

## Who we fund

- We will fund eligible individuals, resident in London on the learning start date.
- We must check the residency eligibility of a learner, including whether they are resident in London, at the start of each learning aim.

## We can only fund learners that are 19 or older

- On the first day of learning a learner must be aged 19 or older on 31 August within the 2025 to 2026 Academic year.

## Residency eligibility

- Individuals will be eligible for GLA funded courses if on the first day of learning a learner is aged 19 or older on 31 August within the 2025 to 2026 funding year, the learning is taking place in England, and they are resident in London. Individuals that fulfil the residency requirements must have valid permission to live in the UK for at least 12 months in duration.

## Non-Uk nationals who have been granted permission by the Uk Government and such permission is not for educational purposes only

- **EEA or Swiss nationals** are eligible for GLA funded courses if they have either a pre-settled status or settled status under EUSS.
- **Learners from Northern Ireland will be eligible if:**
  - 1. they have been living in the UK by 31 December 2020 and
  - 2. they have obtained pre-settled or settled status under EUSS

### Family members for this purpose are:

- Husband/Wife
- Child
- Civil partner
- Grandchild under 21

## Individuals with certain types of immigration status and their family members

The learner's immigration permission in relation to the below categories. This would include the biometric residence permit (BRP) and in some cases an accompanying letter from the Home Office or any other relevant original physical/electronic documents confirming their status.

- Any individual with any of the statuses listed below, where they have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the period since they were given leave to enter or remain in the UK and is a resident in London, is exempt from the 12-month visa length requirement and eligible to receive funding:

## Refugee Status

- 53.2 Humanitarian Protection status
- 53.3 Discretionary Leave to Enter or Remain
- 53.4 Exceptional Leave to Enter or Remain
- 53.5 Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain
- 53.6 Extant leave to remain as a stateless person
- 53.7 Leave outside the immigration rules
- 53.8 family members of individuals with the statuses listed
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- 53.8.1 the spouse or civil partner of a person with a status listed above is eligible if they were the spouse or civil partner of the person on the application date and have been ordinarily resident in the UK and Islands throughout the period since they were given leave to enter or remain in the UK
- 53.8.2 the child of a person with a status listed above, or of the person's spouse or civil partner, is eligible if they were the child of someone with a status listed above, or of the person's spouse or civil partner on the application date, they were under 18 on the asylum application date and they have been ordinarily resident in the UK since they were given leave to enter or remain
- 53.9 Ukraine scheme:
  - 53.9.1 individuals with leave to enter or remain in the UK under the Ukraine Family Scheme
  - 53.9.2 individuals with leave to enter or remain in the UK under the Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Homes for Ukraine)
  - 53.9.3 individuals with leave to enter or remain in the UK under the Ukraine Extension Scheme
  - 53.9.4 individuals with leave to remain in the UK under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme
- 53.10 Afghan scheme:
  - 53.10.1 individuals with leave to enter or remain in the UK under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS)
  - 53.10.2 individuals with leave to enter or remain in the UK under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP)
  - 53.10.3 British Nationals evacuated from Afghanistan under Operation Pitting
  - 53.10.4 British Nationals evacuated from Afghanistan by the UK government before 6 January 2022
  - 53.10.5 under Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 leave, or
  - 53.10.6 under Calais leave to remain<sup>1</sup>
- <sup>1</sup>A child of a person who has received Calais leave to remain will come under this bullet point where they have been granted "leave in line" by virtue of being a dependent child of such a person.
- 53.11 British citizens who were born in the British Indian Ocean Territory or, prior to 8 November 1965, in those islands designated as the British Indian Ocean Territory on that date, or are direct descendants of a person who was born in the British Indian Ocean Territory or, prior to 8 November 1965, in those islands designated as the British Indian Ocean Territory on that date

#### **Children of Turkish workers**

- 54.A child of a Turkish worker is eligible if both the following apply:
  - 54.1 the Turkish worker is currently ordinarily resident in the UK on or before 31 December 2020 and has Turkish European Community Association Agreement (ECAA) rights or extended ECAA leave, and
  - 54.2 the child has been resident in the UK on or before 31 December 2020

#### **Asylum seekers**

- 55.Asylum seekers are eligible to receive full funding if:
  - 55.1 they are resident in London, and

- 55.1.1 have lived in the UK for six months or longer while their claim is being considered by the Home Office, and no decision on their claim has been made, or
- 55.1.2 are receiving local authority support under section 23C or section 23CA of the Children Act 1989 or the Care Act 2014
- 56. An individual who has been refused asylum will be eligible for full funding if:
  - 56.1 they are currently resident in London, and
  - 56.1.1 they have appealed against a decision made by the UK government against granting refugee status and no decision has been made within six months of lodging the appeal, or
  - 56.1.2 they are granted support for themselves under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, or
  - 56.1.3 they are receiving local authority support for themselves under section 23C or section 23CA of the Children Act 1989

#### **Individuals who are not eligible for funding**

- 58. We cannot claim funding for individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria set out in the residency eligibility section. Examples of individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria include the following. Please note this list is not exhaustive:
  - 58.1 those who are here without authority or lawful status
  - 58.2 those who are resident in the United Kingdom on a student visa
  - 58.3 those who are in the United Kingdom on holiday, with or without a visa
  - 58.4 those who are a family member of a person granted a student visa, have been given immigration permission to stay in the UK and have not been ordinarily resident in the UK for the previous three years on the first day of learning
  - 58.5 those whose biometric residence permit or residence permit imposes a study prohibition or restriction on the individual

**This is not an exhaustive list, and more information can be found at [WWW.gov.uk](http://WWW.gov.uk)**