

Enrolment & Fees



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- **Website:** www.redbridge-iae.ac.uk
- **Call in person: Gaysham Avenue, IG2 6TD**
Monday – Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm +
Tuesday – Thursday 9.00am - 6.00pm in term time
(office closed over the Christmas period)

Course Fact Sheets
available

Ask for one to be sent
or download yourself
from website

We can book an advice slot or interview for you if you need one.





Why interview?

Some courses require an interview – please don't worry, this meeting is for you to meet a subject expert who can help you decide if the course is right for you and so that you:




- ✓ enrol on the right course that will allow you to achieve
- ✓ can identify any additional help you might need when studying on the course
- ✓ pay the correct fee to join the course
- ✓ understand
 - how much time you will need to commit both in class and at home
 - what extra costs there will be, such as books and equipment
- ✓ know what financial support you may be eligible for
- ✓ can consider childcare arrangements
- ✓ can confirm your personal details

If your course requires an interview, we cannot take your enrolment if you haven't attended one

Enrol

<p>Need an interview ?</p> <p>On benefits or claiming reduced fee ?</p> <p>Paying by instalments ?</p> <p>Paying by vouchers ?</p> <p>Paying by cash ?</p>		<p> Call in at Redbridge Institute Gaysham Avenue Gants Hill Ilford IG2 6TD</p> <p>Bring payment and any evidence you need to provide. Evidence needed:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Lower fee</td> <td>Benefit letter, bank statement or other papers (on headed paper) dated within last 6 months If you do not have paper based evidence you will be asked to sign a self- declaration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Qualification course</td> <td>I.D.</td> </tr> </table>	Lower fee	Benefit letter, bank statement or other papers (on headed paper) dated within last 6 months If you do not have paper based evidence you will be asked to sign a self- declaration	Qualification course	I.D.
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<p>Enrolling on a course at Wanstead House</p>		<p> Call in at Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, E11 2NT</p>
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For all other enrolments, you can choose :		
	<p>Telephone 020 8550 2398</p>	Have your debit / credit card ready. We take Mastercard or Visa
	<p>Email enquiries@redbridge-iae.ac.uk</p>	Give us a contact number and we will call you back
	<p>Post Redbridge Institute Gaysham Avenue Ilford IG2 6TD</p>	<p>Enclose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completed enrolment form ✓ Debit / credit card details or a cheque made out to London Borough of Redbridge (separate cheque for each course) <p>We will let you know if a course is unavailable</p>

Note: Our contract is with the person named on the enrolment form. Receipts will be issued to that person and payment will be credited to that account. If someone else pays the fee for you, they have no contract with us – that is a private matter between you and them. Any refund due will come to you, not the person who paid.

How much do you pay?

See separate section for
Advanced / level 3 courses

Most of our courses are subsidised by the Government. **The advertised price already includes the Government subsidy if one applies.** Some courses are fully subsidised so there is no fee to pay. *But not everyone is entitled to a subsidised place. First we need to check your status:*

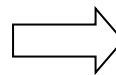


Can you tick one of these?

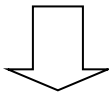
- ✓ A UK / EU resident
and you have lived permanently in the UK/EU for at least 3 years
- ✓ A refugee with refugee status granted by the Home Office
- ✓ An Asylum Seeker and you have lived in the UK for 3 years
and you have indefinite/exceptional leave to remain

✓ YES

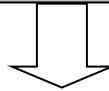
X NO



You are not entitled to a subsidised place. You will need to get agreement from the Course Manager before your enrolment can be accepted and you will have to pay the full cost of the course. This will be more than the advertised price – please ask for details



✓ **You will be able to pay the advertised price.**
 You may be entitled to pay less than the advertised price depending on your personal circumstances.



Can you tick one of these?

- ✓ In receipt of Job Seekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance (work related activity group only) or Universal Credit
- ✓ Not working and actively seeking work and in receipt of a state benefit (you will have to sign a self declaration)
- ✓ Under 24

✓ Some Government Funded courses will be free for you. You may be entitled to a reduced fee on others

Can you tick one of these?

- ✓ In receipt of Income Support or Housing Benefit
- ✓ In receipt of Council Tax Reduction or Pension Credit (guarantee credit only)
- ✓ In receipt of Working Tax Credit (not child tax credit) with income less than £18,000
- ✓ In receipt of Universal Credit
- ✓ In receipt of Carer's Allowance
- ✓ An unwaged dependent of someone receiving one of the above

✓ You may be entitled to a reduced fee on some Government Funded courses but will have to pay the full advertised price on others.

