



# Money matters

## Nottingham Trent University Assistance with Childcare Costs FE Bursary Fund 2021/22

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### What assistance is available for Childcare Costs?

The University has a limited sum of money from the Education and Skills Funding Agency to allocate to Students who need financial assistance with specific costs associated with attending the course. Nottingham Trent University has been allocated some money to assist students over the age of 20 in meeting certain Ofsted registered childcare costs. As funds are limited applications are means tested and awards will be paid to those in greatest financial need.

### Am I eligible for any assistance with Childcare Costs?

- You must be fully enrolled and attending on either a FULL-TIME or PART-TIME (in attendance for at least 50% of a full-time equivalent course) further education course at Nottingham Trent University (450 guided learning hours); *and*
- You must be aged 20 or over on 31 August 2021; *and*
- You must be classed as a 'home' student (see below); *and*
- Your gross household income (before tax is deducted) must be below £30,000 per year; *and*
- You must be paying for childcare and your childcare provider must be Ofsted registered.

### Will I be classed as a home student?

You must be ordinarily resident in England or Wales; *and*

- You must have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the last 3 years; *and*
- You must be settled in the UK (i.e. without being subject to any restriction on the period for which you may stay.)

If this does not apply to you, you may still be eligible to apply as there are other categories of students who meet the criteria, including if you have refugee status, if you or your parents/spouse are EEA or SWISS Migrant workers, or if you are the child or spouse of a member of the armed forces. If you have any questions about this matter, please seek advice from the Student Financial Support Service (Tel 0115 848 2494.)



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## When do I apply?

The Application process for 2021/22 is online and will open on **30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

We would strongly recommend that you apply as soon as possible, as funds are limited, and the allocation of funds will be confirmed for eligible applicants from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021 onwards. Where funds are still available, applications can still be considered after this date, however, please be aware assessment timescales and awards may vary due to the demands on the fund.

For completed applications including all required supporting documents submitted by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, applicants should expect to hear a response by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

Please contact the Financial Support Team on 0115 848 2494 or [email us](#) for further details on how to apply.

## How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be means-tested against your household income and if successful in receiving assistance with your childcare costs, the amount you receive will depend on your individual circumstances. Please note, due to the limited nature of the FE Bursary funds, any support awarded can only be a contribution towards your registered childcare costs whilst attending the course.

## What if I do not yet know how much my childcare costs will be?

The amount you pay towards childcare will directly affect any bursary entitlement, therefore you should try and get an estimate of your childcare costs before submitting an application to the fund.

## What happens next?

Once you have submitted your application form and all required supporting documents, your form will then be assessed against strict criteria and you will be notified of the outcome of your application by email.

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## Is there any other help available?

Yes, you can apply to the FE Bursary Fund and may be eligible for assistance with study related expenditure such as course and travel costs (if applicable). The application process for 2021/22 is online and will be available from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**. Please contact the Financial Support Team on 0115 848 2494 or [email us](mailto:hardshipfunds@ntu.ac.uk) for further details on how to apply.

## Further Information

If you have any further queries, please contact the Student Financial Support Service. Tel: 0115 848 2494, email: [hardshipfunds@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:hardshipfunds@ntu.ac.uk)