

Introduction to learner support funding and benefit entitlement 2009/10

The Scottish Government, in association with Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland, are offering this course FREE of charge to advisers across Scotland working with people who are considering taking up an education or training course. The course will be delivered by experienced staff from CPAG in Scotland, which is a voluntary organisation providing training, advice and information on welfare benefits and tax credits.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This half-day course will provide you with knowledge about funding for learners, and in particular learners' eligibility for benefits and tax credits. You will have the opportunity to explore the funding possibilities through case studies, and will be given reference guides and support for use in your day-to-day work.

OBJECTIVES

In the current economic climate, many people are looking to develop new skills through education and training. This course will give an overview of the learner support funding, benefits and tax credits that students are eligible for. It will help advisers recognise when these are relevant for students, and advise them appropriately.

It includes:

- an overview of learner support funding in further and higher education
- an overview of the benefits and tax credits system
- which groups of students can claim benefits, and which benefits they can claim
- whether they can get help towards their rent or mortgage
- the impact of student funding and other income on benefits
- signposting learners for help with learner support funding and benefits enquiries

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

This course is suitable for careers advisers, university staff, college staff, PACE officers, student union volunteers and staff, advisers in community organisations or in local authorities and anyone working with people who are studying or thinking of going into education or training. It is a basic level course and assumes no knowledge of benefits, tax credits, or student funding.

COURSE DATES AND LOCATIONS:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	CODE
GLASGOW	Monday 7 December 2009	9:30am - 1pm	GEIL0109
	Thursday 10 December 2009	9:30am - 1pm	GEIL0909
	Tuesday 15 December 2009	1pm - 4:30pm	GEIL0309
	Friday 15 January 2010	9:30am - 1pm	GEIL0409
	Tuesday 2 March 2010	9:30am - 1pm	GEIL0509
EDINBURGH	Monday 14 December 2009	9:30am - 1pm	GEIL0209
DUNDEE	Thursday 28 January 2010	10.30am - 2pm	GEIL0809
ABERDEEN	Wednesday 20 January 2010	10:30am - 2pm	GEIL0609
AYR	Wednesday 18 February 2010	10:30am - 2pm	GEIL1009
INVERNESS	Thursday 18 March 2010	10:30am - 2pm	GEIL0709

HOW DO I BOOK A PLACE?

This is a FREE course. To book a place contact CPAG on 0141 552 3303 or staff@cpagscotland.org.uk with the delegate's name, course code, date and location. You will then receive a confirmation letter giving details of the venue, including a map.