



**A guide to financial support for
further education students in 2011/12**



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1. Introduction

This booklet gives a brief guide on the financial help the Government has put in place for 2011/12 for students whose homes are in Northern Ireland (whether they are studying in Northern Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland or the Republic of Ireland).

The closing date for receipt of applications for courses commencing during the 2011/12 academic year will be as follows:

Full Time Students

31 August 2011

Part Time Students

30 September 2011

You can apply for a Further Education Award from April onwards. You should apply as soon as you know the course you want to do. **DO NOT WAIT FOR EXAM RESULTS.** If you don't get on the course you want, you can easily change or cancel your application by giving us a call.

How and where to apply

You can:

- Download a form from www.welbni.org/feapplication or;
- Email feawards@welbni.org for an application.

Only **FULLY COMPLETED** applications will be accepted. Incomplete forms will be returned to the applicant and will only be registered when fully completed. Verification of date of birth and household income must accompany the application. Original documents only (photocopies are not acceptable).

Student Finance NI,
Further Education Awards Section,
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Omagh,
Co. Tyrone. BT79 0AW
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2. What courses are funded under the Further Education Award scheme?

The course must meet the following criteria;

- At least one academic year in duration and;
- Appear on the Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF) or;
- GCSE, A Level or AS Level only when in combination with a relevant vocational qualification at a similar level or;
- A University Access course listed in Appendix 2 or;
- Lead to a Trinity College London qualification at one of the 22 accredited providers listed in Appendix 1.

In addition the course must be:

- Held at a publicly funded college of Further Education within the British Islands or the Republic of Ireland or;
- An approved Institution for the provision of Specialist Dance and Drama – see Appendix 1.

Full Time/Part Time Study

- Full Time courses need to meet the above criteria;
- Part Time courses need to meet the above criteria and must also:
 - Be completed in no longer than twice the time it would take to complete the full time equivalent.
 - If no full time equivalent course exists then –
 - The part time course must be for at least 8 hours per week in duration with the 8 hours being made up of taught hours plus compulsory placement hours:

Age

Students must be:

- 19 years of age or over on 1 July 2011;
- Students who are under 19 years of age on 1 July 2011 will be considered only if they have to live away from home in order to undertake the course;

3. Full Time and Part Time Students - Eligibility

To decide if you are eligible for a Further Education Award we check

- your previous study
- whether you meet our residence conditions and
- whether you want to study a course we support – see page 2 for courses we support.

Previous Study

We will check whether you have ever received support for a publicly funded course in the past. Awards will only be made where Student Finance NI is satisfied that there is clear evidence that the applicant is progressing to a more advanced level of study.

Residence

Normally you must meet the following three requirements on the first day of the first academic year of your course:

- be ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland AND
- 'have been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom (UK) and Islands (i.e. Channel Islands and Isle of Man) for three years immediately before starting the course (not wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full time education); AND
- have settled status in the UK as described in the Immigration Act 1971:

You are “ordinarily resident” somewhere if it’s where you normally live. It doesn’t matter if you are out of the country temporarily from time to time.

“Settled status” means there are no immigration restrictions on how long you can stay in the UK.

If you do not meet the three basic residence requirements you may still be able to apply if you meet any of the conditions set out on pages 4 and 5.

You have lived outside the UK and Islands – this table gives a brief guide to entitlement

Note: Some of the categories in the table below refer to a “specified family member”. Who is a “specified family member” depends on the category but will usually include a spouse, civil partner, parent or child.

