

Access to HE Diploma:

Funding your course with the Advanced Learner Loan

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What is the Advanced Learner Loan?

If you are aged 19 or over and studying a QAA-recognised Access to HE course, you may be expected to pay full course fees, but in England you will be able to apply for a loan under the Government's **Advanced Learner Loans Scheme** to cover the cost of these fees.

Whether you qualify for an Advanced Learner Loan depends on your:

- age
- course
- college or training provider
- nationality or residency status

Course fees do vary so it is important to contact your provider about their charges and how they will apply to you.

Paying back the Advanced Learner Loan.

You'll have to start repaying your loan when your income is **over a certain amount** (the 'threshold' amount).

*As of 2025, the threshold amount is earnings over £27, 295 per year

Advanced Learner Loan write off.

Student Finance England will **'write off'** any outstanding Advanced Learner Loan balances you owe for an Access to HE course once you **complete a higher education course**. This means you do not have to repay it.

**To find out more about your
funding options for Access
to HE courses, contact us on:
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