

## It's never too late to learn!

### East Midlands adults encouraged to get their hands on extra cash to help with learning

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It's back to school season this month and it's not just kids who are settling into their new classes - adults are gearing up for the academic year too. If you've thought about going back to college, it's not too late; there are still many courses for you to sign up to across the East Midlands until the end of September. From plumbing to nursing, an advisor will be there to help find the right course for you.

Going back into education can be a daunting prospect for anyone. The Adult Learning Grant (ALG) has been designed by the Learning and Skills Council as a helping hand for adults thinking about learning to overcome the financial barriers that may stand in their way. ALG allows adult learners up to £30 a week to help with the extra costs that learning can bring.

Karen Woodward, Director of Regional Skills in the East Midlands, said:

"There's still a chance for adults from across the East Midlands to get money to help them learn, embrace new skills and improve their job prospects. There are still some places left on college courses across the East Midlands, plus if you've over 19 and already signed up to a course you may still be able to claim the Adult Learning Grant. The Adult Learning Grant pays up to £30 per week for full time learners aged 19 and over who are studying for certain qualifications and this can really make the difference. The great thing about the grant is that its recipients can spend it on anything they wish from child care and travel to clothes and books.

"Learning can be the key to fulfilling your dreams. With the Adult Learning Grant it could be a little easier to do this. To find out if you're eligible visit the [www.direct.gov.uk/alg](http://www.direct.gov.uk/alg) or telephone 0800 100 900."

It's not too late to find out if you are eligible for an adult learning grant. Call 0800 100 900 or visit [www.learningdirect.co.uk](http://www.learningdirect.co.uk) and sign up today.

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