

Start the year with £200 in your account

The expense of Christmas and the temptations of the January sales may have left you with very little in the bank to fund some New Year learning. But you could reap the benefits of an account with £200 in it to help you get your learning underway and it is just a phone call away.

If you are over 18 and living in Scotland, you can apply for an individual learning account (ILA Scotland). If you earn £15,000 or less a year, you could get up to £200 towards the cost of learning a new skill. If you earn more than £15,000 a year, you could get up to £100 towards the cost of some computer courses.

ILA Scotland is a Scottish Executive scheme that helps you pay for learning at a time, place, pace and style to suit you. There is a wide range of courses available from learning about IT to professional cookery, becoming a gym instructor or a nail technician.

Over 200 organisations provide learning throughout Scotland in nearly 500 different venues. There are almost 9,300 learning opportunities available. All you have to do is decide what, where and how you want to learn.

The next step is to contact the ILA Scotland helpline on 0808 100 1090 where our advisors will be happy to send full details of how to apply for your ILA Scotland account. You could get £100 or £200 towards learning, depending on your income. The money is not a loan and does not have to be paid back.

To find out about similar courses in your area go to the [Course Search](#) page or call the ILA Scotland helpline free on **0808 100 1090**.