

## 2020/21 Further Education tuition fees for UK & EU students

You will not have to pay tuition fees if you fall into one of the categories below at the time you enrol on your course; you must also meet the necessary residency criteria and your course has to be eligible for Government funding (*PLEASE NOTE that if your course is not eligible for Government funding you will have to pay the full cost of the course*)

*(NB: Guidance generated using ESFA Funded Adult Education Budget Funding Rules Version 1 – May 2020 and the West Midlands Combined Authority Adult Education Budget Funding Rules 2019/20 – July 2019. Please be aware that the information below can change as the ESFA or WMCA issue new guidance.)*

### For students who live within the West Midlands Combined Authority

#### Level 1 & Level 2 courses

The following students will **not** have to pay tuition fees:

- Students aged 16 to 18 on 1st September 2020
- Students aged 19 to 23 on 1st September 2020, who do not already have a full level 2 qualification (e.g. 5 GCSEs at grade C and above, or grade 4 and above) and are enrolling on the following courses only:
  - C&G Level 2 Diploma in Professional Food & Beverage Services (FT)
  - VTCT Level 2 Diploma In Hair And Media Make-Up
- NB: If you are aged 19-23 and do not already have a level 2 qualification, you will have to pay for your tuition fees unless you do one of the two courses above.
- Students who are employed or self-employed and earns less than £17,750 annual gross annual salary. Proof of salary must be shown to qualify for this category. (*Proof of income must be presented at enrolment such as a wage slip, a Universal credit statement within three months of the start date of the course, or a current employment contract that states gross monthly/annual wages.*)
- Students who are unemployed. The definition of unemployed for these purposes is: Not working, looking for work in the last four weeks and available to start work. The course that you choose to undertake must be relevant to your employment prospects.

If you do not fall into one of the categories for tuition fee waivers you will have to pay the tuition fees for the course. The fees can be paid in four instalments, the first instalment must be paid when you enrol, then 3 further instalments in November, February and April.

Tuition fees can be found at this link: <https://www.ucb.ac.uk/our-courses/college-courses/fees-and-funding.aspx>

## **For students who live outside the West Midlands Combined Authority and outside of any other Devolved Area.**

### **Level 1 & Level 2 courses**

The following students will **not** have to pay tuition fees:

- Students aged 16 to 18 on 1st September 2020
- Students aged 19 to 23 on 1st September 2020, who do not already have a full level 2 qualification (e.g. 5 GCSEs at grade C and above, or grade 4 and above) and are enrolling on the following courses only:
  - C&G Level 2 Diploma in Professional Food & Beverage Services (FT)
  - VTCT Level 2 Diploma In Hair And Media Make-Up
- NB: If you are aged 19-23 and do not already have a level 2 qualification, you will have to pay for your tuition fees unless you do one of the two courses above.
- Students in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)\*
- Students in receipt of Employment Support Allowance (ESA)\*
- Students in receipt of Universal Credit\*, and their earned income from employment (disregarding benefits) is less than £338 per month (learner is sole adult in their benefit claim) or £541 a month (learner has a joint benefit claim with their partner).
- Students who receive other state benefits\* and their earned income (disregarding benefits) is less than £338 a month (learner is sole adult in the benefit claim) or £541 a month (learner has a joint benefit claim with their partner); want to be employed, or progress into more sustainable employment, and the identified learning is directly relevant to employment prospects and the local labour market needs.
- Students who are employed or self-employed and earns less than £17,004 annual gross annual salary. Proof of salary must be shown to qualify for this category. *(Proof of income must be presented at enrolment such as a wage slip, a Universal credit statement within three months of the start date of the course, or a current employment contract that states gross monthly/annual wages.)*
- Students released on temporary licence, studying outside a prison environment, and not funded by the Ministry of Justice

*\* For us to assess your entitlement, you must provide your benefit letter to FISU, either in person at enrolment, or via the online methods made available to you. It must be in your name and dated within the last three months. If you only have a letter older than three*

*months, please bring this/upload this, together with the relevant section of your most recent bank statement. This should contain visible evidence that you are still in receipt of benefit payments. We must be able to see from the statement that the bank account is in your name and that the payment details match those on your benefit letter. Once checked, we will remove these copies from our systems as we will not need to keep them.*

If you do not fall into one of the categories for tuition fee waivers you will have to pay the tuition fees for the course. The fees can be paid in four instalments, the first instalment must be paid when you enrol, then 3 further instalments in November, February and April. Tuition fees can be found at this link: <https://www.ucb.ac.uk/our-courses/college-courses/fees-and-funding.aspx>

## **For all Students:**

### **Level 3 courses**

The following students will **not** have to pay tuition fees:

- Students aged 16 to 18 on 1st September 2020
- Students aged 19 to 23 on 1st September 2020, enrolling on the following courses, who do not already have a full level 3 qualification e.g. 2 A Levels, 90 credit diploma:

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| Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Business and Finance    |
| Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Business                |
| Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Computing               |
| BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business and Finance              |
| BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business                          |
| Pearson BTEC National Certificate in Business                               |
| C&G Level 3 Diploma in Food & Beverage Service Supervision (FT)             |
| Edexcel BTEC Extended Diploma In Hospitality Year 1                         |
| Edexcel BTEC Extended Diploma In Hospitality Year 2                         |
| Access to Higher Education Diploma (Social Science and Health)              |
| VTCT Level 3 Diploma In Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair And Media Make-Up |
| VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Make-Up Artistry (VTCT Theatrical)                  |

If you do not fall into one of the categories above you will have to pay the tuition fees for the course. If you are aged 19 and over on the first day of your course you may qualify for an Advanced Learner Loan. This is a non-means tested loan available from the UK Government to pay the tuition fees of full level 3 qualifications (course exclusions apply\*\*). The loan is paid directly to UCB to cover the cost of your tuition, and does not have to be repaid until you are earning over £25,725 a year. For more information on the Advanced Learner Loan please visit [www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan).

**\*\*The following courses are not eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan:**

## CACHE Level 3 Award Health & Social Care

If you are paying your own fees you can either pay in full at enrolment, or payment can be made in 4 equal instalments: instalments are due by the end of October, January, March and May. Tuition fees can be found at this link: <https://www.ucb.ac.uk/our-courses/college-courses/fees-and-funding.aspx>