



The Assembly Learning Grant (Further Education)

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Consultation

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- Audience** Local Authorities; Further Education Institutions; Higher Education Institutions; National Union of Students; Student Loans Company; other interested parties.
- Overview** This consultation seeks views on the draft Assembly Learning Grant (Further Education) Regulations 2009.
- Action required** Any comments which consultees might have on this document should be sent to the Welsh Assembly Government by Tuesday 9 June 2009. Comments can be made in writing to the address below. Comments can also be made by e-mail to studentfinancedivision@wales.gsi.gov.uk.
- Further information** Further information about this consultation can be obtained by e-mailing: studentfinancedivision@wales.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to:
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- Additional copies** This consultation document is available on the internet and can be copied from: <http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills>
- Related documents** The Assembly Learning Grant (Further Education) Regulations 2008 consultation document can be viewed at:
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/closed>
- The Assembly Learning Grant (Further Education) Regulations 2008 are available at: <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation>

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Summary

The Welsh Ministers are required to enact the appropriate secondary legislation on the form of the Assembly Learning Grant (Further Education) Regulations 2009 for each academic year.

This scheme aims to provide guaranteed financial support for eligible students in further education.

Enclosed is a schedule setting out the policy changes and technical amendments to the existing legislation which are proposed for the 2008/09 academic year.

Actual draft regulations have not been enclosed and changes to the existing Regulations have been kept to an absolute minimum.

Consultation Period

The consultation period ends on 9 June 2009. Responses to be sent to:

Further Education Branch
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Or by email to: studentfinancedivision@wales.gsi.gov.uk

It should be noted that the responses to the consultation will be made public. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the author are published along with the response. If you do not wish to be identified as the author of your response please state this in your response.

THE ASSEMBLY LEARNING GRANT (FURTHER EDUCATION) REGULATIONS 2009: CHANGES

Background

1. The Assembly is required to enact appropriate secondary legislation in the form of the Assembly learning Grant (Further education) Regulations for each academic year.
2. The draft The Assembly Learning Grant (Further Education) Regulations 2009 provide support for students ordinarily resident in Wales taking designated further education courses in academic year 2009/10.

Student Support Changes for 2009/10

3. The Assembly Learning Grant Further Education Scheme was first introduced in September 2002 with the aim of providing guaranteed financial support for the least well off eligible students in further education. The support is a means tested grant and is available to eligible students wherever they study in the United Kingdom.
4. The regulations mirror the scheme in 2008/09. There are no principle policy changes to the scheme apart from technical changes included within the roll-over and enhancements relating to systems used to administer the scheme. This also includes the annual up-rating of the income thresholds increasing in line with the retail price index (RPI), the effect of the 2.6% up-rating is reflected in the table below. No other changes are proposed.

		Household income		
Cumulative contact hours		£0 - £5,895	£5,896 - £11,790	£11,791 - £17,700
275-499	Part time	£750	£450	£300
500+	Full time	£1,500	£750	£450

