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2026/2027 - Information for Applicants for Care to Learn (C2L)

Please read this information before completing your Care to Learn (C2L) application

What is Care to Learn (C2L)

C2L provides funding for childcare to help students under 20 years old to continue in education.

What help can I get from Care to Learn (C2L)?

Help with the costs of childcare while you study at college or on a course related work or industry placement. In addition, you may also be able to get help with additional travel costs involved in taking your child to the childcare provider and up to 10 weeks of summer retainer fee for the summer of 2027. We can pay up to £180 per week towards your childcare costs and associated travel.

Who Can Apply?

You can apply for C2L if all the following criteria are met:

- You are under 20 years old on the date you start your study programme
- You are the main carer for your child
- You receive Child Benefit for your child
- You live and study in England
- The other parent is unable to provide childcare as they are in education or absent
- The other parent is not claiming childcare paid through another source such as Childcare Tax Credits or government funded early years places

How to apply for Care to Learn (C2L)

To apply for C2L, register or sign in on the Pay My Student Portal using the link below:

Boston College Bursary Portal (paymystudent.com)

To register please follow the steps below:

- On the left-hand side of the page, input your student or reference number, date of birth, and create a password and confirm it. Remember your password – you will need it to login.
- Click Register – this will send you an email to your personal email account that you have registered with the college.
- From your personal email, activate the account.
- You can now return to the Pay My Student portal and login on the right-hand side of the page, using your student or reference number, date of birth and the password you created.
- You can now complete the bursary application process.

What evidence do I need to provide for Care to Learn (C2L)?

- Child Benefit award letter in your name regarding the child your C2L application refers to

What evidence does my childcare provider need to provide for Care to Learn (C2L)?

An initial official letter or email to us from the childcare provider to show:

- Childcare provider's name and full address
- Name, email address and phone number of a contact person
- Ofsted URN

- Details of childcare dates and hours, and fees charged
- Childcare provider's bank account details for us to send payment to
- Monthly confirmation of your child's attendance.

How will Care to Learn (C2L) be paid?

Payment will be paid directly to your childcare provider following receipt of an invoice addressed to the College from them.

Payment to the childcare provider will be in arrears and paid once your attendance at college **and** your child's attendance at the childcare provider have been verified.

Further information regarding Care to Learn (C2L)

Attendance and behaviour. Any award is dependent on your attendance and behaviour at college. If your attendance is below 90% it may affect future payments. In addition failing to maintain the standards set out in the Student Code of Conduct may also affect these payments.

Appeal your award**.** You can make an appeal regarding your award by writing to the Head of Safeguarding and Wellbeing, Boston College, Skirbeck Road, Boston, or email info@boston.ac.uk

Additional contact person Complete this section of the application **only** if you agree to that person being contacted regarding all Care to Learn matters.

Award notice. We will advise any C2L award to you, and your childcare provider, by email.

Qualifying criteria. You must be enrolled on a Department for Education (DfE) funded course and meet residency criteria shown in Department for Education (DfE) funding regulations and should be participating in provision that is subject to inspection by a public body that assures quality (e.g. Ofsted).

Apprenticeships. Students on waged apprenticeship programmes, or any waged learning or training, are not eligible for Care to Learn.

Any questions? If you have any further questions, contact the Student Services Info Desk by calling 01205 365701 ext. 3218.

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