

NCT Courses Provided by Specialist Workers Discounted Price Policy

Policy Statement (to be advertised on our website for the attention of parents)

We charge for our Antenatal, Early Days and Breastfeeding courses in order to pay the expenses of running the course, develop training and resources for parents and to support the wider work of the NCT, which includes lobbying for improvements in maternity services. We do offer discounted prices to parents who would find it difficult to pay the full amount. These discounts vary from a minimum payment of £20 to 50% of the full course price. It is also possible for you to pay for your course in installments. Please ask your booking administrator in confidence for more details.

Guidance for Booking Administrators

Eligibility for Minimum Payment of £20

The following would be eligible to pay the minimum payment of £20:

- Students (under the age of 22)
- Under 18s

and parents receiving

- Income support
- Job seekers allowance
- Council tax benefit
- Housing benefit
- Incapacity benefit

or with an income of less than £15,000 p.a.

Eligibility for Discount of up to 50% of the Course Fee

Parent/s with an income of between £15,000 and £25,000 p.a. would be eligible for a discount of up to 50% of the course fee.

Installments

If parents request to pay in installments, this can be arranged as long as the final payment is made by the time that the course ends.

Review

The operation of this policy will be reviewed in 12 months time in December 2007.

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