



## Lifelong Learning Entitlement (LLE):

# HOW YOUR LLE IS WORKED OUT

If you're beginning a higher education course or module from January 2027, find out how your **Tuition Fee** entitlement is worked out if you have previously studied **and** your home is in England.

### If you **have not** studied a higher education course\* before

You'll usually be entitled to the full Tuition Fee Loan, which is equivalent to 4 years of the tuition fee limit for full-time courses. How much of your loan you actually use depends on how much your course or module costs, which can vary.



For example, if Charlie uses **£2,500** of her **£39,160\*** entitlement for one module, she'll have **£36,660** left.

### If you **have** studied a higher education course before

The full Tuition Fee Loan will have some deductions, based on:

-  **where** you studied
-  **when** you studied
-  **the type of course** you studied
-  **how** it was funded



\*You might still be able to get extra loan funding for some priority courses, if you have no entitlement remaining.

### If you started a course **before 1 September 2012**

Normally, an amount equal to today's full yearly tuition fee is taken off your entitlement for each year you previously studied. If you paid your own tuition fees instead of borrowing, a lower amount may be taken off for those years.

For example, Yan studied a 3-year degree starting in 2006, paying £3,000 per year (£9,000 in total). After adjusting this prior study for tuition fee changes, £29,370 (3 × £9,790) is deducted from Yan's £39,160 lifelong learning entitlement, leaving £9,790 for further study.

### If you started a course **on or after 1 September 2012**

Deductions are made based on the **actual amount of Tuition Fee Loan** you borrowed but will also be **uplifted to account for changes in fee rates**.

For example, Daniel studied for a four-year degree starting 2020, which included a one-year work placement. After adjusting for tuition fee changes, £1,955 is deducted for the placement year and £29,370 for the remaining three years (3 × £9,790). This reduces his £39,160 entitlement to £7,835 for further study.

\*A higher education course includes any type of study that has been supported by the UK Government or one of the devolved governments. This covers courses at Levels 4 to 6, as well as some Level 7 courses, such as Postgraduate Certificates in Education (PGCEs). The examples are illustrative, and the figures used in this infographic are based on 2026/2027 fee rates. These may change in future years.

