

Fee Concessions

Fee concessions (reductions) may be available depending on your circumstances for both full and part-time SFA funded qualifications. You can get further advice from the Admissions Team or Student Welfare.

If you are under 19 years old on 31st August 2017 then you will not normally be liable for fees. If you are 19 or over on that date, then there are some circumstances in which you may be entitled to have your fees waived or reduced.

Fee concessions do not apply to full-cost courses regardless of age or circumstances. These courses are indicated by the symbol **FC** on the website.

State Benefits and Low Incomes	If you are unemployed, in receipt of state benefits or have a low household income, you may be entitled to have your fees reduced.
Dependant; Asylum seeker	If one of these applies to you, the college may, at its discretion, offer a reduction in fees.
First full Level 2/3/4	If you are aged 19-23 on 31st August 2017 and studying for your first level 2 or level 3 qualification (or level 4 qualification if you have not previously obtained a full level 3 qualification), you may be entitled to free tuition.
GCSE English or Mathematics	If you are studying GCSE English and/or Mathematics and you have not already obtained a grade C or above, you may be entitled to free tuition.

Advanced Learner Loans

If you are aged 19 years or over, and enrolling on a full or part-time Level 3 or higher qualification, you may be able to apply for a loan to meet the course costs for your learning. The loans are not means tested and will not be subject to credit checks.

Loan amounts can vary from a minimum of £300 to the maximum amount of funding which would be provided for a younger student. The value of funding will be determined by the government's learning aims reference service (LARS).

Applications will be made to the Student Loans Company as part of the Student Finance England service. Log on to **www.bis.gov.uk** for the latest news.

The loan application will cover the duration of the course, which can be up to 3 years (a student can access up to four loans in total).

The repayment of the loan will only start from the April after you have completed, or withdrawn from the course, irrespective of whether you progress to further study. You need to be earning at least £21,000 per year for the monthly loan repayments to start and these will be collected through the tax system. Interest rates will be lower than anything available on the high street and linked to inflation.

An example of the monthly repayment plan is given below:

Annual salary	Monthly payment
Up to £21,000	£0
£22,000	£7
£25,000	£30
£30,000	£67
£35,000	£105
£40,000	£142

Any outstanding balance will be written off after 30 years.

Fee Information

**For students aged 19 and over
enrolling on Further Education
Funded Courses
in 2017-18**



About Fees

If you are aged 19 or over on 31 August 2017 and enrolling on a Skills Funding Agency (SFA) funded course at BCoT you need to know about the fees related to your course. The fees that apply to you will depend on a number of things and this leaflet is to help you understand what the costs could be.

Students aged 19 or over, studying a full Level 3 or 4, are not funded by the SFA and either need to **apply for an Advanced Learner Loan** to meet the course costs, pay the fees in full themselves, or ask their employer to do this, if appropriate. Loans are not available for unitised provision or Awards. Students on Job Seekers Allowance and other benefits can still apply for an Advanced Learner Loan.

Once you have read this leaflet, if you have any questions about fees please contact the Admissions Team on 01256 306679 or Student Welfare on 01256 306393.

Full time fees for 2017-18:

	Tuition	Registration
Level 2	£690	£200
Level 3	On application	
Level 4	On application	

Part time course fees

These vary depending on the level of qualification, your age and your circumstances; see the website for individual costs. Please read the section on **Fee Concessions** as you may be eligible to pay a reduced fee.