TUITION FEES 2026/27

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Full-time HE (HNC/HND) Courses	1,285	
Full-time Degree Courses	1,820	
Full-time FE (non-advanced) Courses	1,008	
Part-time Courses		
Further Education - rate per credit	130	
Higher Education - rate per credit	145	
Evening (non-credit based) – rate per course	Priced per course	a
Degree – rate per subject	230	
ICDL	395	
ICDL rate per module	68	
ICDL Advanced per module	120	
National 4/National 5/Higher	390	
International/RUK Students (full time & part time day only)		
Full Time Higher Education (HNC/HND)	8,000	b
Higher Education - rate per credit	700	
Full Time Degree	8,800	b
Full Time Further Education	8,000	b
Further Education - rate per credit	500	

Notes

a) Evening courses will be priced on a course by course basis, where delivery is outwith standard FE/HE Credit based delivery.

b) For all International applicants requiring a study Visa a non-refundable application fee of £250 will be applied. The cost of £250 for the application fee will be deducted from the overall fee if you are accepted for a study Visa. The full tuition fee will be required to secure a place once an offer is received from the College, and is due prior to a Confirmation of Acceptance to Study (CAS) being issued. This is required to allow the applicant to apply for a study Visa. For all international students fees are non-refundable.

- For all other modes of study, with the exception of flexible/online learning UKVI legislation requires non-UK residing students to provide evidence of current residency status.
- All evening course students who do not meet the home fee status will be charged double the home fee rate.

Examination Fees

Degree (re-sits)	£50 per subject/unit
ICDL Advanced (re-examination)	£25 per module
ICDL Advanced Mock Test	£20 per test
ICDL (re-examination)	£20 per module
ICDL Mock Test	£15 per test

Forth Valley College
Fee Waiver Policy 2026/7

All Students wishing to apply to have their fees waived must complete a fee waiver application form and provide satisfactory proof of eligibility. Students studying on a part-time HE course can be funded through fee waiver to a maximum of 9 credits. Students studying on a part-time FE course can be funded through fee waiver to a maximum of 12 hours per week.

A Under National Policy

For qualifying courses[a)] tuition fees (including QA's registration and examination fees) will be waived for eligible students in the following categories.

Further education (FE) students following full-time non-advanced courses for which Credits can be claimed.

Students who are studying on a short full-time course.

Students who were classified as full-time under the previous definition but who are classified as part-time under the new definition [b)].

1. FE students on courses classified in Credit Price Group 5 – Special Programmes.

2. Students on part-time courses for which Credits can be claimed who meet the following criteria:

   i) The student/student's family[c)] are in receipt of:

   - Income Support* , or
   - Working Tax Credit, or
   - Pensions Credit, or
   - Housing Benefit, or
   - Income Related Employment and Support Allowance*****, or
   - Income-based Job Seekers Allowance*
   - Universal credit

   ***(evidence must be dated within 3 months)**

or

   ii) The student is in receipt of:

   - Carer's Allowance (or carers who have an 'underlying entitlement' to Carer's Allowance but gave up the allowance to, for example, claim their pension), Carer's Allowance Supplement or the Young Carer's Grant, or
   - Disability Living Allowance, or
   - Attendance Allowance, or
   - Incapacity Benefit, or
   - Contributory Employment and Support Allowance* (this also includes people whose contributory ESA has ended due to the time-limiting nature of this benefit, but who remain entitled to NI credits for incapacity.)
   - Personal Independence Payment
   - Adult Disability Payment

   ***(evidence must be dated within 3 months)**

or

   iii) Where the student is a home or privately educated school pupil

or

iv) where the taxable income of the student's family[c)] in the previous financial tax year (2025-26) is equal to or less than (see table below):

Student Circumstances	Household Income	Evidence Required
households with only one person	£10,400	Council Tax Notice, P60 or last 3 months payslips
households consisting of a couple without children	£18,000	Council Tax Notice, P60 or last 3 months payslips
Single person with dependent children	£21,600	Child Benefit or Child Tax Credit letter, P60 or last 3 months payslips
couple with dependent children	£29,100	Child Benefit or Child Tax Credit letter, P60 or last 3 months payslips

In such cases, the burden of proof is on the student to satisfy the college with evidence of their low income. Where there has been a material reduction in income from the previous financial tax year, the taxable income of the student's family[c)] in the current financial tax year can be assessed.

or

v) The student is a person, or the spouse or child of a person, who is an asylum seeker living in Scotland (as defined in section 18 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002), which can be accessed at http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/41/contents

or

v1) Or the student is care experienced. This is defined as looked after and in the care of the local authority and can include situations where the student is living in a foster home, children's home, residential home, in kinship care or in the care of the local authority in their own home.

