

Northumberland College Adult Learning Grant



Learner Information 2009/2010

The Adult Learning Grant (ALG) is a weekly payment of up to £30 per week and is intended to cover the costs of studying at college. Unlike the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA), the ALG financial assessment does not take household or parental income into account. Instead, personal income (or joint income, if the applicant lives with a co-habiting partner) will be used as the basis for assessment.

Learner does not have a co-habiting partner or has a co-habiting partner who is not in paid employment.

Income is:	Amount per week
Up to £11,810 per year	£30
£11,811 - £15,405 per year	£20
£15,406 - £19,513 per year	£10

Learner has a co-habiting partner who is in paid employment.

Joint income is:	Amount per week
Up to £20,817 per year	£30
£20,818 - £25,521 per year	£20
£25,522 - £30,810 per year	£10

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible learners must:

- be enrolled on their first full level two OR level three qualification (and be aged 19 or over)
- AND
- be studying at college for 12 or more hours per week

Learners in receipt of in work benefits such as Housing Benefit, Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit Benefit etc, will be eligible to receive ALG.

Learners in receipt of other Government funded grants/allowances or out of work benefits e.g. Jobseekers Allowance or Income Support will not be eligible for ALG.

How to Apply

Application forms are available from the Info Zone or any college reception area. You can also order an application form by contacting 0800 121 8989 or by visiting www.direct.gov.uk/alg

