

# BLACKLISTED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' TRAINING FUND GUIDANCE NOTES



- The amount awarded by the Court to establish the Fund was £230,000 to be administered by Unite the Union, for victims of blacklisting who have brought proceedings. **The fund is not restricted to retraining in the construction sector.**
- Applications from eligible candidates are taken on a first come, first served basis, and the Fund will close for any further applications once it has been exhausted. Applicants should therefore take this into account if planning upon embarking on a long term programme of study, or taking breaks in learning.
- Invoices/receipts and course descriptions or any other proof as required by the Fund will be submitted to Unite the Union upon request.
- The amount funded per course is dependent on the level of qualification undertaken. Individual courses at Level 2 typically attract a grant of up to £1,000 per funding year, Level 3 up to £1,500 per funding year, Level 4 (e.g. HNC) and Level 5 (e.g. HND) up to £2,000 per funding year, Level 6 (e.g. Bachelor's or Honours degree) up to £3,000 per funding year, and for Level 7 courses and above (e.g. Masters and higher), a grant of up to £4,000 per funding year. Costs over these amounts will be considered on a discretionary case by case basis by the Training Fund.
- Applicants are not limited to the number of applications that can be made in any one funding year, whereby additional grants will be considered by the Fund upon proof of previously funded course completion, agreed progression or learning targets being met.
- Retrospective applications for assistance towards course fees already incurred since the May 2016 signing of Court Award for The Construction Industry Vetting Information Group Litigation, will be considered on a discretionary case by case basis by the Training Fund.
- Upon approval by the Training Fund, appropriate payment will be made to the relevant College, University, Certification Body or Training Provider directly for the cost of the course, qualification or certification. Proof of registration will be required.
- Grants will be made for funding towards courses for the achievement of vocational, vocationally related, technical and other occupationally related regulated qualifications. These are typically regulated by the likes of Ofqual (England), QiW (Wales), SQA (Scotland) and CCEA (Northern Ireland), available from registered Awarding Organisations and Bodies (e.g. City & Guilds, CITB, EAL, ECITB, NOCN, Pearson, SQA Awarding Body, etc.), and delivered by applicably licenced Colleges, Universities and Training Providers in UK Further and Higher Education. Funding for industry recognised non-regulated and proprietary courses and certifications will be at the discretion of the Fund. All applications will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Grants will also be made for industry recognised occupational certifications and accreditations (e.g. in construction the CSCS and its CSCS Alliance partner card schemes (e.g. ACE, ECS (JIB & SJIB), CISRS, CPCS, JIB-PMES, SNIJIB, SKILLcard, etc. and other industry recognised passport schemes like CCNSG), including associated recognised training and assessments, plus NEBOSH, IOSH, leadership, management, teaching, TAQA (Training, Assessment, Quality Assurance) qualifications, and industry recognised CPD (Continuing Professional Development), are also eligible for consideration for applicable funding.
- Applicants who require support or assistance with applications should contact their regional education team, details at: <https://www.learnwithunite.org/regional-education/>