<p>You were living outside the UK and Islands because you or a specified family member was temporarily employed abroad.</p>	<p>You may be treated as if your residence in the UK and Islands had not been interrupted. You should submit an application for consideration</p>
<p>You were living outside the UK and Islands during all or part of the 3 year period immediately prior to the beginning of your course because you or a specified family member was serving abroad as a member of the regular armed forces (army, navy or air force).</p>	<p>This will be treated as temporary absence and will not prevent you from being eligible. You should submit an application for consideration</p>
<p>You or a specified family member has been awarded refugee status by the Home Office and you have lived in the UK and Islands since this status was awarded. In this case, you do not need to have been living in the UK and Islands for the 3 year period immediately prior to the start of your course.</p>	<p>You should submit an application for consideration.</p> <p>Note: If you are applying as the spouse/partner/child of a refugee, there are additional criteria you must satisfy.</p>
<p>You or a specified family member applied for asylum in the UK - the Home Office decided that you or your family member do not qualify for refugee status but that you should be allowed to stay in the UK. Usually you will have been granted humanitarian protection, discretionary leave or exceptional/indefinite leave to enter or remain in the UK. In this case, you still need to have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands in the 3 years immediately prior to the start of your course.</p>	<p>You should submit an application for consideration.</p> <p>Note: If you are applying as the spouse/partner or child of a person with leave to enter or remain, there are additional criteria you must satisfy.</p>

<p>You or a specified family member are an EEA or Swiss migrant worker, frontier worker or self-employed person and you have been living in the EEA and/or Switzerland during the 3 years immediately prior to the start of your course.</p>	<p>You should submit an application for consideration.</p>
<p>You have settled status in the UK but you have not been ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland during the 3 years immediately prior to the start of your course because you or a specified family member exercised a right of free movement and lived in the EEA and/or Switzerland before returning to the UK.</p>	<p>You should submit an application for consideration</p>
<p>You are an EU national who has been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the 3 years immediately prior to the start of your course. If during any part of the 3 year period the main purpose of your residence was to receive full time education, you must have been ordinarily resident in the EEA and/or Switzerland immediately prior to the 3 year period.</p>	<p>You should submit an application for consideration</p>
<p>You are the child of a Swiss national and you have been ordinarily resident in the EEA and/or Switzerland for the 3 year period immediately prior to the start of your course.</p>	<p>You should submit an application for consideration.</p>
<p>You are the child of a Turkish worker and you have been ordinarily resident in the EEA, Switzerland and/or Turkey for the 3 year period immediately prior to the start of your course.</p>	<p>You should submit an application for consideration</p>

If you are still unsure whether you are eligible to apply you should contact the Further Education Award Section - see page 1 for contact details.

4. Assessing Your Further Education Award

Students fall into one of the following categories:

- Dependent or;
- Independent

You can determine which category you fall into by using the following table.

Are you 25 or over?	Yes/No
Were you married before 1 September 2011?	Yes/No
Do you have care of a child?	Yes/No
Have you supported yourself for 3 years either by working or claiming benefits?	Yes/No
Are both your parents deceased?	Yes/No
Are you estranged from your parents?	Yes/No

If you answered No to all of the questions above you are a **Dependent** student and the amount of grant you get will be based on your own and your parents/step-parents income. Go to pages 9 and 10 of the booklet for information on what we require to carry out an assessment.

If you answered Yes to any of the questions above you are an **Independent** student and the amount of grant you get will be based on your own and your spouse/partners income (if applicable).

- Go to pages 7 and 8 for examples of acceptable evidence to prove that you are Independent
- Go to page 11 of the booklet for information on what we require to carry out an assessment.

4.1 Type of Proof we accept to prove that you are independent

The table on page 6 allows you to work out if you are an independent student. You need to supply evidence that you can be classed as independent. Set out below are examples of acceptable evidence

You are 25 or over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your original birth certificate
You were married before 1 September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your original marriage certificate
You have the care of a child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child's original birth certificate - long version
<p>Your have supported yourself for 3 years -(you need to make sure the proof supplied covers a full three year period before the first day of the first year of your course).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter from your employer giving dates you were in employment and how much you earned each year Letter from Inland Revenue giving details of the information they hold on record regarding your employment Your original P60s Letter from your Jobs & Benefits office giving the dates you were in receipt of benefits If you received any pension, allowance or other benefit due to a disability a letter from the authority paying the pension/ allowance giving the dates you were in receipt of the pension/ benefit If you received training under any scheme when you were unemployed a letter from the department who paid your training allowance giving the dates you were in receipt of the allowance

