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Leading learning and skills

Don't leave it to chance. Talk to a Connexions Adviser or call **08000 319 707** for your free copy of Steps to Success, a guide to all your learning options.



EARN AN EXTRA £4,000 PER YEAR LATER

LEARN NOW AND GET A BETTER JOB

It's a fact. If you get five good GCSEs, an Apprenticeship or equivalent qualification, you'll get a better job in the future.

EARN MORE

If you get five good GCSEs, an Apprenticeship or equivalent qualification you will earn, on average, £4,000 a year more than someone who hasn't got those qualifications. That's £180,000 over a lifetime.

LEARN NOW AND GET PAID FOR IT

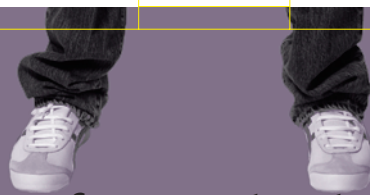
If you're 16-19 and in full-time learning you might be able to get up to £30 a week. Turn over to see how an Education Maintenance Allowance could help you.

LEARN NOW

41% of people who leave school or college without getting their qualifications eventually go back to learning.

WORRIED YOU WON'T MAKE IT?

Don't panic. Even if you don't get your qualifications first time round there are plenty of options. Talk to your Connexions Personal Adviser to find out more.



Up to £30 a week to help you stand on your own two feet

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) can make a real difference. Follow the checklist below to find out if you could get an EMA.

Age

You must be aged 16-19

Learning

You have to be enrolled on a full-time further education course at college or school, an Entry to Employment (e2e) programme or a Programme Led Apprenticeship.

Household income

Your household income must be less than £30,810 per year (this income band may change in April 2007).

Does EMA affect benefits?

No. EMA does not affect any of your family's household benefits. It is paid in addition to benefits including Income Support, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit and Severe Disablement Allowance. If you've got a part-time job it won't affect you getting EMA.

How much could you get?

You'll get a weekly payment of £10, £20 or £30 a week depending on your household income. You can get regular bonuses of up to £100 if your attendance record is good and you show commitment to your course.

How is the money paid?

It's paid straight into your bank or building society account. The account must be in your name.

For an EMA application form or to find out more, call the hotline on **0808 10 16 2 19**

Visit www.direct.gov.uk/ema or contact your local Connexions centre.

