific needs: e.g. lone parents, BAME groups and adults with LLDD needs.

Learners will be charged a fee for some of our courses, at one of three rates:

- Full Rate – Learner isn't eligible for any concessions or fee exemption.
- Reduced Rate – Learners aged at least 65 and in receipt of their State Pension but ineligible for any Low Rate fee concession.
- Low Rate – Concessions based on personal circumstances or nature of the course (More Details below)

You are eligible for Low Rate concession if you meet any of the following bullet points.

You are enrolling onto certain courses:

- Learners attending courses where the main learning aim is English, ESOL or Maths
- Learners with LLDD needs enrolling onto our LLDD-exclusive 'Supported' courses.
- Learners attending our 'Family' courses with their children and/or wards.

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You are in receipt of at least one of the following income-based state benefits:

- Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Incapacity Benefit
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit (low-income households)
- Working Tax credit
- Pension Credit (not savings credit)
- Return to Work Credit
- In Work Credit
- Job Grant, paid within two months of starting their course
- Mortgage Interest Run On
- Carers Allowance
- Other income related state benefits

At least one of the following circumstances apply to you:

- An offender serving your sentence in the community
- An Asylum Seeker in receipt of the equivalent of an income-based state benefit, or the unwaged dependent of an Asylum Seeker
- Economically inactive due to inability to claim income-based state benefits
- You work full-time and earn a gross salary less than £23,400 (based on the assumption of a 37.5hr work week with paid statutory holiday entitlement)
- You do not work full-time, or do not earn a salary, and are paid less than £12 per hour

Evidencing eligibility

If you are claiming concession when enrolling onto one of courses, you are declaring that the circumstances of your concession are truthful. You may be asked to provide appropriate evidence to our Student Support team prior to your first class to ensure either Leeds City Council or Leeds City College will subsidise your learning with us.