You are estranged from your parent (i.e. you have no contact with them). You will not be classed as estranged just because you do not get on with your parents or you do not live with them or they do not want to give details of their income. Normally we expect that you have had no contact with either parent for at least 12 months although this may not apply in exceptional circumstances

- A letter from your social worker/doctor/clergyman confirming that they know you, that your relationship with your parents has broken down, approximately how long ago this occurred and giving a brief statement as to how they became aware of the problem.
- If you claimed income support when you were under 18 a letter from your local Jobs & Benefits Office confirming that you received benefits because of your situation.
- If you were at school/college when your relationship broke down a letter from an advice worker/personal tutor/teacher confirming your circumstances.

5.0 Full Time Students – How we assess your grant if you are a Dependent Student

(Follow the table on page 6 to work out if you are a dependent student)

Your entitlement depends on your own income and that of your household (the lower the income the more grant you will be entitled to). If you want to apply for this support you will need to enclose evidence of income with your application. You should always send original documents – photocopies are not accepted.

If you do not give income details you may not receive the money you are entitled to as we will be unable to carry out an assessment.

Whose income do we take into account?

We use your own taxable unearned income:

Taxable unearned income is any income you receive from the following sources:

- Bank or building society gross interest
- Property, lettings or rent
- Dividends or investments
- Trusts or sponsorships
- Any other payment received for attending the course.

We also use your parents' income

- If your parents live together we will use both their incomes;
- If your parents are separated, divorced, or no longer live together, we will use the income of the parent that you normally live with;
- If your parent lives with a partner or you have a step-parent we will use their income as well as the parent you live with.

What income do we take into account for your parents?

- If your parents are employed we take their total gross taxable income and we will need their P60 which is given to them by their employer usually after April.
- If they are self employed or have income from property we take the taxable profit – we will need their tax calculation from the Inland Revenue or a letter from their Accountant.

- If they are in receipt of pensions we will need verification of the amount they received from the Pension Branch or whoever pays their pension.
- If they are unemployed and are in receipt of benefits we will need verification of this from the Benefit Office.
- An allowance of £1,153 will be deducted from income for each child in the family who is mainly financially dependent on your parents.
- An allowance will be deducted from income if your parents pay into a personal pension scheme that qualifies for tax relief.

5.1 Full Time Students – How we assess your grant if you are an Independent Student

(Follow the table on page 6 to work out if you are an independent student)

Your entitlement depends on your own income and that of your spouse/partner (the lower the income the more grant you will be entitled to). If you want to apply for this support you will need to enclose evidence of income with your application. You should always send original documents – photocopies are not accepted.

If you do not give income details you may not receive the money you are entitled to as we will be unable to carry out an assessment.

Whose income do we take into account?

We use your own taxable unearned income:

Taxable unearned income is any income you receive from the following sources:

- Bank or building society gross interest
- Property, lettings or rent
- Dividends or investments
- Trusts or sponsorships
- Any other payment received for attending the course.

What income do we take into account for your spouse/partner?

- If your spouse/partner is employed we take their total gross taxable income and we will need their P60 which is given to them by their employer usually after April.
- If they are self employed or have income from property we take the taxable profit – we will need their tax calculation from the Inland Revenue or a letter from their Accountant.
- If they are in receipt of pensions we will need verification of the amount they received from the Pension Branch or whoever pays their pension.
- If they are unemployed and are in receipt of benefits we will need verification of this from the Benefit Office.
- An allowance of £1,153 will be deducted from income for each child in the family who is mainly financially dependent on your spouse/partner.
- An allowance will be deducted from income if your spouse/partner pays into a personal pension scheme that qualifies for tax relief.

