

Level 3 Course Fees September 2013-July 2014

Current Fee Structure (2012/13)

- Learners are either eligible to have their course fully paid for, part paid for or are expected to pay full costs if they do not meet SFA eligibility guidelines.
- AES currently receives funding from the SFA for any eligible learners at rates set annually by the SFA.
- For learners who are only eligible for part funding, providers (AES included) are expected to make up additional monies by charging fees to these learners. Providers can charge a rate (fee) which it deems appropriate.
- The SFA provides a fully funded value which it considers to be acceptable for a course to cost.
- AES currently charges a rate of £2.50 per hour for these courses in line with its agreed fee structure.
- The fee rate is below the fully funded rate specified by the SFA but is at a rate which has been affordable to the Service in the past in order to not disadvantage targeted learners.

Subject	Fully Funded value (£)	Part Funded value + AES fee (£)	No of Learners 2012-13	Average Income per learner (£)	% Difference to Fully Funded Value
Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools (STLS)	1782	1030 + 466 = 1496	50 (7 FF & 43 PF)	1536	-14%
Children & Young People's Workforce (CYPW)	3041	1758 + 583 = 2341	8 (2 FF & 6 PF)	2516	-17%
Business Skills	984	569 + 361 = 940	12 (all PF)	940	-4%
Business & Administration	1514	875+N/A	Not offered in 12/13	0	N/A
ITQ	2030	1173 + 418 = 1591	7 (all PF)	1591	-22%

Proposed Fee Structure (2013/14)

- Learners will have to take out a loan for course costs but will not have to pay anything towards their course fees until they are earning £21,000 per year.
- AES will only receive income in the form of the loan value.
- The SFA has changed the methodology for the way it calculates funding rates for 2013/14 so that it is logical across all qualifications, hence some increases and decreases as seen below in the fully funded rates in comparison to 2012/13.
- Providers can charge a rate (fee) which it deems appropriate.
- AES to charge fees at 10% below the SFA fully funded rate for the first year of loans to:
 - increase fees to a more realistic level with regards to cost
 - bring all qualifications fee logic in line
 - continue to maintain the course fee levels at a differential as is current within the city
- Allows for a staged approach if fee increases are required in subsequent years.

Subject	Fully Funded value (£)	AES Fee, i.e. loan value (£)	% Difference to Fully Funded Value
Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools (STLS)	2225	2000	-10%
Children & Young People's Workforce (CYPW)	2882	2500	-10%
Business Skills	1987	1800	-10%
Business & Administration	1987	1800	-10%
ITQ	2225	2000	-10%