

**PART TIME 1 (PT1) PROJECT**

**CHECKLIST OF PART TIME FUNDING FOR STUDENTS ELSEWHERE IN UK IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2005/06**

**STUDENTS ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN ENGLAND**

Type of funding	Definition	Financial provision	Eligibility	Coverage /Interaction with F/T	Administration/ further information
Career Development Loan	UK wide deferred repayment bank loan for vocational training	£300-£8000	Scheme is open to anyone aged over 18 who is employed, self employed, unemployed or a student, provided they do not have reasonable or adequate access to funds to pay the course other than through a CDL	Loan covers course fees, other course costs and living expenses CDL's provided on same basis for full-time, part-time and distance learning providers	DfES administered scheme  DfES - CDL Information Line for general enquiries or application packs on 0800 585 505. Full programme details on <a href="http://www.lifelonglearning.dfes.gov.uk/cdl">www.lifelonglearning.dfes.gov.uk/cdl</a>
HE Part Time Fee Grant (2005/06)	A non repayable grant to assist with fees.	Up to £590 for 50% equivalent course; £710 for a 60% to 74% equivalent; £885 for a 75% or more equivalent.	Open to those whose income is below certain thresholds and who are studying the equivalent of at least 50% of a full-time course.	The maximum contribution a full-time student could be asked to pay in 2005/06 is £1,175, and students from lower income households will continue to receive help towards their fees.	In 2005/2006 there will be three different rates of fee grant depending on how intensive your course is.  Application form PTG1 can be obtained by calling 0800 731 9133. Copies of PTG1 are now also available to download from these two websites; either : <a href="http://www.dfes.gov.uk/studentssupport">www.dfes.gov.uk/studentssupport</a> OR <a href="http://www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk">www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk</a>

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Higher Education: Part-Time Course Grant	A non repayable grant to assist with books, travel and other course costs.	Maximum of £250	Open to those whose income is below certain thresholds and who are studying the equivalent of at least 50% of a full-time course.	The maximum contribution a full-time student could receive is £1000 again depending on the income of the family or spouse of the student.	Application forms should be returned to the Local Education Authorities  Application form PTG1 can be obtained by calling 0800 731 9133. OR by downloading a copy from either of two websites (as box above)
Higher Education: Part time Access to Learning Fund	Part time students who meet the criteria may also apply for additional help from the Access to Learning Fund	Payments are usually given as grants, and do not have to be repaid, although sometimes they can be given as short-term loans. The college will also decide whether to pay students in a lump sum or instalments.	Those on courses which are less than 50% of a full time course may be able to get help with fees and other course costs through the Access to Learning Fund.	These funds are for f/t and p/t students. Students will be assessed according to individual needs. Priority groups for help are: Students with children, especially lone parents; other mature students, especially those with existing financial commitments; students from low income families; disabled students (if disability prevents student from studying 50% of a full time course); students who have been in care;	Contact the college student services department who will be able to tell students what information they need to provide and how the application will be assessed.

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Higher Education: Part time Access to Learning Fund (cont)				students in their final year; students from Foyer or who are homeless.	
Disabled Students Allowance	Students who have a disability or specific learning difficulty and are studying at least 50% of a full-time course may be eligible for Disabled Student's Allowance (DSA)	<p>This covers the cost of specialist equipment up to a maximum of £4680 for the whole course.</p> <p>A Non medical helper's allowance may be available. This could be up to £5,920 for a part-time student studying 50% of a full-time course, or up to £7,105 for a student studying 60% of a full-time course.</p> <p>General DSA,</p>	DSAs are not dependent on income assessment and they are non repayable.	DSAs are available to both f/t and p/t students.	<p>More information can be found in the guide 'Bridging our Gap'.</p> <p>Copies can be obtained from LEAs or by calling 0800 731 9133.</p> <p>The guide can also be downloaded from the Student Support Website <a href="http://www.dfes.gov.uk/studentsupport/formsandguides/index.shtml">www.dfes.gov.uk/studentsupport/formsandguides/index.shtml</a> or from the Student Finance Direct website at <a href="http://www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk">www.studentfinancedirect.co.uk</a></p>

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Disabled Students Allowance (cont)		<p>as a percentage of the full-time rate, could be up to £1,170 a year.</p> <p>Reasonable spending on extra travel costs may be acceptable.</p>			
FE Childcare Support Fund	<p>The Fund is run by further education colleges and some other education providers. They can offer free or subsidised childcare places at their own nurseries to lone parents on benefit or low incomes.</p>		<p>Open to students with children under the age of 15 (16 if they have a disability). Refugees can also apply</p> <p>Students may need to look into the availability of childcare funds before enrolling on a course, although sometimes they cannot actually apply for funding until after they have enrolled.</p>	<p>Most FE support is available to both full time and part time students.</p>	<p>Assistance available from the student awards or welfare officers at individual colleges.</p>

