

## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Statens Uddannelsesstøtte (SU)
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	State educational support - grant and loan scheme
<b>Scheme ID</b>	64
<b>Country</b>	 Denmark
<b>Reporting year</b>	2020
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Grant for individuals
<b>Sub-type of instrument</b>	Lump-sum support
<b>Type of entry</b>	Single instrument

<b>Short description</b>	<p>People aged 18 and above, with Danish citizenship (or equivalent), are eligible for this scheme. They are entitled to a State grant combined with a loan (grant 2/3, loan 1/3 of total support) to cover the costs of their education and training. Every student enrolled in a higher education course is entitled to a number of monthly grants corresponding to the prescribed duration of the chosen study, plus 12 months. Within a maximum of 70 months, students can change from one course to another. If the student has used all her/his study grant portions, he/she can get a completion loan in the last year of studies. Eligible activities are general and vocational secondary education and training, and higher education. The amounts of support depend on the level of the programme the learner is enrolled in. Students must start paying back State loans no later than 1 year after the end of the year in which they graduate or give up their studies. The loan must be repaid within 15 years. No preferential treatment is applied. The system is managed by the Danish Agency for Higher Education.</p>
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<b>Level of operation</b>	National
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the sector (for</b>	Not applicable

<b>sectoral instruments)</b>	
<b>Relevance</b>	Key instrument
<b>Legal basis</b>	Lov om Statens Uddannelsesstøtte ("Act on State Educational Support")
<b>Objective(s) and target(s)</b>	To help students cover their living costs and provide a good framework for learning.
<b>Year of implementation</b>	1952
<b>Operation/management</b>	The system is managed by the Danish Agency for Higher Education (Styrelsen for Videregående Uddannelser) in collaboration with the educational institutions and under the auspices of the Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education. The agency prepares amendments of the scheme, registers applications, pays out grants and loans, offers guidance and information to the educational institutions, deals with complaints and appeals (which are decided by a Board of Appeal) and draws up budgets.
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	All residents but non Danish citizens or non EU/EEA-citizens, people without permanent residence permit or without refugee status
<b>Group(s) with preferential treatment</b>	No preferential treatment
<b>Education and training eligible</b>	General and vocational upper secondary programmes, and higher education
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	State funded
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	In combination with grants, students are offered State loans (grants 2/3, loans 1/3 of total support). Students must start paying back State loans no later than 1 year after the end of the year in which they graduate or give up their studies. The loan must be repaid within 15 years. Every student enrolled in a higher education course is entitled to a number of monthly grants corresponding to the prescribed duration of the chosen study, plus 12 months. Within a maximum of 70 months students can change from one course to another. If the student has used all her/his study grant portions, he/she can get a completion loan in the last year of studies. Amounts (2015): For students above 20 years old, living on their own: grant DKK 5 903 before taxes; loan DKK 3 020 per month (no taxes apply); DKK 7 791 in completion loan (no taxes apply); DKK 1 511 in supplementary loan for parents (no taxes apply). Until students are 20, their grants depend upon their parents' income. When that exceeds a certain amount the grants are reduced on a sliding scale, ending in a minimum grant. Allocation: schools and universities receive applications for grant and loan through an online portal from the students, check them and pass them on to Danish Agency for Higher Education. The funds (grant and loan) are transferred directly to the students own bank account on a monthly basis.

<b>Eligible costs</b>	Lump sum for covering the living costs during studies
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	2019: DKK 20 802 300 000 (approx. EUR 2 784 220 036)2018: DKK 20 807 500 000 (approx. EUR 2 788 386 803)2017: DKK 20 590 300 000 (approx. EUR 2 766 658 157)
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	2019: 481 612 2018: 489 540 2017: 491 537
<b>Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation</b>	Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science / Uddannelses- og Forskningsstyrelsen
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	<a href="https://www.su.dk/english/">https://www.su.dk/english/</a>
<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	<a href="https://www.su.dk/su/">https://www.su.dk/su/</a>
<b>Recent changes</b>	No recent amendment  Recent changes in response to COVID-19  For accomodating to delays incurred due to the lockdown, the grants and loans have been extended for students who have been in their final term of HE.
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.su.dk/English/Sider/default.aspx">http://www.su.dk/English/Sider/default.aspx</a>  <a href="http://www.su.dk/Sider/default.aspx">http://www.su.dk/Sider/default.aspx</a>  <a href="http://ufm.dk/publikationer/2013/bedre-igennem-uddannelserne-reform-af-...">http://ufm.dk/publikationer/2013/bedre-igennem-uddannelserne-reform-af-...</a>  <a href="http://ufm.dk/publikationer/2013/filer-2013/su-stoette-og-su-gæld-2011...">http://ufm.dk/publikationer/2013/filer-2013/su-stoette-og-su-gæld-2011...</a>