3. State school pupils undertaking college activities that form part of their school-based curriculum.

4. A college will be able to use fee waiver grant in respect of the activity of a student only if they meet all the relevant criteria of the fee waiver grant policy and:

i) That person falls within the definition of eligibility in Schedule 1 of *The Education (Access Funds)(Scotland) Determination 2022*.
The current regulations are available at:
https://www.studentinformation.gov.scot/files/346/saas-residency-guidance-fess.pdf

or

ii) The student is a person, or the spouse or child of a person, who is an asylum seeker living in Scotland on either a full-time English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course or a part-time non-advanced or advanced course,

or

iii) The student is a child of an asylum seeker or a young asylum seeker person on a full-time non-advanced course (excludes ESOL) and meets the criteria outlined in paragraph 5,

or

iv) The student is a non-asylum seeker living in Scotland on a part-time ESOL course and the student's main purpose for being in the European Union is not to receive education (note that these students are still subject to the requirements as stated in paragraph 2).

5. The criteria referred to in paragraph 4 (iii) are that the student's asylum application (their own or their family's application) must have been made prior to the end of 2006, and the student:

   i) Is resident in Scotland on 1 August, 1 January, 1 April or 1 July closest to the beginning of the first term of the person's course

   ii) Has been resident in Scotland for a minimum period of three years

   iii) Was under 18 years old on the date when the application for asylum was made (the application must have been made prior to 1 December 2006), and

   iv) Is under 25 years old on 1 August, 1 January, 1 April or 1 July closest to the beginning of the first term of the person's course.

6. This will apply to those students starting a new course or those continuing on a course. These criteria ensure that we meet our obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

7. Colleges cannot use fee waiver grant for a student being supported by an Individual Training Account (ITA) grant.

8. Under the temporary non-resident arrangements, forces personnel and veterans are treated as being resident in the country in which they were ordinarily resident before they signed up/enlisted. If they are ordinarily resident in Scotland but are serving overseas, they would also be eligible Family members of serving forces personnel and veterans are also considered eligible in the country in which the serving forces personnel was ordinarily resident.

9. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) programme to assist service veterans gain access to education is continuing. The MOD will meet the fees for study up to Scottish Credit Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level 6 for some service veterans who do not meet the Scottish Funding Council's fee waiver criteria. More information is available on the Enhanced Learning Credits Administration Service website.

10. Ukrainian nationals who have applied to one of the UK Government or Scottish Government settlement schemes, or are ordinarily resident in Scotland at the time of application for fee waiver.

B **Under College Policy**

For qualifying courses[b)] tuition fees (including SQA registrations and examination fees) will be waived for students in categories 11 through 15. Students under 18 years of age on date of enrolment should be assessed on parental income if not a school pupil **or** in full time Further Education.

11. Full-time students from Forth Valley College undertaking a flexible learning course or a part-time day course (excluding Full Cost Recovery, enhanced fee and leisure courses).

12. Students sponsored by sportscotland Institute of Sport's programme for elite athletes.

13. College Staff (including retired staff) and their immediate family (spouse, partner and children under 18 years of age) and Board members undertaking a part-time/evening course (excluding Full Cost Recovery, enhanced fee and leisure courses).

    Although not part of our local fee waiver policy as an additional benefit to staff where places remain available on courses not eligible for fee waiver (full cost recovery, enhanced fee and leisure courses), we will advertise to staff just prior to courses commencing.

14. School pupils where college activity does not form part of their school-based curriculum.

15. College discretion (individual students or groups of students)[d)]

Notes

a) Full-time non-advanced (FE) courses and part-time FE and HE courses for which Credits can be claimed. Excludes certain specialised courses for which a higher fee is charged.

b) The previous definition of full-time may be found in the 2004-05 SUMs guidance (circular FE/26/2004). Credit guidance: 2026-27 student activity data guidance for colleges provides the current definition of full-time and part-time.

c) Family means:

- A married or unmarried couple or;
- A couple in a civil partnership or;
- A married or unmarried couple in a civil partnership and any child or young person who is a member of the same household and the responsibility of either or both members of the couple as described above or;
- A person who is not a member of a married or unmarried couple or civil partnership (this will usually be a lone parent) and any child or young person who is a member of the same household and the responsibility of that person.

d) For use on an individual basis in the interest of good customer care. Such cases to be approved by a member of the Senior Management Team.

If there is any doubt about the interpretation of the National Policy, reference should be made to SFC Circular Fee Waiver Policy 2026-27 (SFC/GD/13/2026) dated July 2026

If the student's status changes during their period of study, the student will be eligible for fee waiver if they satisfy the eligibility rates on the "required date for funding" for the course.