Funding rules are complicated and we cannot list every fee category in this booklet. Please ask for details at interview or when enrolling
 The advertised price is based on funding information available at the time of publication and may be subject to change during the year.

What evidence do I need to provide?

Residency and Entitlement

If your course requires an interview you will be told what to bring with you. This may include proof of identity and residency in the UK/EU, asylum or refugee papers

Benefit Status

If you are claiming free or concessionary fee entitlement, you will need to provide evidence. You only need to show one item of proof but this must be:

- ✓ the original document
- ✓ dated within the last 6 months or, if older, must refer to the current financial year.

The type of proof needed will depend on the course but may include:

- Letter of entitlement
- Referral form from your Job Centre Plus Work Coach
- Evidence that you are not in work (eg benefit letter) or signed self-declaration that you are not in work but actively seeking work
- Evidence of receipt of benefits (bank statement clearly showing origin of payment)
- Confirmation of age

We will let you know if your course requires anything else

Additional costs

Note: If you are on an exam based course you may be eligible for help with some of these costs - see Financial Support section

Registration fees

All advertised course fees include a registration fee.

Exam fees

The examination awarding bodies charge Redbridge Institute for every exam entry made. Some exam boards (eg City & Guilds) also require payment of a registration fee for each learner in addition to the exam entry fee. Redbridge Institute also charges a local fee to cover administration of your exam.

Some of our advertised course prices already **include the full exam fee - but not all**. You may be asked to pay for your exam nearer the time. This information will be in the course fact sheet.

If you are on an English/Maths (not GCSE), IT, Business or Cache Childcare course you will not have to pay an additional exam fee so long as your attendance on the course has been regular and your standard of work is at an acceptable level. You will only be entitled to one examination entry per programme of study.

Exam entries are not refundable and cannot be transferred. If you do not attend the examination or fail you may have to pay the full exam entry fee if you want to enter again.

Materials and Other Charges

You will have to pay for all materials used in the course. Some materials costs are already included in the advertised price. The course fact sheet will tell you if there are additional costs to pay and if you need to purchase anything before you come.

For some courses, materials are purchased in bulk (eg clay for pottery) and you will be charged for what you have used as you go along.

Instalments

An additional administration charge will be made for instalment agreements

Community Association Courses

Community Associations may charge an extra membership fee

Financial Help

If:

- ✓ You are enrolling on an accredited course and
- ✓ You are on a benefit or on a low income

You may be entitled to financial support for childcare or other costs



You will need to speak to a course manager and fill in a form. Forms and appointments are available from reception.

Funds are limited and awards are made in accordance with the Learner Financial Support Fund & Bursary Policy

Paying by Instalments

If you are:

- ✓ A UK resident
- ✓ Enrolling on a course of 12 weeks or more

✓ You can choose to pay by instalments



1. You will be asked to sign an agreement and will be asked to pay:

Approximately 1/3 of course fee	+
Registration fee	+
Materials & exam fees (if applicable)	+
Instalment supplement	

2. You will be sent an invoice 1-2 months later showing the total due. You can then either

- (a) Pay the full balance or
- (b) Contact us to arrange a payment plan.
You can spread the payments over the full length of the course if you wish

Note:

- The full balance will still be payable even if you stop attending the course
- We reserve the right to refuse this payment option. If you have missed payment deadlines in the past or you still have outstanding debts you will not be allowed to pay by instalments for any new courses
- You will not be able to enter examinations or collect your certificates if you still owe us money. Learners may be excluded for non payment of fees
- All outstanding debts will be pursued and you should settle all demands unless you receive a letter from Redbridge Institute stating otherwise. If you are no longer attending your course you will still have to pay the balance. If you have exceptional reasons for cancelling you must put these in writing, but please note that outstanding debts will only be waived in exceptional circumstances (see refund section below)

Changed your Mind?

Not started the course ?

If you change your mind within 14 days of enrolling, your course fee will be refunded in full

You have a legal right to cancel the course and apply for a full refund within 7 days of signing the agreement if you have enrolled by telephone or post and have not started the course.

