



Becoming an ILA Scotland learning provider

What is ILA Scotland?

ILA Scotland is a grant to increase participation in adult learning. It is an individual learning account and the amount of funding available depends on a person's circumstances.

There are two levels of funding available and the amount an individual receives depends on their personal circumstances.

ILA Scotland £200

This is for anyone who earns £18,000 or less, or who is on benefits. Up to £200 is available towards a wide range of approved courses.

ILA Scotland £100

This is for anyone who earns more than £18,000. Up to £100 is available to help pay for courses that lead to a recognised certificate or qualification (courses up to SCQF level 6 or equivalent).

Anyone resident in Scotland and aged 18 or over can apply for an account.

Can anyone become an ILA Scotland learning provider?

No, only providers who have held one of the following quality standards for at least 6 months can apply to become a registered provider:

- Scottish Funding Council recognition of good standing regarding Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) for Higher Education and/or recognition of good standing regarding the requirements of HM Inspectorate of Education (HMIE);
- Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) initial approval as an SQA-approved centre;
- Approved learndirect scotland branded learning centre.

If an organisation has one of the quality standards, how do they apply?

A copy of the application pack can be downloaded from the provider zone of the ILA Scotland website at www.ilascotland.org.uk/provider

The pack contains two legally binding documents which an organisation must complete and return to ILA Scotland along with all relevant supporting documentation for processing.

Are all courses eligible for ILA Scotland funding?

No, courses must meet the criteria set out in the Definition of Eligible Learning. Courses that are excluded are listed in this document. You can find a copy of the Definition of Eligible Learning on the website at www.ilascotland.org.uk

Why should an organisation become an ILA Scotland provider?

ILA Scotland has been very successful in encouraging people back into learning.

Every month thousands of people call our helpline and visit the website to look for courses or information about learning. And every week, hundreds of courses are booked by learners across Scotland, so if an organisation is not an ILA Scotland provider then they could be missing out on the opportunity to have learners use their ILA Scotland funding on their courses.

How can an organisation find out more?

The ILA Scotland website has a wealth of information for learning providers including an exhaustive Questions and Answers section. If the information required cannot be found then it is possible to call the learning provider helpline on 0141 285 6104.