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Further Education: Hardship Funds	Some colleges run their own Hardship Fund which is available to students experiencing serious financial difficulties.		Scheme is open to those in difficulty or who know they are likely to hit financial problems at some point during their course.	As above most FE support is available for F/T and P/T	Students should contact the awards or welfare officer at their college
Further Education: Grants and Bursaries	One-off payments available to students studying particular subjects		Some national and local organisations, including charities, can sometimes offer grants to students on particular courses. For example, Dance and Drama Awards are offered by 29 private dance and drama schools in England	As above most FE support is available for F/T and P/T	Students should be able to get hold of a list of trusts from their local library or colleges may be able to give details. The Educational Grants Advisory Service can also be contacted on 0207 249 6636

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Assembly Learning Grant	A non-repayable grant for Welsh students in both HE and FE	£300-£750	Applicants must be normally resident in Wales, but can study anywhere in the UK. Students must be taking an undergraduate course of study in higher education or, if 18 years old or older, following a further education course leading to a nationally recognised qualification at a publicly funded UK institution. For 2005/06 to qualify for support the income of the student or their partner (before tax and National Insurance and after certain allowances) must be less than £15,720 a year.	Existing full and part-time students, students considering such courses in further or higher education, and those returning to education after a break may apply for an ALG.	Local Education Authorities are responsible for ALG.  Contact either your Local Education Authority or Student Advisor

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Course Grant	A non repayable income assessed grant	Up to £250	Applicants must be ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, Students must be living in Northern Ireland but can be studying anywhere in the UK. Course must be a higher education course at a publicly funded UK university or college or a specifically designated course at a privately funded college. Previous study rules apply	Course lasts no longer than twice the time it would take to complete the full-time equivalent.	Application packs are available from colleges, the local Education and Library Board or Student Finance Branch, DEL telephone 02890 257746.

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Fee Grant	A non repayable income assessed fee grant.	Up to £885. If eligible students can receive up to £885 or the cost of the fees charged by the college (whichever is lower).	Applicants must be ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, Students must be living in Northern Ireland but can be studying anywhere in the UK. Course must be a higher education course at a publicly funded UK university or college or a specifically designated course at a privately funded college. Previous study rules apply	Course lasts no longer than twice the time it would take to complete the full-time equivalent.	Application packs are available from colleges, the local Education and Library Board or Student Finance Branch, DEL telephone 02890 257746.

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Type of funding	Definition	Financial provision	Eligibility	Coverage /Interaction with F/T	Administration/ further information
Support from 2006/07	In 2006/07 there will be an increase of 27% in the fee grant	A student studying at 50% of full-time equivalent course could receive up to £750 in fee grant a year. A student studying at 60% could receive up to £900 in fee grant and a student studying 75% or more could receive up to £1,125 in fee grant in 2006/07	Open to those whose income is below certain thresholds and who are studying the equivalent of at least 50% of a full-time course.	Students must be studying at least 50% of a full time course.	<p>In 2005/2006 there will be three different rates of fee grant depending on how intensive your course is.</p> <p>Application form PTG1 can be obtained by calling 0800 731 9133. Copies of PTG1 are now also available to download from this website;</p> <p><a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance">www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance</a></p>
Fee support for English students studying in Wales, Scotland or NI from 2006	From 2006/07 part-time who normally live in England who study in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland are eligible to receive help towards their fees and course	Students may receive up to £250 course grant. The fee support given to these students will be comparable with the amounts which a part time student who is		Students must be studying at least 50% of a full time course.	<p>Information available from</p> <p><a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance">www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance</a></p>

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	grant.	both living and studying in Wales, Scotland and NI receives.			
Additional Fee Support Scheme (AFSS)	From 2006/07 colleges can choose to run the Additional Fee Support Scheme (AFSS)	AFSS will provide additional fee support for new and continuing undergraduate students on low incomes where the statutory fee support is insufficient to meet the full tuition fee cost.	<p>The scheme aims to provide extra help for part-time undergraduate students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* who are on low incomes</li> <li>* who are studying at least 50% of a full-time equivalent course</li> <li>* or for whom the fee support does not cover the full-time tuition fee cost and who would otherwise be prevented from applying for or staying on the course</li> </ul>	Available to part time students only	<p>Information available from <a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance">www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance</a></p>