

NATIONAL LIFELONG LEARNING FUND

Terms & Conditions

GMB Members can apply by completing a National Lifelong Learning fund application form for financial assistance towards any course that they have enrolled on, or would like to enrol on, to help them to achieve a qualification or skill which will enable them to improve their present & future employment and career opportunities.

All Applicants to the National Lifelong Learning Fund must apply to any regional learning funds and consult with their employers and branch for funding prior to applying to the National Lifelong Learning Fund.

If funding has been granted from the regional funds, employer or branch but does not meet the required amount to undertake the course the applicant is enrolled or would like to enrol on then applicants can still apply to the National Lifelong Learning Fund.

Application Criteria

The applicant must have been a fully paid up member, on either the full-time, part-time, Sick/Unemployed or any other type of membership rate for more than 53 weeks.

Successful applicants will be expected to retain their membership throughout the whole process with regards to the funding received. Further to this, depending on the amount applied for, the funding would be set out in three time-served union membership tiers. The amount of funding for each tier is down to the panel's discretion.

NLLF Panel (as of 15 April 2021):

Colin Kirkham (National Project Director RERHSO)
Tom Rigby (Regional Education Officer)
Paul Ward (Regional Education Officer)

Application Tiers

Tier 1	Individuals who apply for £100 or less, must have paid 53 weeks continuous membership to the GMB.
Tier 2	Individuals who apply for between £100 up to £200 , must have paid 106 weeks continuous membership to the GMB.
Tier 3	Individuals who apply for between £200 to the maximum of £300 , must have paid 159 weeks continuous membership to the GMB.

Applications should be made prior to the commencement of a course of study or during the application stage when the individuals knows they are eligible to undertake the course.

A GMB member must complete the application form in full online at:

gmb.org.uk/learning/fundapplication

A member must have paid at least 53 weeks subscriptions and be fully financial at the time of application.

No commitments should be entered into on the assumption that an award will be made.

The awards do not apply to any other college, institution or training provider.

For any queries or assistance about the National Lifelong Learning fund, please email learning@gmb.org.uk