

# Fees-free quick guide:

Learners starting  
study or training  
in 2019



# Are you planning to start study or training in 2019?

This guide will take you through what you need to know about fees-free, what you need to do and how much you can get.

## What is fees-free?

Fees-free supports learners in their study or training.

If you do provider-based study (study at a university, institute of technology, polytechnic, private training establishment, or wānanga) you can get the equivalent of one year's full-time study (up to the value of \$12,000) fees-free.

If you train or do an apprenticeship through an industry training organisation, your and your employer's training costs are covered for the first two years of your training programme (up to the value of \$12,000).

## What does fees-free cover?

Fees-free covers:

- tuition fees
- compulsory course costs, and
- compulsory student services fees.

For industry training, fees-free will cover all training and assessment costs.

If you're doing provider-based study, you may also be able to get a Student Loan to help with course-related and living costs. For more information on Student Loans and Allowances see [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz).

## Who can get fees-free?

### Are you a school leaver or still at school?

For provider-based study, if you were at school in 2017, 2018 or 2019 (other than as an adult student) and you meet the citizenship or residency requirements, you're able to get fees-free support.

For apprenticeships through industry training organisations, if you were at a school in 2017, 2018 or 2019 (other than as an adult student) and you're legally entitled to live and work in New Zealand, you're able to get fees-free support.

### Has it been a while since you were at school?

If it's been a while since you were at school, we need to check how much study and training you've done to find out if you can get fees-free. If you've done less than half a year of tertiary study you need to complete a statutory declaration to declare you're eligible.

We'll take you through this process on [feesfree.govt.nz](http://feesfree.govt.nz).

## How do I check if I can get fees-free study or training?

It's easy, go to [feesfree.govt.nz](http://feesfree.govt.nz).

You'll also need to check that your course or programme is covered by fees-free. We'll tell you how to do this at [feesfree.govt.nz](http://feesfree.govt.nz).

## Where can I go for more information?

Go to [feesfree.govt.nz](http://feesfree.govt.nz) or call the fees-free helpline on **0800 687 775**.

