

Free meals in further education

Requirement on FE funded institutions



Education
Funding
Agency

- General FE colleges, including specialist colleges
- Sixth Form colleges
- Commercial and charitable providers
- HEIs with EFA 16-19 funding
- Independent specialist providers
- LA and FE institutions directly funded for 16-19
- SFA only traineeship 16-18 providers
- European Social Fund only institutions
- 16-19 academies and free schools



Eligibility

- aged between 16 and 18 on 31 August
- aged between 19 and 25 if subject to an LDA or ECHP
- must make an application



- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit (during initial roll-out of benefit)



Provision

- free meal for each day attend study programme
- includes work placement/experience
- meal or credit or voucher
- cash in exceptional circumstances
- ideally a hot meal at lunchtime
- encourage healthy choices



Communication

- ensure free meal provision clearly set out
- encourage students to apply



Further information

- Children's Food Trust
- Change 4 Life
- NHS
- School Food Plan

