

# 12. Student Funding

## Students eligible to remain on Universal Credit

(NC, SVQ, NQ, PDA, INT 1, INT2, Access, Prepare For, NPA, IMI, Step Into)

In receipt of Universal Credit and fall into a category below:

- are responsible for a child or young person;
- are under 21 when you start the course, and you are 'without parental support' (see below);
- have limited capability for work and also get disability living allowance or personal independence payment (PIP)
- are a single foster parent;
- are a member of a student couple and one of you is a foster parent;
- are over the qualifying age for pension credit and your partner has not yet reached that age;
- have a partner who is not a student, or who is a student but would be eligible for UC her/himself while studying;
- have taken time out because of illness or caring responsibilities, you have now recovered or your caring responsibilities have ended, and you are not eligible for a grant or loan

If you are in one of the above groups and have a partner who is also a student, you can make a joint claim for UC with them, even if they are not in one of these groups.

'Without parental support' for UC means you:

- are an orphan; or
- cannot live with your parents because you are estranged from them, or because there is a serious risk to your physical or mental health, or you would face significant harm if you lived with them; or
- are living away from your parents, and they cannot support you financially because they are ill or disabled, in prison or not allowed to enter Great Britain.

Note: if you are aged 16 or 17 and receiving education, you can only claim UC if you are in one of the first three bullet points – ie, you have a child, are without parental support and in non-advanced education, or are ill or disabled. If you are a 16/17-year-old care leaver and are receiving education, you can only claim if you have a child or are ill or disabled, and you cannot get help with housing costs.

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Circumstance:	Eligibility:	Documents required:	Information required:
If you fall into one of the categories which allows you to remain on Universal Credit (residency rules apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Fees Paid</li><li>✓ £28 weekly living allowance</li><li>✓ Travel Allowance</li><li>✓ Study Materials</li><li>✓ Childcare Costs (if applicable)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Birth Certificate or Valid Passport</li><li><input type="radio"/> Universal Credit Award letter</li><li><input type="radio"/> Council Tax Award Notice</li><li><input type="radio"/> Partner's P60 (if applicable)</li><li><input type="radio"/> Child/children's birth certificates</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="radio"/> Personal Details</li><li><input type="radio"/> Education</li><li><input type="radio"/> Bank Details</li><li><input type="radio"/> Travel Details</li><li><input type="radio"/> Household Income Figures</li></ul>

- Ayrshire College operates an online bursary funding application
- You will be invited to apply by text/email once interviewed and offered a place on a course
- Documents requested can be uploaded into your account or handed into the funding office where you intend to study

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