

# CPAG IN SCOTLAND'S STUDENT BENEFITS TRAINING

## Do you?

- ✔ Support young people in education?
- ✔ Work with people thinking about doing a course, part-time or full-time?
- ✔ Deal with questions about financial support in college or university?

Then these courses are for you and your colleagues. We run training courses on the social security benefits and tax credits that can be claimed by people in education.

### ✔ **Students and benefits – the basics** (2 hours)

***We can offer this introductory course on your premises at the special price of £99.\****

This course gives an overview of benefits and tax credits that students can claim. It helps non-welfare-rights advisers recognise when these are relevant for students, and advise them appropriately. It includes:

- An overview of the benefits and tax credits system
- The benefits that students can claim
- The impact of student support on benefits
- Signposting students for help with benefit enquiries

Or you can choose one of our more in-depth courses.

- ✔ **Introduction to funding and benefits for students** (introductory)
- ✔ **Introduction to benefits for student advisers** (introductory)
- ✔ **Students and benefits – eligibility** (standard)
- ✔ **Benefits for disabled students** (standard)
- ✔ **Students and benefits - treatment of income** (experienced)
- ✔ **Students and benefits - an update** (experienced)

We can organise any of these courses at your workplace or at a venue near you, and most are already planned in our main training programme (see [www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training](http://www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training) for our general training brochure of courses in Scotland). See over for more course details.

### **Feedback from courses run in 2010:**

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# COURSE DETAILS

See our website ([www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training](http://www.cpag.org.uk/scotland/training)) for more information about all of these courses and to check which one is right for you.

## **Introduction to funding and benefits for students**

*(introductory level, half day)*

This course is an extension of the two-hour 'Students and benefits - the basics' course. In addition to an overview of the benefits and tax credits that students can claim the course also includes information on the student funding available (loans, grants, etc) in FE and HE.

## **Introduction to benefits for student advisers**

*(introductory level, two days)*

Student advisers who are new to benefits gain a good understanding of the social security benefits and tax credits that are available, and learn to identify which students are eligible for benefits and tax credits.

## **Students and benefits - eligibility**

*(standard level, one day)*

This course outlines the benefits/tax credits that FE and HE students can get. People attending this course should have a working knowledge of benefits, and, if not, we recommend that you book the two-day 'Introduction to benefits for student advisers' course above instead.

## **Benefits for disabled students**

*(standard level, half day)*

The benefits that can be claimed by a student with a disability or long-term illness are covered in this course, and, in particular, the special rules affecting full-time students.

## **Students and benefits - treatment of income**

*(experienced level, one day)*

This experienced level course considers in detail how student funding in Scotland, and other income, affects benefits for students in both FE and HE. Benefit and income calculations will be part of this training.

## **Students and benefits - an update**

*(experienced level, half day)*

This course focuses on recent developments and forthcoming changes in benefits and tax credits that affect students. It is for advisers with a good knowledge of benefits/tax credits for students, who would like an update.

This work is funded by the Scottish Government, to provide welfare rights information and advice to professionals who work with people in education.

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