

ADULT AND COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICE FEES FOR 2017/2018

1. **COVERAGE:** this covers activity classified as Adult Education Budget Community Learning, funded by the Skills Funding Agency and sub-contracted to Nottinghamshire County Council Community Learning and Skills Service for delivery in Nottinghamshire County. Family Learning programmes (Wider Family Learning, Family English, Mathematics and Language) contracted to Nottinghamshire County Council Community Learning and Skills Service for delivery in Nottinghamshire County Council will be free of charge.
2. **IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** the fees will take effect from 01.08.17.
3. **TUITION FEE:** the hourly charge for Community Learning Employability and Health and Wellbeing Routes courses will be £3.00 per hour. The collection method is at the discretion of the Community Learning provider. Learners who pay tuition fees will also be charged examination fees if relevant to the course of learning. Exemptions/remissions in respect of course fees also apply to examination fees, if appropriate.
4. **ADMINISTRATION FEE:** A £5 administration fee will be charged to all learners undertaking an accredited course to contribute to the cost of examination registration, and issuing of certificates. NB learners eligible for remitted tuition fees will not be exempt from the administration charge.
5. **EXEMPTIONS:** the following provision within Community Learning will be exempt from fees:
 - **Customised Provision for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities (LLDD):** discrete provision for LLDD cohorts will be exempt from fees. Individual members of the LLDD cohort enrolling on Community Learning courses will be charged fees unless they are covered by one of the remissions detailed under section 6, below.
 - **Discrete Courses for Volunteers:** prior approval for remission is required from the Team Manager, Community Learning and Skills Service.
6. **REMISSIONS:** learners in receipt of the following benefits will be eligible for fee remission:
 - **Income based Job Seekers Allowance (not contribution based)**
 - **Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support (not Single Person's Discount)**
 - **Employment Support Allowance**
 - **Income Support**
 - **Incapacity Benefit**
 - **Working Tax Credit**

- **Pension Credit (not savings credit)**
- **Unwaged Dependents** of those in receipt of the above benefits.
- **Identified elements of Universal Credit**

All benefits claimants will be required to provide evidence of their benefit status to qualify for fee remission.

7. **DISCRETIONARY REMISSIONS:** there are some categories of learners, for example but not exclusively travellers, the homeless and hostel dwellers who, whilst not necessarily in receipt of benefits, are clearly unable to contribute to the cost of their learning. In such instances, CLASS may agree discretionary fee remission to groups of learners or individual learners without the prior consent of the SFA. Records of all such discretionary remissions will be retained.
8. **REFUNDS:** if a Community Learning course is terminated by the provider because, for example, of low numbers, learners who have paid in advance will be refunded for the sessions cancelled by the provider. Individual learners who choose to leave a Community Learning course before its completion will not be eligible for a refund. If an award bearing class is cancelled by a provider, full refunds will be provided to course participants.