

Financial Support 19+ Discretionary Bursary (Hardship) Leaflet

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Financial Support for your Studies

Basingstoke College of Technology has a range of Financial Support to Support students, who are studying a Full time course at our college and we will do our best to help you achieve your full potential.

Discretionary Bursary 19+ (Hardship) students

This Bursary is applicable to:

- Learners whose family income is below £25,000 per year.
- Learners over 19 whose families are in receipt of:
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The Guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 p.a., as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.
 - Universal Credit with an annual gross income of no more than £7,400 p.a.

If the learner is not in receipt of benefits or income, then we must assess the bursary based on the income of parents/partners or guardians of the learner.

Your application for a Discretionary Bursary

We do require documentary evidence, to be able to process your application (please see list of evidence required leaflet), which you will need to submit copies with your online application at <https://bcot.paymystudent.com/portal/>

Examples of evidence needed include

- Most recent copy of your Welfare/Benefit entitlement
- Most recent copy of your Child Tax Credit/Working tax Credit Award notification or Annual Tax Credit Review (issued in Apr TC603R) (provisional awards not accepted) (all pages)
- P60 or 3 months worth of pay statements
- Self assessment letter/letter from accountant
- Current Bank statement(s) including savings accounts (please note that savings in excess of £16,000 would mean that you are not eligible for the Bursary)
- Universal credit Statement 3 copies (all pages)
- Pension Notification
- Council tax statement/ Tenancy agreement (if applicable)

It should be noted that it may be necessary to obtain additional documentary evidence not listed in order to establish household income.

Kit and Equipment

If your income is less than £18,000 p.a then we may be able to help with additional costs for essential kit and equipment and DBS checks (applicable to your course)

Please note that kit and equipment will be purchased after the October half term break, and the equipment will be on loan to the student for the duration of the course, The equipment therefore must be returned to the faculty department at the end of their programme of study or you may be invoiced for the cost. If you withdraw from your course, all kit and equipment(s) will also need to be returned or you may be invoiced for the cost of the kit and equipment.

We cannot refund any items purchased yourself before funds have been allocated.

The issue of kit and equipment will be based on 90% attendance

Travel Pass(s)

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we may have to offer payments in lieu of travel pass(s) for the days you attend college, this will probably continue until the college returns to a normal schedule.

For those families/students whose income is above £18,000 per annum, there will be a cost towards travel pass(s) of £50 per term or £100 for both passes. This must be paid before the ticket(s) are ordered.

Any learner applying for travel assistance will receive pass(s) termly.

This will be based on attendance being 90% or better and £50 payment being received if applicable.

Rail Pass

A list of approved stations are below. This will allow learners to travel between their home station and Basingstoke, Monday to Friday in term time only. If your home station is not on this list then please select the closest one.

Aldershot, Andover, Bramley, Brookwood, Eastleigh, Farnborough Main, Fleet, Grateley, Hook, Micheldever, Mortimer, Reading Stations, Sailsbury, Shawford, Southampton Airport, Southampton Central, Winchester, Winchfield and Woking.

All tickets must be collected from the college during or after enrolment, and if you do not have an existing Rail ID photo card we will need a passport photograph of the student prior to the pass being released. We are not able to post out any tickets to your home address.

General Information

A charge of £10 will be levied for the replacement of a lost rail pass, please note only one replacement per academic year is allowed.

Bus Pass

Bus passes are available to learners living 1.5miles or 30 minutes walking time or more from BCoT, calculated using the learner's postcode on the RAC route planner. We can only authorise bus pass(s) from Stagecoach,

Unirider Zone 1:

For use within the Basingstoke town centre area, which is bounded by Bramley, Sherfield on Loddon, Sherborne St John, Old Basing (The Hatch), Kempshott Park, Hackwood Park Gates and Oakley

Unirider Zone 2:

For use on journeys to Basingstoke from out of town areas including Baughurst, Hook, Overton, Pamber Heath, Tadley and Whitchurch. You will also be able to use this pass in Zone 1.

General information

A replacement bus pass will cost £25, regardless of income or time remaining on the pass.

Childcare

Basingstoke College of technology has limited funds for the 19+ Childcare Funding

Childcare eligibility:

- Be enrolled on a course at BCOT studying for a Level 1 or 2 course
- Be enrolled on a course at BCOT studying your first Level 3 course (19-23 students only)
- Be a parent or the main carer
- Lived in the UK for 3 years or more
- Household income less than £25,000.

Please read the Childcare Leaflet for full details.