

Apply now avoid the Christmas rush!

January is traditionally one of the most popular times of the year to start learning new skills.

It is also the start date for a number of courses – on everything from how to use the computer you got for Christmas to learning a language in time for your summer holidays.

And funding is available to help with the cost of learning. ILA Scotland is a Scottish Executive scheme that can help pay for a range of approved courses and it is available for anyone aged 18 or over living in Scotland.

You can get up to £200 a year towards learning, but you'll need to have the funding in place before your course begins. So apply now and get your ILA Scotland account set up before New Year.

ILA Scotland spokesperson Dave Hall said: “We have a dedicated team of advisers who can give information about funding and courses that will start in the New Year. Sometimes, people call us a day or two before their course is due to start which means their account won't be set up in time. By contacting us now, we can work with callers to get their ILA Scotland funds in place to start learning in the New Year.”

To find out about similar courses in your area go to the [Course Search](#) page.

For advice or to request an application pack, you can call the ILA Scotland helpline free on **0808 100 1090**.