

The Corporation of New College Durham

Fees Policy for 2010/11

1. Young Persons Learning Agency (YPLA) / LA and Skills Funding Agency (SFA) Funded Courses

Following the Machinery of Government (MoG) changes the YPLA/LA is responsible for the funding for 16 to 18 year olds and the SFA is responsible for adult and employer led funding with effect from 2010/11.

This proposed fees policy applies to full-time and part-time adult students who have the ability to pay fees or who have their fees paid for by their employer.

Adults doing a first full level 2 course or an adult under 25 doing a first full level 3 course will not have to pay a tuition fee as these courses are fully funded by the YPLA.

In addition the College will look to provide financial support on a case by case basis to those adults who can demonstrate hardship. Systems and processes have already been established to identify these students.

Fee Remission

The following students will be entitled to fee remission:-

YPLA and SFA Fee Remission

- All 16 to 18 year old students on full or part time courses
- All 19+ students who enrol on their first full level 2 course
- All 19 to 24 students who enrol on their first full level 3 course
- All 19+ students who qualify under the access arrangements

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All part-time 19+ students who enrol on GCSE Maths or GCSE English

SFA Funded Courses

Full-Time SFA Fee Levels

Full-Time fees for all SFA Funded Courses will be £350. Students already enrolled at the College in 2009/10 and moving into their second year with the College will pay £263.

Part-Time SFA Fee Levels

Part-Time fees for all SFA Funded Courses will be based on the SFA assumed fee element for each course. The tuition fee levels for 2010/11 will be based on the 2009/10 fee plus 5%.

The tuition fees for any new part-time courses offered in 2010/11 will be based on at least 50% of the SFA assumed fee element or higher if the market will allow.

Apprentices are not charged a tuition fee. This applies to all apprenticeship provision regardless of age.

2. HEFCE Funded Courses

Full-Time HEFCE Fee Levels

The maximum fee for 2010/11 will be increased to £2,965.

Part-Time HEFCE Fee Levels

The following policy applies to all Part-Time HEFCE Funded Courses:

The College will publish a single fee for each course which will include registration and awarding body fees and other costs such as residential weekends,

The tuition fee levels for 2010/11 will be based on the 2009/10 fee plus 5%.

The full cost of any awarding body fee incurred by the College will be charged to the student as part of the single published fee.

3. Full Cost Courses

In setting fees for full cost courses, full cost course proposal forms will be completed so as to identify all costs and contribution expected. Each course approval form will be reviewed by the Director of Finance and Managed Services and the Deputy Principal and Chief Executive prior to course approval. A contribution of 30% is expected from full cost courses although each course proposal will be assessed taking into account non-financial as well as financial factors.

The following policy applies to all Full Cost Courses:

The College will publish a single fee for each course and where necessary, identify the minimum number of students required in order for the course to run,

The full cost of any awarding body fee incurred by the College will be charged to the student or employer as part of the single published fee.

4. Non-European Union Tuition Fee Rates

There are three full-time rates applicable as follows:

FE students = £5,575

HE students (General) = £6,500

HE students (Podiatry) = £8,305

Part time fees will be calculated as a proportion of the full time fees based on guided learning hours.

The following policy applies to all Non-EU fees:

The College will publish a single fee for each course,

The full cost of any awarding body fee incurred by the College will be charged to the student as part of the single published fee,

The College will publish clearly and widely its fee charging and refund policy.