5.2 What financial help is available for full-time students?

Tuition Fees

The table below will give you an idea of fee charges

LOCATION OF YOUR COLLEGE	FEES CHARGED
Further Education College in Northern Ireland	No Fee charged for full time courses
Further Education College outside Northern Ireland (i.e. England, Scotland, Wales or Republic of Ireland)	Fees may be charged by the college. The maximum we can consider for 2011/2012 academic year is £930. Your college may charge more than this.

If you are entitled to help with your fees you will receive a letter from Student Finance NI to confirm this. You must bring a copy of this letter to your college fee office. This will let them know that we will accept responsibility for the payment of your fees. The College will send us an invoice and we will pay them for your fees. If you have paid your own fees the college will arrange a refund for you.

Maintenance Grant

Maintenance Grants are available for students living in Northern Ireland and provide financial support towards living costs. They are assessed on household income.

The table below will give you an idea of the amount of grant you may receive.

Household Income (£)	Amount of Grant - Living at Home	Amount of Grant - Living away from Home
Up to 21,330	£1,674	£2,092
21,331 - 26,160	£1,490	£1,863
26,161 -31,580	£1,306	£1,633
31,581 – 38,805	£1,122	£1,402
38,806 and over	No Funding	No Funding

Student Finance NI will pay the maintenance grant in three instalments, one at the start of each term subject to at least 80% attendance on the course each term.

5.3 Dance and Drama (Northern Ireland) Awards

Students undertaking a Trinity College London qualification at one of the 22 accredited providers (see Appendix 1) will be asked for:

- evidence that the student has obtained a Dance and Drama Award (DaDa) from the College – this is offered by the college following a successful audition for a DaDa. It is the student's responsibility to apply to the college for the Dance and Drama Award.

The DaDa will cover the majority of the tuition fee, however, the student will have to make a personal contribution towards their fees. For the 2011/12 year this contribution is £1,275. This is not paid by Student Finance NI. This is the student's responsibility.

Students may apply to WELB for additional help. Entitlement will depend on household income. The table below shows how much financial help is available;

Household Income £ (Per annum)	Students living at home	Students living in lodgings outside London	Students living in lodgings in London
Under 21,000	£2292	£4823	£5460
21,001 -23,000	£2010	£4026	£4559
23,001 - 25,000	£1710	£3203	£3632
25,001 - 27,000	£1435	£2411	£2724
27,001 - 30,000	£1145	£1602	£1810
30,001 - 33,000	NIL	£761	£910

If the family income is above £33,000 the student will not be entitled to any extra help.

5.4 Childcare Grant – Full Time Student

You can claim a childcare grant if you are using registered or approved childcare. Your childcare provider must be registered or approved by the Health and Social Care Trust.

You **will not be eligible** for the Childcare Grant if the childcare is provided by a registered or approved childcare provider who is:

- Your partner
- A relative of the child and providing care in the child's own home
- A relative of the child providing care away from the child's own home and is only caring for children he or she is related to.

A relative of the child means a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother or sister related by blood or marriage, or living arrangements).

You can claim for:

- term time;
- during Christmas and Easter holidays if your childminder charges you;
- If you are on a two year course and need help with childcare costs for the summer holidays between year one and year two:

How much you get depends on your income and that of your dependants (including your husband, wife or partner). The table below will give you an idea of the support available;

Household Income (£)	1 child	2 or more children
Up to 21,330	£130	£220
21,331 - 26,160	£110	£188
26,161 -31,580	£78	£133
31,581 – 38,805	£40	£70
38,806 and over	No funding	No funding

What do I need to supply?

We will need the following information to process your claim:

- A childcare grant application CG1– you can download this from our website www.welbni.org
- Your child/children’s original long version birth certificate;
- Your Inland Revenue Notification of Tax Credit for the year ended 5 April 2012;
- Your childminder’s current certificate of registration;

Do I have to repay this grant?

