



# Fees Free quick guide

For learners starting study  
or training in 2021

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# Are you planning to study or train in 2021?

This guide explains what you need to know about Fees Free, what you need to do and how much you can get.

## New learners get one year of Fees Free study or two years of training

If you do provider-based study (study at Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology, private training establishment, university or wānanga) you can get the equivalent of one year's full-time study (up to the value of \$12,000) Fees Free.

If you train through a transitional industry training organisation (ITO) and your training is not covered by the **Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund**, you and your employer's training costs are covered for the first 24 months of your training programme (up to the value of \$12,000).

## What does Fees Free cover?

Fees Free covers:

- tuition fees
- compulsory course costs, and
- compulsory student services fees.

For industry training, Fees Free will cover all training and assessment costs.

If you're doing provider-based study, you may also be able to get a Student Loan to help with course related and living costs. For more information on Student Loans and Allowances go to [studylink.govt.nz](https://www.studylink.govt.nz)

## Who can get Fees Free?

### Those at school or recent school leavers

For provider-based study, you can get Fees Free if you have been enrolled in a school in or after 2019 (other than as an adult student) and you meet the citizenship or residency requirements.

For training through ITOs, you can get Fees Free if you have been enrolled in a school in or after 2019 (other than as an adult student) and you're legally entitled to live and work in New Zealand.

### Adult learners

If you haven't been at school for a while, we will need to check how much study and training you've done to find out if you can get Fees Free.

If you've done less than half a year of tertiary study you need to complete a statutory declaration to declare you're eligible.

We'll take you through this process at [feesfree.govt.nz](https://feesfree.govt.nz).

## How do I check if I can get Fees Free study or training?

Go to [feesfree.govt.nz](https://feesfree.govt.nz) and enter your National Student Number.

You'll also need to check that the course or training programme you're enrolling in is covered by Fees Free. You can find the course and programme eligibility criteria on the Fees Free website or ask your tertiary education organisation.

### Where can I go for more information?

Go to [feesfree.govt.nz](https://feesfree.govt.nz) or call the Fees Free helpline on **0800 687 775**.