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The two main costs part-time students will have while studying are tuition fees and living costs. Part-time students who started their course before 1 September 2012 can get grants to help with both.

Tuition fees



Fee Grant									
What's it for?	The Fee Grant helps towards the cost of tuition fees charged by the university or college.								
How much can they get?	<p>Up to £1,321 depending on the course intensity and the cost of the course fees. It will also depend on the student's household income. If their household income is £25,424 or over they won't get any Fee Grant.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Course intensity</th> <th>Maximum Fee Grant</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>50% to 59% of the equivalent full-time course.</td> <td>Up to £879 or the cost of the fees charged by the university or college, whichever is lower.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60% to 74% of the equivalent full-time course.</td> <td>Up to £1,054 or the cost of the fees charged by the university or college, whichever is lower.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>75% or more of the equivalent full-time course.</td> <td>Up to £1,321 or the cost of the fees charged by the university or college, whichever is lower.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Course intensity	Maximum Fee Grant	50% to 59% of the equivalent full-time course.	Up to £879 or the cost of the fees charged by the university or college, whichever is lower.	60% to 74% of the equivalent full-time course.	Up to £1,054 or the cost of the fees charged by the university or college, whichever is lower.	75% or more of the equivalent full-time course.	Up to £1,321 or the cost of the fees charged by the university or college, whichever is lower.
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How's it paid?	We'll pay the Fee Grant directly to the university or college.								
Does it have to be paid back?	No.								

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How course intensity is worked out



Course intensity is how long it takes the student to complete their part-time course compared to the equivalent full-time course.

Course intensity is worked out by taking the number of part-time units (such as credits, credit points or modules) that they'll be studying in the academic year and dividing it by the number of units that they'd complete in one academic year if they were studying the course full time. The result is then multiplied by 100 to give the course intensity as a percentage.



For example:

$60 \text{ part-time units} \div 120 \text{ full-time units} \times 100 = 50\% \text{ intensity}$

The course intensity can be different from one year to another. A student can study an intensity of below 50% and receive a Fee Grant at the 50% rate as long as they still complete the course in no longer than twice the time it would take to get the same qualification if they studied full time. For example, if the full-time course is four years, they must complete the part-time course in no more than eight years.

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Living costs



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What's it for?	The Course Grant can help with the cost of books, travel and other course-related expenses.										
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How's it paid?	We pay the Course Grant directly into the student's bank account in one lump sum.										
Does it have to be paid back?	No.										

Disabled Students' Allowances



Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)									
What's it for?	DSAs can help pay the extra costs a student may have in relation to their course as a direct result of a disability, including a long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty.								
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How's it paid?	We'll pay the money directly to the supplier of the service (or services) - for example, the university, college or equipment supplier - or into the student's bank account.								
Does it have to be paid back?	No, unless they leave their course early, in which case you may be asked to pay some back.								

For more information, read the 'Extra help - Disabled Students' Allowances' factsheet.

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Continuing students re-applying for student finance.

Continuing students will receive an email from us containing a link to the 'Grant application form for continuing part-time students (PTGC)'. They can also download it from www.gov.uk/studentfinance



Continuing students applying for student finance for the first time.

If the student is already on their course and hasn't applied for student finance before, they can download the 'Grant application form for part-time students (PTGN)' at www.gov.uk/studentfinance

They should take their completed application form to their university or college to have it stamped then return it to us.

We'll process the application form and send the student a Student Finance Entitlement letter telling them what they can get.

We'll pay their Fee Grant directly to the university or college and any Course Grant directly into the student's bank account.

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