(Consumer Protection (Distance Selling) Regulations 2000)

Redbridge Institute gives you more than your legal right and has extended this to 14 days and also extended this to learners who have enrolled in person.

If you have started the course you have no legal right to cancel or to get your money back.

Started the course and not satisfied?

If you are not satisfied with the course Redbridge Institute will give you a full refund if you notify us in writing before the 4th session of the course.

This is not a legal right unless the course is not provided with reasonable care and skill.

Started the course and

- **Have changed your mind for another reason; or**
- **Have been attending for more than 4 sessions**

It is unlikely you will receive a refund – see refund section below

You must write to us at

Finance Office
Redbridge Institute
Gaysham Avenue
Ilford
IG2 6TD

Within the time stated

Advanced Learner Loans

If you have taken out an Advanced Learner Loan - you will still owe the balance of the loan accrued up until you withdraw and notify the student loans company. There will be no balance due until you start the course. Notify us as well as the Student Loans Company as soon as you make a decision to avoid unnecessary charges

See the refund section below for more details

Transfers

Transferring onto another course

We will try to accommodate transfers where possible. Transfers must be agreed by the relevant Course Manager and cannot be guaranteed. An administrative charge will be levied for such transfers. This is not refundable.

Transferring your enrolment or fees to someone else

- X Transferring your enrolment is not possible.
- ? Transferring all or part of your fee might be possible.
You must write to us with all the details. We will let you know if this is agreed. We will keep a portion of your money to cover the costs of your own enrolment and any tuition received so far and the other person will have to pay any fee difference.

Not able to attend the whole course?

Please think very carefully about this before you make an enrolment. If we offer you a place on a course, we expect you to make a full commitment and to attend regularly for the whole of the course.

If your circumstances change we will try to support you to continue your studies – please make sure you speak to your course tutor as soon as you can.

Leaving early:

You will still have to pay the full cost of the course

Each course requires a minimum number of enrolments to cover the running costs and a maximum number of enrolments to make sure you are able to receive the right amount of tuition. Once we have accepted your enrolment we will not offer your place to anyone else. If you leave early, we will lose all the Government subsidy for you. We cannot always fill places that become available during the year and for some courses we cannot accept late enrolments as they would be joining too late to complete the work required for the course. This is why you will still have to pay any outstanding instalments due and you will not get a refund for anything you have already paid (see refund section below).

Joining late:

✓ You may be able to enrol late on some leisure based courses

– if the tutor and the manager agree. If a late enrolment is accepted on a leisure based course then we will reduce the fee to the nearest half term.

X You will not be able to enrol late on most accredited courses

This is because you will not be able to cover sufficient work to succeed. If the course manager and tutor think that you will be able to catch up then they may agree to you joining. In this case, we will still charge the full fee as you will be given the same level of support on the course as the other learners.

Refunds

Refunds - Note:

- ❖ We prefer to refund you by debit or credit card as you will receive your refund much sooner. So please make sure you give us your card details on your refund application or contact us if you know you are due a refund. (Email finance@redbridge-iae.ac.uk or telephone our main number and ask for the finance team)

Please note - if you paid by credit or debit card, we will still need your card details again as we do not keep card details on file

- ❖ Where we are unable to refund you by credit or debit card, refunds will be made by cheque and sent directly from London Borough of Redbridge
If you do not have a bank account we can make the cheque payable to someone else - but you will need to request this in writing.
If this is not possible – please telephone for advice
- ❖ Cash refunds are not given
- ❖ Refunds will not be processed for amounts under £10 unless we have cancelled the course. Balances of less than £10 will be held on account for payment towards future enrolments
- ❖ Refunds will be paid to the registered learner (the person named on the enrolment form). If someone else paid your fee for you and you would like the refund to go directly to that person then you will need to write to us with the details. If you paid for someone else then that is a private matter between you and the registered learner - you will not get the money back yourself unless we receive authorisation from them.

Our full refunds policy is available on request

Please read details on the next page as well

Courses cancelled by us

- ✓ We will refund the full course fee if the course has not started or is closed within 3 weeks
- ✓ If the course closes early or more than 2 sessions are missed and we have not been able to offer alternative dates, we will refund part of the course fee or hold any balances on credit for you.

Refund requests

Changed your mind AND you haven't attended at all ?



