

A fact sheet for disabled students about funds for travelling to education



About this document



This is an Easy Read document.



It is a **fact sheet**.

A **fact sheet** tells us about something.



This fact sheet will tell you about **funds** for supporting disabled students in Scotland to travel to their college or university.



Funds means money.



This fact sheet was written **by Lead Scotland** because lots of people phone in to ask about funds for travel.



Lead Scotland works to help all disabled learners and their carers to access learning.

Travel training

Travel training means having some practice sessions for things like:



- looking at bus timetables

- planning a route



- buying tickets



- practising a journey

Some disabled students might choose to have travel training if they:



- are starting a new course
- are feeling a bit worried about the journeys

- do not feel ready to travel by themselves



Lead Scotland offers free travel training in some areas.

You can [click on the Lead Scotland website here](#) to see our 'Learn with Lead' information.



Or you can phone us on **0131 228 9441**

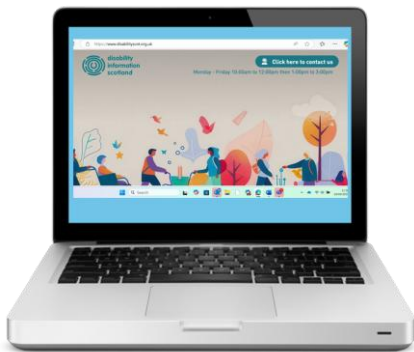


Other organisations and charities also offer travel training.

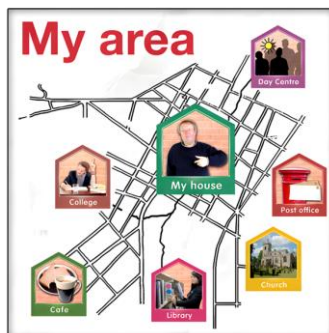
You can find travel training by:



- doing an internet search with the words 'travel training for disabled people' and the name of your area



- [clicking on Disability Information Scotland's website here](#)



- contacting an Independent Living Centre in your area



- contacting your local council's social work department



Some organisations charge money for travel training.

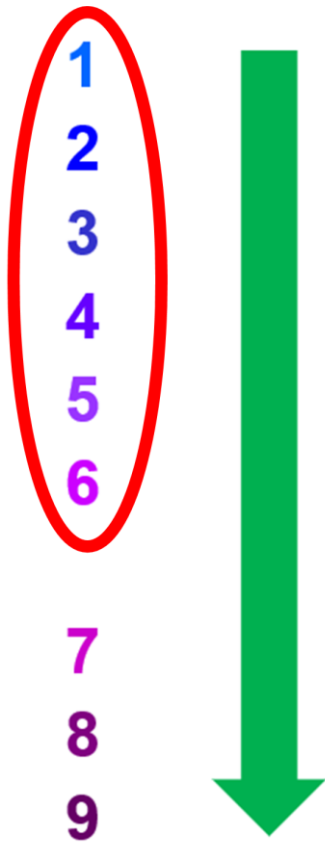


If you are aged between 16 years old and 25 years old and you need help to pay for travel training, you can try the Independent Living Fund Transition Fund.



Click on [the Independent Living Fund Scotland's website here](https://www.independentlivingfund.org.uk/).

Further Education at college



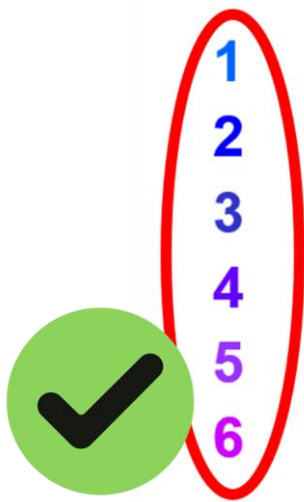
Further education means courses which are levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.



If these 3 things below are all true for you, you might be able to get help to pay travel costs.



1. I am going to college in Scotland.



2. My course is level 6 or less.



3. I live more than 2 miles away from the college.



Please fill in
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form

Your name

Address

Phone

You can ask for help with travel costs at the same time as when you fill in forms for the **main bursary**.



The **main bursary** is the money that colleges can give to students to help them with costs like food, travel and books.



