



## Case study

A computer course has opened the door to a new career for Thelma Watson from Aberdeen.

The former barmaid and shop assistant now works in a bank. "It's because I completed my European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) that I got the job in the first place," says Thelma, 42.

She had been considering a change for a while. "I wanted a fresh start and something new to challenge me but I was worried about how I would pay for my course."

Thelma applied for a learner account from ILA Scotland and enrolled at her local learning centre.

"I would never have been able to afford to do the course without my learner account," added Thelma, who received £200 funding from ILA Scotland.

To find out more and to request your application pack visit [www.ilascotland.org.uk](http://www.ilascotland.org.uk) or call the ILA Scotland helpline on **0808 100 1090**.\*

\*Please Note: Charges may apply dependent on your operator.

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ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme administered by Skills Development Scotland and the Student Awards Agency for Scotland.



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**ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme which helps you get up to £200 a year towards the cost of learning something new.**

**If you are 16 or over, living in Scotland and your income is £22,000 a year or less, or if you are on benefits, you can get up to £200 towards a range of courses from learning providers throughout Scotland.**

**And the money is not a loan – so you don't have to pay any of it back.**

**There are plenty of courses to choose from – so whether you want to learn something completely new, or brush up your skills to help you get on at work – get in touch with us and we'll help find the right course for you.**

## **Get the skills you need to get ahead**

Learning might help you earn more money, get a better job or do something you really enjoy.

There are lots of courses on offer and you can use your learner account with any learning provider that is approved by ILA Scotland, including learning centres, colleges, universities and private training companies.

You can use your funds towards the cost of a single course or use it to pay for several short courses during the year.

But why stop there? After a year, if you are still eligible, you can apply for up to another £200 to keep on learning.

**Remember that before you book a course you must have received a welcome pack with your ILA Scotland account number.**

## **Learn in a way that you enjoy**

Learning can be a way to do something different and meet new people. Even if you weren't keen on learning when you were at school, we can help you find a course you'll enjoy now.

## **What ILA Scotland can mean to you**

- You can get up to £200 towards learning something new
- Choose from a range of subjects
- It could be the first step to a better salary or doing something you really enjoy
- We'll help you find a way to learn that suits you best.



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