



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 call the ILA Scotland helpline free on **0808 100 1090** or visit **www.ilascotland.org.uk**

What ILA Scotland can mean to you

- You can get up to £200 towards learning something new
- Choose from courses in a wide 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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ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme administered by Skills Development Scotland and the Student Awards Agency for Scotland



Get up to **£200** towards **learning something new**

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 a year towards a wide range of courses from learning providers throughout Scotland.

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 – why not get in touch with us and we'll help find the right course for you?

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

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, local colleges, universities and private training companies.

And, with courses starting from as little as £25, you're bound to find something to suit you.

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

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

Learn in a way that you enjoy

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

And if you're not sure about what to learn or how you'd fit learning into your life, we can offer friendly advice on full-time, part-time, even short courses you could choose from.

All the help and advice you need

Give us a call and one of our advisers can tell you more about how to apply. They can chat about what you might want to do, give you information about the courses available, and help you find one that suits you.

If you have any questions call us free on **0808 100 1090** quoting reference ILAL or visit www.ilascotland.org.uk

New from ILA Scotland

Are you thinking about studying part-time for a new qualification such as an HNC, HND or degree? If so, ILA Scotland also offers up to £500 towards part-time higher and professional qualification courses when you study 40 Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (SCQF) credits or more a year.

For more information about opening a £500 learner account visit www.ilascotland.org.uk or call our helpline free on **0808 100 1090**.

