

## Adult Learning and Skills

### Eligibility criteria for our funded courses in adult learning

Many courses offered by Wigan Council's Adult Learning and Skills attract government funding allocated by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA). These courses may be fully funded by government funding or subsidised (known as co-funded) by government funding.

To be considered eligible for enrolment on courses that attract government funding, learners must meet eligibility criteria:

- **Adults aged 19 or over the day that they start learning.**
- **You must be resident within a Greater Manchester Local Authority District** (or a neighbouring Liverpool City Region District on application)
- **United Kingdom (UK) nationals** - Who currently live in England and have been resident in the UK for at least three full years prior to starting their course
- **European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland nationals** - Who currently live in England and have obtained either pre-settled or settled status under the EU settlement scheme and have lived continuously in the EEA, Switzerland, Gibraltar or the UK for at least the three full years prior to starting their course
- **Other non-UK Nationals** - Who currently live in England and have obtained either pre-settled or settled status under the European Union (EU) settlement scheme and have lived continuously in the EEA, Switzerland, Gibraltar or UK for at least the three full years prior to starting their course.
- **Asylum seekers** - Who have lived in the UK for 6 months or longer while their claim is being considered by the Home Office.

You will be exempt from the three-year residency requirement if you have:

- Refugee status
- Humanitarian protection
- Discretionary leave to enter or remain
- Extant leave to remain as a stateless person
- Leave outside the immigration rules
- Ukraine schemes
- The husband, wife, civil partner or child (aged 19 or over) of an individual with any of the above
- Afghan schemes
- Indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner or victim of domestic abuse

- Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 leave
- Calais leave to remain

Other exemptions may apply.

Depending upon your circumstances, we will need to see ID and proof of your immigration status.

If you are not eligible for a free course under the above criteria, you may need to pay a fee. For more information and advice please email: [Adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:Adultlearning@wigan.gov.uk)