You will not have to repay this help unless you withdraw from the course, do not pay your childminder, or give inaccurate information.

NOTE: If you are claiming Childcare Grant you will not be entitled to claim childcare from the Care to Learn Scheme or from Inland Revenue. Any attempt to dishonestly obtain childcare grant will be treated as fraud and will be subject to disciplinary procedures involving the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI).

6. Part Time Students – How we assess your grant

Parental income is not used in the assessment of support for Part Time Students

Your entitlement depends on your own income and that of your spouse/partner (if applicable) - the lower the income the more grant you will be entitled to. If you want to apply for this support you will need to enclose evidence of income with your application. You should always send original documents – photocopies are not accepted.

If you do not give income details you may not receive the money you are entitled to as we will be unable to carry out an assessment.

Whose income do we take into account?

We use your own taxable income:

Taxable income is any income you receive on which you pay income tax.

What income do we take into account for your spouse/partner (if applicable)?

- If your spouse/partner is employed we take their total gross taxable income and we will need their P60 which is given to them by their employer usually after April.
- If they are self employed or have income from property we take the taxable profit – we will need their tax calculation from the Inland Revenue or a letter from their Accountant.
- If they are in receipt of pensions we will need verification of the amount they received from the Pension Branch or whoever pays their pension.
- If they are unemployed and are in receipt of benefits we will need verification of this from the Benefit Office.
- An allowance of £2,000 will be deducted from income for the spouse, £2,000 deducted for the first child and £1,000 for each additional child in the family.
- An allowance will be deducted from income if your spouse/partner pays into a personal pension scheme that qualifies for tax relief.

6.1 What financial help is available for part-time students?

The table below will give you an idea of the amount of grant available for part time study.

Household Income	Grant for Fee Support	Grant for books & stationery
Up to £15,000	£465	£265
£15,001 - £20,000	£275	£157
£20,001 - £25,000	£185	£105
£25,001 and over	NIL	NIL

Grant for Fees

If you are entitled to help you will receive a letter from Student Finance NI to confirm this. You must bring a copy of this letter to your college fee office. This will let them know how much help you are entitled to in relation to your fees. The College will send us an invoice for the amount stated on your letter and we will pay them directly. If you have paid your own fees or paid too much fees the college will arrange a refund for you.

Grant for Books & Stationery

The letter you receive from Student Finance NI will also tell you if you are eligible for any help towards the cost of books and stationery. When we receive confirmation from the college that you have been accepted on the course we will pay this grant to you. This is a one off payment for the year. Normally this is paid into your bank account (if you have supplied your account details). If you do not supply your bank details a cheque will be sent to your home address.

6.2 Childcare Grant - Part time Student

You can claim a childcare grant if you are using registered or approved childcare. Your childcare provider must be registered or approved by the Health and Social Care Trust.

You **will not be eligible** for the Childcare Grant if the childcare is provided by a registered or approved childcare provider who is:

- Your partner
- A relative of the child and providing care in the child's own home
- A relative of the child providing care away from the child's own home and is only caring for children he or she is related to.

A relative of the child means a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother or sister related by blood or marriage, or living arrangements).

You can claim for:

- term time;
- during Christmas and Easter holidays if your childminder charges you;
- If you are on a two year course and need help with childcare costs for the summer holidays between year one and year two:

How much you get depends on your income and that of your dependants (including your husband, wife or partner) and also on the number of hours involved in your course. The table overleaf will give you an idea of the support available;

Household Income	1 Child	1 Child	2 or more Children	2 or more Children
	1-7 Hours/Week	8-14 Hours/Week	1-7 Hours/Week	8-14 Hours/Week
	The number of hours stated refers to the number of taught hours plus compulsory placement hours.			
Up to £21,330	£33	£65	£56	£110
£21,331 - £26,160	£28	£56	£48	£95
£26,161 - £31,580	£20	£39	£34	£67
£31,581 - £38,805	£10	£20	£17	£34
£38,806 and over	No Funding			

What do I need to supply?