If these 2 things below are both true for you, you might be able to get money from the Additional Support Needs for Learning Allowance.

It is also called **ASNLA** and the money comes from Scottish Government.



1. I am disabled.



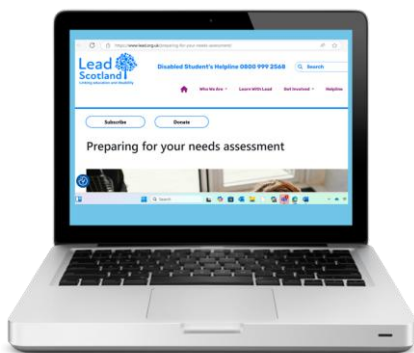
2. I have **additional support needs** that stop me from being able to use public transport, like buses and trains.



Additional support needs mean that someone needs extra help with their education.



Find out if you can get money from ASNLA by asking your college for a Needs Assessment meeting.



You can click on [the Lead Scotland website here](#) to see our fact sheet about Needs Assessments.



Money from ASNLA can help pay for things like:

- taxi costs
- petrol money for someone else to drive you there



Your college cannot pay for a support worker to help you travel to and from college.

Support from social services



If you need someone to travel with you to and from college, you can ask your local social work department.

Click on the [My Gov Scotland website here](#) to find out more.



Ask them for an **assessment** of your community care needs.



You can also ask them if you need an **adapted vehicle**.

Adapted vehicles are cars, vans or other vehicles that have been changed so that disabled people can use them.

Shared transport



Some colleges have a private bus service for some of their learners.

Ask your college about private bus services.



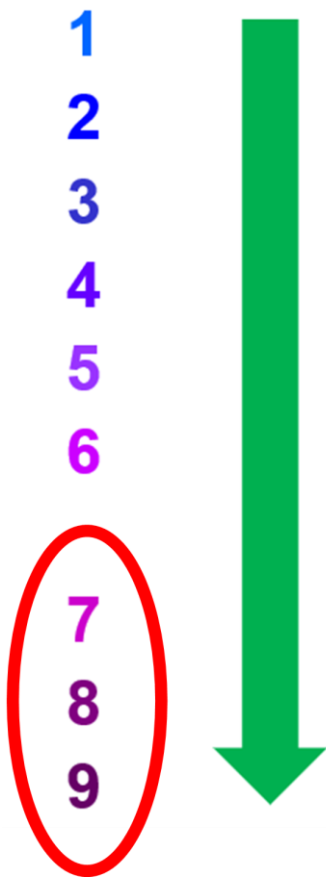
Sometimes a small group of disabled learners can put their travel funds together.

This means they can share private transport to get to and from college.



Ask your social worker and the college about small groups sharing funds.

University or Higher Education at college



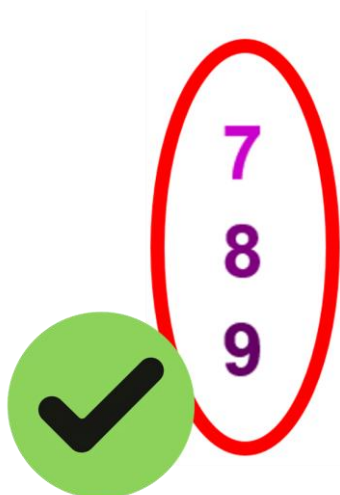
Higher Education means courses that are levels 7, 8 or 9.



If these 3 things below are all true for you, you might be able to get help from the Disabled Students Allowance.



1. I am going to university or college in Scotland.



2. My course is level 7 or higher.



3. I am disabled.



The Disabled Students Allowance is also called the DSA.



It can help pay for things like taxi costs and petrol costs.



Find out more about DSA in our fact sheet on [the Lead Scotland website here](#).

More information



Here are some places you can get more information:



- our Lead Scotland phone line
0131 228 9441



- our Lead Scotland Disabled Students
Helpline **0800 999 2568**



- [click on the Student Information Scotland's website here](#)



- [click on the Talking About Tomorrow's website here](#)



- [click on Enquire's website here](#)

On page 13 the photo of the adaptive vehicle is from Canva.

