

Higher Education



For people who already have qualifications or can demonstrate skills at Level 3 (approximately equivalent to A-level) or above.



Higher education is a term used to describe learning linked to gaining qualifications on the Framework for Higher Qualifications. Degrees, diplomas and certificates are granted by individual universities at Levels 4 to 8. Foundation degrees or access courses (often delivered in partnerships between colleges and universities) offer individuals without formal qualifications the chance to study at Level 3 before enrolling in higher education. Students with disabilities (including mental health problems) can receive direct funding via a Disabled Students' Allowance. This supports extra costs incurred as a direct result of a mental health condition; it is not means tested and does not have to be repaid.



Next Step for careers advice <https://nextstep.direct.gov.uk> 0800-100 900, 8am-10pm, 7 days. Universities and Colleges Admission Service (UCAS) for information about who offers courses, <http://ucas.ac.uk>



- How and when an individual needs to make an application depends on the type and level of course. For most full-time undergraduate courses applicants apply online through the UCAS website at <http://ucas.ac.uk>
- Individuals can work out whether they are eligible for student bursaries and find information about repaying student loans on the Direct Gov website: <http://direct.gov.uk> > enter student finance in the search box.

