

Frequent Asked Questions

Why choose distance learning?

- Distance learning online is a great way to return to education.
- A wide range of courses
- More choice and flexibility
- Anywhere at anytime
- Develop your skills
- On-going support
- Improved career prospects

I've never done a distance learning course before. What is involved?

Once you initially apply you will be contacted by a member of our enrolments department, who will confirm your details and discuss the course outline and any questions you may have. You will then be sent your log in details, log in portal link and your target dates via email.

How much time do I need to commit to completing the course?

As most of our courses are Level 2 (the equivalent of a GCSE) we advise you to commit a minimum of 4 hours a week to be able to manage the deadlines comfortably and fulfil the learning requirements.

Do I get deadline dates for the assessments to be completed?

Yes. The nature of distance learning means that you learn independently without the support of classroom tutorials and by giving you deadlines it helps you to keep focused and engaged.

Are your courses recognised by employers?

All our courses are accredited by UK government-recognised awarding bodies. These include NCFE CACHE, with whom we work closely to ensure our existing courses, and all new ones, meet approved standards of excellence and are certified as such. NCFE CACHE is a national awarding organisation which designs, develops and certifies nationally recognised qualifications and awards.

Am I eligible for a free course with The Lincoln College Group?

The courses we offer are funded by the Government's Skills Funding Agency (SFA). The SFA will fund your study places if you are:

- aged 19 or over
- a resident of England
- a UK or EU resident of three years or longer or able to provide proof that you have settled status in the UK if you are not a UK or EU national.
- Your employment status or prior level of qualification may affect your eligibility to study with some colleges. In these cases you will need to provide evidence of education level and/or benefits.

Do I have to attend a college?

No. All of our courses are distance learning.

Do I have to sit an exam?

No. You will work through a series of assessments on all courses. Will I be charged if I withdraw from my course? We accept that sometimes there are exceptional circumstances where it simply isn't possible for you to complete your course. We will work with you to find an appropriate solution. However, if you are studying on a free course and choose to withdraw you may have to pay a fee to cover administration costs of £85

What support will I receive during my studies?

You will receive support from a dedicated online tutor and progress coach throughout your studies.

When is the start date?

You can apply at any time throughout the year and approximately a week after your enrolment you will be able to start your course.

How long is the course?

Course duration varies course by course dependent on units, ranging from 5 weeks to 22 weeks.

What if I can't answer a question?

Please get in touch with us. You will be assigned a progress coach and a tutor throughout your course that you can contact by email who can talk you through what is required. Please email onlinelearning@lincolncollege.ac.uk.