We will need the following information to process your claim:

- A childcare grant application CG2– you can download this from our website www.welbni.org
- Your child/children’s original long version birth certificate;
- Your Inland Revenue Notification of Tax Credit for the year ended 5 April 2012;
- Your childminder’s current certificate of registration;
- Your college need to verify the number of hours involved in your course:

Do I have to repay this grant?

You will not have to repay this help unless you withdraw from the course, do not pay your childminder, or give inaccurate information.

NOTE: If you are claiming Childcare Grant you will not be entitled to claim childcare from the Care to Learn Scheme or from Inland Revenue. Any attempt to dishonestly obtain childcare grant will be treated as fraud and will be subject to disciplinary procedures involving the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI).

7. Things to be aware of

NOTE: for the purpose of claiming a Further Education (FE) Award you will not be entitled to claim other government awards and allowances including Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), New Deal, Job Skills, Training For Success or Modern Apprenticeships. Any attempt to dishonestly obtain an FE Award shall be treated as fraud and will be subject to disciplinary procedures involving the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)

Student Finance NI will also consider the following in relation to your course:

- (i) Awards will only be given to either one full time or one part time course in any given academic year.
- (ii) Attendance on the course must be at least 80% throughout the year. Awards will be adjusted or withdrawn for poor attendance.

If there is a change in the income of your family

We use the household income for the period 6 April 2009 to 5 April 2010. If the income of your household drops by 15% or more you can ask for a re-assessment of your grant based on the current financial position. You need to contact us for information on the process.

Disabled Students

If you have a disability e.g. physical disability, mental health difficulty, long term illness or a specific learning difficulty you can apply for support from your college. You should contact the Disability Advisor in your College who will advise you on the support available from the college.

Hardship Funds

For students who are experiencing financial difficulty attending their course there may be some additional help from the Hardship Fund. The Hardship Fund is administered by the College and you should make enquiries with the Student Services Department of your College about the fund. They will advise you on the application procedure and criteria involved.

Are any of the grants repayable?

No. You will not have to repay this help unless you withdraw from the course, or if we have to re-calculate your grant for any reason (e.g. if inaccurate information is given or if you have a poor attendance record).

Your attendance on the course

Further Education Awards are awarded on the basis that the student achieves a minimum of 80% attendance. If your attendance drops below 80% your entitlement will be re-assessed and your award will be reduced.

Bank Account

We normally pay the first instalment of your grant in the form of a cheque in your name which is sent to the college for you to collect. The second and third instalment is paid into your bank account. If you change your bank account you need to inform us immediately.

Leaving your course or transferring to a new course

If you are considering leaving or transferring from your course of study before completion, you should be aware that this **will** affect how much assistance Student Finance NI can offer in the future. It is essential that if you are considering transferring/withdrawing from your course of study, you should speak with your college/Student Finance NI to ascertain how this will affect future financial assistance.

Repeat Years

Awards will not be made to applicants who are repeating a year of a course of study unless medical or other mitigating circumstances contributed to the need to repeat the year.

Students repeating a year of a course due to medical or other mitigating circumstances should contact Student Finance NI for further information.

Confirmation of Acceptance on Course

When we have your grant calculated we will send you a form - Confirmation of Acceptance. You will need to send this to your College for them to complete, confirming that you have been accepted on to the course. We will not issue any grant until we have this information.

