

How your Modular Acceleration Programme study affects your Lifelong Learning Entitlement

Thank you for taking part in a Modular Acceleration Programme (MAP) module. We are writing to you to explain how that study will interact with student finance available through the Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE)

We have received feedback through the evaluation of the programme that not all participants understood the impact that funding would have on student finance in the future. To address this, we have produced this document to explain how that study affects your Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE).

We have asked your college to pass this on to you. This is just for information, and you do not need to do anything in response.

What is the Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE)?

The Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE) is the new system for undergraduate student finance in England. It will help you get the skills and qualifications you need, when you need them. If you're beginning a course or modules from 1 January 2027, and your home is in England, you'll most likely apply for student finance through the LLE.

You could apply for:

- a tuition fee loan, with new learners able to access up to the full entitlement of £39,160 – equal to 4 years of study based on the maximum tuition fee for academic year 2026 to 2027
- maintenance support if you’re studying in-person to help with living costs (such as a Maintenance Loan)

What you need to know

The Modular Acceleration Programme gave learners like you the opportunity to study individual modules from higher technical qualifications in the 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 academic years.

The Department for Education paid the tuition fees for eligible MAP modules through a grant, meaning you did not need access student finance for the cost of your module nor pay for this yourself. To reflect the tuition fee funding you already received, we will make a one-off adjustment to your **LLE Tuition Fee Loan entitlement**.

What does this mean?

We will reduce your LLE tuition fee loan entitlement by £2,447.50. This amount is based on the highest current tuition fee for 30 credits of study in the 2026/27 academic year.

If you apply for student finance through the LLE, you will notice that this reduction has been made in your personal account.

We will only make one deduction, regardless of how many MAP modules you completed. This means you will not lose additional entitlement if you studied more than one MAP module.

Example 1: You completed multiple MAP modules and have no previous higher education study.

When you apply for the LLE, we'll make one deduction of £2.447.50 from your LLE tuition fee loan entitlement for your MAP modules.

You will have £36,712.50 of tuition fee loan entitlement remaining available for future study (£39,160 - £2,447.50 = £36,712.50).

Example 2: You completed multiple MAP modules and had previously studied a 6-year part-time degree.

When you apply for the LLE, we'll make one deduction of £2.447.50 from your LLE tuition fee loan entitlement for your MAP modules. We will also deduct £29,370 which is 6 years' worth of funding for your part-time degree (6 x £4,895).

This is a total deduction of £31,817.50. You'll have £7,342.50 of tuition fee loan entitlement remaining available for future study (£39,160 - £2,447.50 - £31,817.50 = £7,342.50).

More information:

- **Residual entitlement guidance** - How much LLE you could get
- **How to apply guidance** - Student finance: how to apply for courses starting in 2027
- **Student finance calculator** - Check how much student finance you could get
- **LLE policy page:** Lifelong learning entitlement: what it is and how it will work - GOV.UK

Q&A:

Do I now owe money or have an outstanding student loan?

No, the tuition fees for your Modular Acceleration Programme module were paid for by a grant from the Department for Education. You do not have an outstanding student loan balance as a result of your participation in the programme.

You may have an outstanding balance from a separate student loan you took out. This is separate to the grant for the Modular Acceleration Programme. It is also separate and different from the LLE Tuition Fee entitlement.

Where can I see my Lifelong Learning Entitlement balance?

When the LLE launches in late October, learners can make an account with the Student Loans Company, and their MAP module reduction will be reflected Student finance: how to apply for courses starting in 2027: How to apply - GOV.UK.

How can I work out my student loan entitlement?

Learners can use this calculator to estimate the amount they could get each year in Tuition Fee Loans to help pay your course tuition fees, Maintenance Loans to help with your living costs and extra funding, for example if you're on a low income, are disabled, have children or are studying a certain course: Check how much student finance you could get - GOV.UK

What shall I do if I have further questions on my MAP module(s)?

Learners should get in touch with the provider they completed MAP modules with if they have any specific questions on the modules. If learners have questions on their application, they should get in touch with Student Finance England or the Student Loans Company.