You have 14 days to change your mind. Write to
**Redbridge Institute, Gaysham Avenue,
Gants Hill, Ilford IG2 6TD**

The letter must arrive within 14 days.
You are not entitled to a refund if you have attended any sessions or do not cancel within 14 days

Dissatisfied with the course itself ?
Dissatisfied with the course as a result of a merger or transfer from a closed class ?



Speak to your tutor or course manager first. Most issues can be resolved. If you are still not satisfied, you have 4 course sessions to claim a full refund. Write to:
**Redbridge Institute, Gaysham Avenue,
Gants Hill, Ilford IG2 6TD**
telling us what is wrong.

The letter must be dated before the 4th course session.

Diagnosed with a new medical condition which prevents attendance on the course (This could be you or someone you have a care responsibility for)



Ask for a refund form. Fill in the details and attach a medical certificate. Post to:
**Redbridge Institute, Gaysham Avenue,
Gants Hill, Ilford IG2 6TD**

Changed your mind after 14 days of enrolling or after you have started the course ?

Changed circumstances ?

Any other reason ?



There is no legal obligation for the Institute to refund you unless the service is not provided with reasonable care and skill. No refund will be paid. However, we may authorise a credit of fees to last for 12 months so that fees can be transferred to another course.

Advanced Levels & other Level 3 or 4 courses

If you study at Level 3 or 4 the cost of your course is based on your age.

- If you are 19-23 and undertaking your first full level 3 programme - the course is likely to be free for you
- If you are 24 years old or over or you are 19-23 and not undertaking your first full level 3 programme - you will have to pay the full cost of the course But you can apply for a student loan to help with the course fee.

Advanced Learner Loan

You are eligible for a student loan if you are resident in the UK and are accepted onto an approved course at level 3 or 4. Repayments don't start straight away and you won't have to pay anything back until you're earning over £21,000 a year. The amount you pay back is linked to your earnings, not to the amount you have borrowed. For example, if you are earning £22,000 a year, your loan repayment would be £7 a month. If you are earning £30,000 a year it would be £67 a month. If you stop working, then your repayments stop until you are earning over £21,000. There is no up-front cost if you choose to take out a loan.

If you take out a loan for a level 4 Access to Higher Education Diploma and then go onto University and complete your undergraduate programme then your Advanced Learner loan balance will be written off once you have completed your degree.

Note: you must complete the loan application process and send back your signed form to the Student Loans Company to keep your place on the course. If your loan is not approved or you do not complete the application process, then you will be asked to pay the full cost of the course or you will lose your place.

Is the loan Sharia compliant?

Advanced Learner Loans are not currently Sharia compliant.

The Government is looking at an alternative finance system that is not interest based but results in identical repayments to the conventional system as it recognises that some Muslims and learners of other faiths may be deterred from taking out student loans due to the interest payment system.

Further information on funding your level 3 or 4 course is available from

- Our learning advisers at our Gearies and Mildmay Centres or enquiries@redbridge-iae.ac.uk
- www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans/overview

Data Protection & Freedom of Information

Data Protection	Redbridge Institute collects information about all staff, students and suppliers for administrative, academic, pastoral, health & safety and marketing reasons. We do pass on information to some third parties in relation to our business. Full details are given on the back of the enrolment form which is also available on the website
Freedom of Information	Requests under this Act should be sent to: Assistant Principal (Finance & Resources), Redbridge Institute, Gaysham Avenue, Gants Hill, Ilford, IG2 6TD

Relevant Policies

The following policies may be of interest to you. These are available through our website or contact us to ask for a copy.

- Admissions
- Assessment and Verification
- Disciplinary (learner)
- Disability Statement
- Equal Opportunities
- Exams
- Fees & Refunds
- Health & Safety
- IT User policy
- Learner Support
- Learning Policy

Other Small Print

- All courses are subject to Government, Council and Governing Body Fee policy and other Regulations
- Redbridge Institute and the Council reserve the right to amend the quoted fee when errors arise or Council/Government policy changes.
- The provision of a course is subject to class sizes. Class times may change and classes may be amalgamated, divided or closed at the discretion of the Principal
- Examination dates are usually set by external awarding bodies. Redbridge Institute cannot be held responsible for any inconvenience or loss caused in the event that an exam date is not suitable for a learner
- Redbridge Institute reserves the right to refuse enrolment or entry to a course or examination

If you don't understand something or need further help – please get in touch with us.

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Community Learning and Skills

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