

Welcome to ILA Scotland

Improving skills and enhancing the employability of the Scottish workforce is a core objective of the Scottish Executive's Lifelong Learning Strategy. It is committed to making learning accessible and removing the barriers to learning.

ILA Scotland is central to this Lifelong Learning strategy as a means of reaching non-traditional learners who face the most barriers and who are furthest removed from the learning environment.

A grant of up to £200 per learner year is available from ILA Scotland to encourage learners to invest in learning. It is available to everyone aged 18 or over who is ordinarily resident in Scotland.

ILA Scotland was introduced using a phased approach and was initially targeted at individuals on low incomes, specifically those with a personal gross earned income of £15,000 or less per year. An additional offer, which is not income restricted is also available and will offer support to learners who wish to complete ICT training up to SCQF level 5 or equivalent.

By taking this phased approach to the launch, ILA Scotland has been more able to effectively target those who will benefit most from being re-introduced to the learning environment.

ILA Scotland recognises that these learners will be reached most effectively through local organisations which they have already established relationships with. Therefore the role of partner organisations in delivering this information and supporting clients through the ILA Scotland process will be vital to its success.

These fact sheets have been produced for you, as partner organisations to provide the guidance that you require to ensure that your learners get maximum benefit from ILA Scotland.