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| <b>Name of Scheme</b>                       | <b>Adult Learning Grant (ALG)</b>  |  |                    |                                  |                       |               |     |                   |     |                   |     |              |            |  |                       |               |     |                   |     |                   |     |              |            |
| <b>What does it do?</b>                     | <p>The ALG is intended to help low income adults studying <u>full-time</u> for their first full Level 2 or first full Level 3 qualification with the costs of learning. The grant pays up to £30 per week (subject to financial assessment) during term time. It is open to adults aged 19 or over and has been designed to enable learners to combine full-time study with full-time or part-time employment where they wish to do so.</p>  |   |                    |                                  |                       |               |     |                   |     |                   |     |              |            |  |                       |               |     |                   |     |                   |     |              |            |
| <b>Who is eligible?</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learners must be at least 19 years old</li> <li>For 2010/11, their course of study must start or continue between 31/08/10 and 29/08/11</li> </ul> <p>Learners must be learning full time this means a course with an average of 12 hours' guided study per week throughout its duration; usually over an academic year;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learners must be studying for their first full Level 2 or first full Level 3 qualification</li> <li>Learners must be earning £19,513 or less (based on their income for the 2009-10 tax year) if single or £30,810 or less if they are married or live with someone as if they are married</li> <li>Learners must meet the scheme residency criteria. They must be 'settled' in ('settled' means having either indefinite leave to enter or remain or having the right of abode in the UK) and have been ordinarily resident in England for at least three years prior to the start of their learning programme</li> <li>Learners must be studying at a Skills Funding Agency funded Learning Provider in England, the funding should be provided via the learner responsive route.</li> <li>Learners who are in receipt of Income Support, Incapacity benefit or Employment and Support Allowance are not eligible for ALG</li> <li>Learners who are following an Apprenticeship or Programme Led Apprenticeship (PLA) or who are in receipt of Train to Gain are not eligible for ALG.</li> </ul> |   |                    |                                  |                       |               |     |                   |     |                   |     |              |            |  |                       |               |     |                   |     |                   |     |              |            |
| <b>What type of learning is applicable?</b> | <p>Any Skills Funding Agency funded course, in England, that leads to a first full Level 2 or Level 3 qualification that is delivered by a learning provider funded by the Skills Funding Agency.</p>  |   |                    |                                  |                       |               |     |                   |     |                   |     |              |            |  |                       |               |     |                   |     |                   |     |              |            |
| <b>How much could the learner receive?</b>  | <p>The grant pays up to £30 a week during term time only (subject to financial assessment) provided that the learner's attendance at college is satisfactory.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="450 1541 1396 1926"> <tr> <td rowspan="10" style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>2010 / 2011</b></td> <td><b>Learner's Income (Single)</b></td> <td><b>Weekly payment</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Up to £11,810</td> <td>£30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£11,811 - £15,405</td> <td>£20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£15,406 - £19,513</td> <td>£10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over £19,513</td> <td>No Payment</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Income for the Learner and their Partner (Combined)</b></td> <td><b>Weekly payment</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Up to £20,817</td> <td>£30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£20,818 - £25,521</td> <td>£20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£25,522 - £30,810</td> <td>£10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over £30,810</td> <td>No Payment</td> </tr> </table>  |   | <b>2010 / 2011</b> | <b>Learner's Income (Single)</b> | <b>Weekly payment</b> | Up to £11,810 | £30 | £11,811 - £15,405 | £20 | £15,406 - £19,513 | £10 | Over £19,513 | No Payment | <b>Income for the Learner and their Partner (Combined)</b> | <b>Weekly payment</b> | Up to £20,817 | £30 | £20,818 - £25,521 | £20 | £25,522 - £30,810 | £10 | Over £30,810 | No Payment |
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| <b>What can/can't the funding be used for?</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funding can be used at the discretion of the learner, evaluation shows that learners use the funding to pay for costs such as: childcare, travel, equipment, books, etc.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>How does the learner apply?</b>                                    | <p>There are three ways to apply for ALG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To request an application form learners should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>visit the ALG website <a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/alg">www.direct.gov.uk/alg</a></li> <li>call the Learner Support Helpline on 0800 121 8989</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applications can also be obtained from learning providers, Careers Advice or the Learner Support Helpline</li> </ul>   |
| <b>What are the effects on other sources of funding and benefits?</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Learners in receipt of ALG may also receive Care to Learn (if they are aged under 20), support from the 20+ childcare scheme, residential bursaries and adult education bursaries, a Professional and Career Development Loan, help with hardship which may be available on a discretionary basis from colleges and charitable grants.</li> <li>✓ The ALG is available to people who receive Disability Living Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Second Adult Rebate</li> <li>✗ If a learner is in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance, Incapacity Benefit, Employment and Support Allowance or Income Support they are not eligible for ALG.</li> <li>✗ Learners on Apprenticeship Programme Led Apprenticeships (PLA) or Train to Gain programmes are not eligible for ALG.</li> </ul> |
| <b>How are the funds administered?</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications for the Adult Learning Grant are assessed by the Learner Support Service (LSS)</li> <li>The grant is paid weekly, during term time, directly into the learners bank account</li> <li>The ALG is normally paid for up to 2 years but can be extended for a further year, for example, if the learner achieves their first full Level 2 qualification with ALG support and wishes to progress to their first full Level 3 qualification</li> </ul>  |
| <b>What is the aim?</b>   | <p>The key objectives of ALG are to increase participation and retention, improve attainment at Levels 2 and 3 and to encourage progression to Higher Education or skilled employment.</p>  |
| <b>What are the key achievements of the funding?</b>                  | <p>The ALG makes a real difference. Evaluation shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ALG accelerates learning – over 27% of recipients said that they would have studied part-time without an ALG rather than full-time with an ALG</li> <li>The ALG improves retention – 14% of recipients said that they probably or definitely would have dropped out of the course without the ALG. On average, 88% of ALG learners complete their course compared to an average of 76% in FE as a whole (19+ learners studying level 2 or level 3 qualifications).</li> <li>ALG encourages participation. 11% of recipients said they would probably or definitely have not have gone ahead with their course without ALG.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Further information and Contact Details</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Information for Providers and Advisors</u> <a href="http://alg.ypla.gov.uk">http://alg.ypla.gov.uk</a></li> <li><u>Information for Applicants</u> <a href="#">Adult Learning Grant : Directgov - Education and learning</a></li> </ul>  |