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Higher-education courses at private universities or colleges may be eligible for student finance. If they are, students attending these courses can apply for student finance in the same way as any other student but there are a few differences.

This factsheet sets out the key differences and important points.



## Eligibility

Students should check with their university or college to see if their course is eligible for financial support. The student must be studying a 'specifically designated' higher-education course. That means a course which has been approved for government funding.

A list of universities and colleges with 'specifically designated' courses can be found at [www.hefce.ac.uk/whatwedo/reg/desig/search](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/whatwedo/reg/desig/search)

If a course at a private university or college is not 'specifically designated' the student won't be eligible for student finance.



## What students can get

The maximum loan students can get for tuition fees at a privately-funded university or college is £6,000 per year. Some courses at privately-funded universities and colleges may cost more than this. It's up to the student to pay any difference between the course tuition fees and the amount of Tuition Fee Loan they get.

Students studying an eligible course at a privately-funded university or college can get the same support for living costs as any other student. Students with a disability, long-term health condition, mental-health condition or specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia or dyspraxia, can also get extra help through Disabled Students' Allowances. There is also additional support for students who have children or adults who are financially dependent on them.





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Before they register on a course, students need to first follow three easy steps:

- 1 Check whether they're eligible for support
- 2 Check how much student finance they could get (if any), and;
- 3 Work out if they're going to need to find additional funds.



For more information on student finance visit [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)