



Grants, Scholarship, Discount and Payment Policy

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Introduction

We are incredibly passionate about bringing new people into the sector and giving everyone the opportunity to access our courses. The Canine Training Instructor course has been designed to bring anyone (whether new to the sector or experienced) to achieve the ABTC certification.

Whilst there are no prerequisites to our course, cost can sometimes be a barrier, particularly for people from groups under represented in the sector. This may not be the case for University based ATI courses which may require A Levels or equivalent.

Whilst we appreciate that the fee for our course is a significant sum of money for most people, at this moment (25/01/23) due to them being hosted by universities, the only 3 comparable ABTC recognised dog courses for ATI cost several times more to complete.

How to pay for courses

Over the last few months we have spent time assessing and trialling options to allow people to spread the cost of courses. Some of these “buy now pay later” platforms could present a burden on people's finances with high interest rates, this goes against our ethics around tackling societal issues, so we have decided to avoid utilising them.

Whilst not possible for every circumstance, to avoid debt we would recommend people pay for our courses via debit cards (other cards are possible) or invoice payment via bank transfer.

Alternative options are available, these are set out in this document, these include:

- Grants
- Charity Discounts
- Scholarships
- Payment Plans

Grants

There may be grants available, which depending on your circumstances could be accessed by people to pay for courses with PACT.

At this moment we are currently only aware of one scheme, but will continue to look for options to ensure that our education is available to as many people as possible.

Low Value Welfare to Work Training scheme

The scheme can fund between £100 to £10k for a course and is paid by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

Contact your local Jobcentre or see this guidance to find out more:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/low-value-provision-lvp-online-application-and-guidance>

It has taken a great deal of effort to open this grant to students and is only possible as PACT has:

- A CTIC course accredited by ABTC (who are recognised by DEFRA)
- Registered with Information Commissioner (Reg ZB542323)
- Registered as a UK learning provider (UKPRN 10089345)
- Registered to pay VAT in UK (GB 403 1961 28)
- Has Health and Safety, Fire & Incident reporting assessments and processes in place - required by DWP
- Has environmental policies in place (As required by 2016 Public Procurement Regulations)
- Registered on the D-U-N-S system (No: 228071126)
- Registered with Gov procurement portal
- Completed Certifications with DWP

Charity Discounts

A discount of 25% is available on all courses for registered charities in the Animal Welfare Sector who wish for their staff to complete courses. Charities should contact office@pact-dogs.com to see if they are eligible and find out how to apply for the discount.

Scholarships

It is possible to apply for a scholarship from PACT to support the cost of the course. These are on a very limited basis to pay for a course, with around 2 (one full and one half) awarded per study group.

A more detailed Positive Scholarship Policy has been set out to manage demand and level of funding awarded, which will be based on individual circumstances. View the policy to find out whether you may be eligible and when there may be a window to apply. Visit <https://www.pact-dogs.com/policies> for more information.

Payment Plans

Anyone wishing to take up a payment plan will need to first pay the deposit (£175). The remaining course cost £2225 can then be spread out over 6 months payments from the point of paying the deposit. For example £350 months 2, 3, 4 & 5 then a final payment of £475 in month 6.

Students who have failed to pay the remainder of their course fees will be unable to complete the final assessments of the course. Every effort will be made to support students to keep up with the payment plan, however failure to do so can lead to access to the course being paused or cancelled altogether.

All other purchasing terms and conditions apply.
Contact office@pact-dogs.com to find out more.

Updating this Policy

PACT Dogs Ltd reserves the right to amend and update this policy.

Updates

2023/05/06: Updated with new ICO registration number