

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Enhanced Learning Credit Scheme
Name of the instrument - English translation	Enhanced Learning Credit Scheme
Scheme ID	325
Country	 United Kingdom
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Cost-related support
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	<p>The MOD promotes lifelong learning among members of the Armed Forces, and this is encouraged through the Learning Credit schemes. The Enhanced Learning Credit (ELC) scheme helps eligible Service personnel (SP) or Leavers (SL) with the cost of learning. The scheme allows a single award in each of a maximum of three separate Financial Years, or a single aggregated lower-tier award. ELCs may be claimed for learning which is an integral part, and results in the cost-effective achievement, of a nationally recognised qualification at Level 3 or above. 80% of eligible costs can be covered (up to EUR 7 127). The ELC scheme permits Regular SPs to pursue their personal development, both during their Service and generally for 5 years after discharge.</p>
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Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Not applicable
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Further instrument
Legal basis	The Armed Forces (Enhanced Learning Credit Scheme and

	Further and Higher Education Commitment Scheme) Order 2012, S.I. 2012/1796 (as amended, most recently by S.I. 2016/310)
Objective(s) and target(s)	The MOD's Enhanced Learning Credits Scheme (ELC) promotes lifelong learning amongst members of the Armed Forces. The scheme provides financial support in each of a maximum of three separate financial years for higher level learning of a nationally recognised qualification at level three or above or, if pursued overseas, an approved international equivalent qualification with an approved learning provider.
Year of implementation	2012
Operation/management	The scheme is managed by the Enhanced Learning Credits Administration Service (ELCAS) on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MOD).
Eligible group(s)	Serving or previous service personnel who have served a minimum of six years.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	Those who have served longer have preferential treatment.
Education and training eligible	Providers are approved by the Ministry of Defence - wide range of courses and study are supported in FE/HE.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Ministry of Defence
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Service personnel are enrolled for ELC and the value depends on length of time in service. There are two tiers of funding, dependant on length of service. Lower tier (4 or more years eligible service) funding is GBP 1 000 per year and upper tier (8 or more years eligible service) is GBP 2 000 per year. Credits cover 80% of the fees on an eligible course up to a maximum of GBP 2 000.
Eligible costs	ELC funding is only available for courses that result in a Nationally Recognised Qualification at level three or above on the National Qualification Framework or level six or above on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework.
Volumes of funding	Not available
Beneficiaries/take up	Not available
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Ministry of Defence
Most relevant webpage - in English	http://www.enhancedlearningcredits.com
Most relevant webpage - local language	http://www.enhancedlearningcredits.com
Recent changes	No recent amendment

	Recent changes in response to COVID-19
	No changes
Sources	ELCAS
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