

# Advanced Learner Loan Guide



## Have any Questions?

If you have any questions that haven't been answered in the guide, please come and speak to us in Student Services or send us an email:

**[studentservices@tresham.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@tresham.ac.uk)**

Alternatively, you can access the official government website for guidance on 'Advanced Learner Loans' by scanning the QR code below or visiting:

**<https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan>**



# How to Apply:

- 1 **Check** with your college/ training provider that the course qualifies
- 2 **Ask** them for a 'Learning and Funding Information Letter' - you need the details on this for the application
- 3 **Apply** online - you'll need to register first. You are also able to apply by post
- 4 You'll get a letter confirming your loan, usually within 2 weeks if you apply online

## **What you'll need to know:**

You cannot apply until you get a 'Learning and Funding Information Letter' from the college or training provider.

You can apply for a loan without a National Insurance Number but you'll need one before the loan can be paid in full.



## What You'll Get:

How much you get depends on:

- Your course fees
- The type of course you are applying for
- the maximum amount available for your course

This loan only covers your course fees, this does not cover any living costs.

- You can apply for up to 4 loans and you can get more than one at the same time

You can apply for another loan to take the same level of course.

- You can apply for a loan to fund each course you take towards A levels - up to a maximum of 4 A levels

**You do not have to borrow the full cost of your course - you can pay some of it yourself.**

## Eligibility:

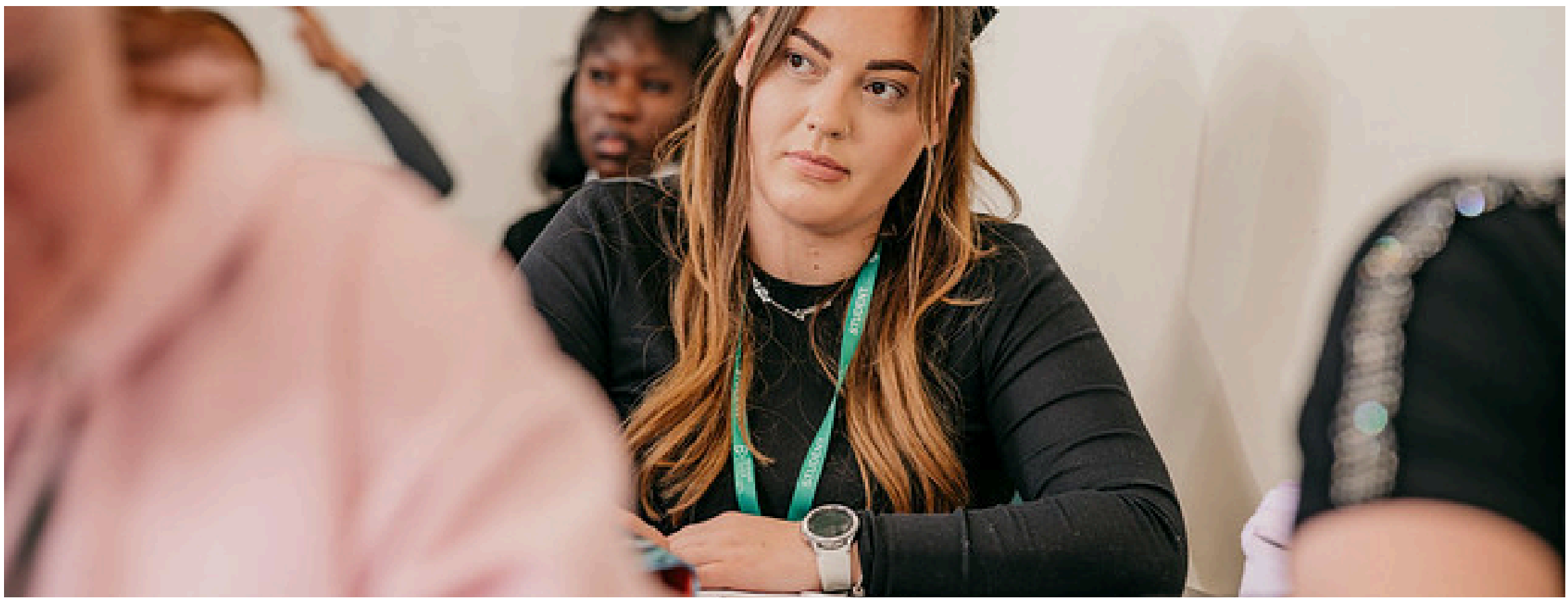
Whether you qualify depends on:

- Age
- Course you're applying for
- The college or training provider
- Your nationality/residency status

You must be 19 or older on the day you start your course and the course must be:

- A level 3,4,5 or 6 qualification
- at an approved college or training provider in England

**If you are studying a level 4/5 course, check with the provider, you may need to apply for a different loan**



### **Your Nationality and Residency Status:**

In most cases, all of the following must apply:

- You must be living in the UK on the first day of your course
- You must be a UK national or Irish citizen or have settled status
- You must have been living in the UK, overseas territories, or the Channel Islands/ Isle of Man for 3 years consecutively before the first day of your course.

You may also be eligible if you're a UK national who either;

- Returned to the UK on or after 1st January 2018 and by 31st December 2020 after living in the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.
- Was living in the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein on the 31st December 2020 and has been living in the UK, Gibraltar, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein for the past 3 years.

**There are also options available to you if you or a family member meet the relevant criteria.  
There is also different eligibility criteria depending on different residency status.**

## **Bursary Fund:**

You may apply to get money from the Loan Bursary Fund after you've received a letter approving your Advanced Learner Loan

The money can help with things like:

- accommodation if needed
- travel related to the course
- materials and equipment
- childcare
- assistance for disability or learner difficulty - once you have been assessed.

### **How to Apply:**

Apply to your college or training provider - each one has its own application process - speak to student services for any help.

### **How the Money is Paid:**

This depends on the college or training provider as they decide how the money is paid.

### **Eligibility:**

The college or training provider decides how to award the funding. Check with them for specific eligibility requirements