APPENDIX 1

DANCE AND DRAMA ACCREDITED PROVIDERS

Dance and Drama School	Course
Academy of Live and Recorded Arts	National Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
Academy of Live and Recorded Arts	National Advanced Certificate in Professional Acting (1 year)
Arts.Ed, London	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Arts.Ed, London	National Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
Arts.Ed, London	National Certificate in Professional Acting (1 year)
Bird College - Dance and Drama Theatre Performance	National Diploma in Professional Music Theatre (3 years)
Cambridge Performing Arts at Bodywork	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
Cambridge Performing Arts at Bodywork	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Drama Studio London	National Certificate in Professional Acting (1 year)
Elmhurst School for Dance in association with Birmingham Royal Ballet	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
English National Ballet School	National Certificate in Professional Classical Ballet (2 years)
English National Ballet School	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
GSA Conservatoire	National Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
GSA Conservatoire	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
GSA Conservatoire	National Diploma in Professional Production Skills (2 years)
The Hammond School	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
The Hammond School	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts Ltd	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Laine Theatre Arts	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
Laine Theatre Arts	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Liverpool Theatre School and College	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Millennium Performing Arts	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
Millennium Performing Arts	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)

Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts	National Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts	National Certificate in Professional Acting (1 year)
Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts	National Diploma in Professional Acting Musical Theatre (3 years)
Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts	National Diploma in Stage Management and Production Skills (2 years)
Northern Ballet School	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
The Oxford School of Drama	National Diploma in Professional Acting (3 years)
The Oxford School of Drama	National Certificate in Professional Acting (1 year)
Performers College	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Performers College	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
SLP College Leeds	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Stella Mann College	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
Stella Mann College	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Tring Park School of Performing Arts	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
Tring Park School of Performing Arts	National Certificate in Professional Classical Ballet (2 years)
Urdang Academy	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)
Urdang Academy	National Diploma in Professional Dance (3 years)
WAC Performing Arts and Media College	National Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre (3 years)

APPENDIX 2

Access & Prescribed List of Approved Non-NQF Qualifications (Courses)

UNIVERSITY ACCESS COURSES

QUAL AIM	SUBJECT CODE	PLAQ CODE	QUALIFICATIONS	AWARDING BODY
592	Y999	P10001	Access Diploma in Adult Learning	University of Ulster
592	Y400	P10002	Access Diploma in Combined Studies	University of Ulster
592	G500	P10003	Access Diploma in Computing	University of Ulster
592	N125	P10004	Access Diploma in Computing and Business	University of Ulster
592	G599	P10005	Access Diploma in Computing and Multimedia	University of Ulster
592	N125	P10006	Access Diploma in Computing with Business and Multimedia	University of Ulster
592	L232	P10007	Access Diploma in Humanities & Social Sciences	University of Ulster
592	G560	P10008	Access Diploma in IT Studies & Professional Development	University of Ulster
592	Y120	P10009	Access Diploma in Science	University of Ulster
592	Y110	P10010	Access Diploma in Science and Technology	University of Ulster
592	L323	P10011	Access Diploma in Social & Life Sciences	University of Ulster
592	L322	P10012	Access Diploma in Social Sciences	University of Ulster
592	L323	P10013	Access Diploma in Social Sciences & Humanities	University of Ulster

592	Y999	P10021	Access Certificate in Arts & Humanities	Queens University
592	C120	P10022	Access Certificate in Biological Sciences	Queens University
592	N199	P10023	Access Certificate in Combined Business	Queens University
592	H100	P10024	Access Certificate in Engineering	Queens University
592	B999	P10025	Access Certificate in Health and Welfare	Queens University
592	Y999	P10026	Access Certificate in Humanities	Queens University
592	L323	P10027	Access Certificate in Humanities & Social Sciences	Queens University
592	T299	P10028	Access Certificate in Languages (French, German & Spanish)	Queens University
592	G900	P10029	Access Certificate in Mathematics & Computing	Queens University
592	B790	P10030	Access Certificate in Nursing & Health Studies	Queens University
592	Y120	P10031	Access Certificate in Science	Queens University
592	L322	P10032	Access Certificate in Social Sciences	Queens University
592	Y999	P10033	Access Certificate in Foundation Studies	Queens University

