

Public Transport in London

Everyone in London uses Public Transport to get around which is managed Transport for London (TfL). This includes the London Underground ('The Tube'), buses, railways in London ('The Overground'), trams, ferries on the river Thames and even a Cable Car.

Fares can be paid using an 'Oyster Card' and you have the option of paying for a week or monthly travelcard or just pay-as-you-go. Plus, as an IFG student you can apply for a discount on travel.

18+ Student Oyster photocard

If you are 18 or over and studying at IFG you can apply for an 18+ Student Oyster photocard. This will give you 30% discount on the Tube, buses, trams and the London Overground. You can apply online and will need:

- An email address
- Your IFG Student ID card
- Your London address
- A digital photo which must be a jpg, bmp or gif file and less than 6MB

You will also need to pay an administration fee of £21 using a credit or debit card. TFL will then post your 18+ Student Oyster photocard to you once IFG has approved your application.

The screenshot shows the TfL website page for the 18+ Student Oyster photocard. The main heading is "18+ Student Oyster photocard". Below the heading, it states: "If you're 18 or over, a student and living in a London borough, you can get discounted travel with an Oyster photocard." There are two columns of navigation links: "Benefits", "Who is it for?", "How to apply", "Check your application status", "How to use and where to buy" on the left; and "Expiry", "Get a Railcard", "Schools, colleges and universities", "Related content" on the right. Below the navigation is a "Benefits" section with the text: "Save 30% on adult-rate [Travelcards](#) and [Bus & Tram Pass season tickets](#)." Below that is a "Who is it for?" section with the text: "You can apply for an 18+ Student Oyster photocard if:". To the right of the text is an image of an Oyster photocard for David Allen, an 18+ student, with a discount expiry date of DD MM YY. On the far right, there is a "Photocard web account" section with a "Sign in" button and the text "Apply for photocards and manage your account". Below that is a "Free and discounted travel" section with a list of options: "5-10 Zip Oyster photocards", "11-15 Zip Oyster photocards", "16+ Zip Oyster photocard", "18+ Student Oyster photocard" (highlighted), "18-25 Care Leaver Oyster photocard", and "Travel for schools".

18+ Student Oyster photocard application

1. Go to the [this page](#)
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click 'Create an Oyster photocard account'
3. Enter the college name, International Foundation Group, and then click on Apply Now
4. The next page has information on volunteering. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click Continue
5. Enter your email address and create a password and click for next page
6. Choose a security question and answer, then Continue
7. Enter name, phone number and address (your term time address) and click Continue
8. Enter an ID number. This will be two initials plus date of birth eg if your name is John Smith and you were born on the 16th May 1998, you would put JS160598
9. For course duration, you choose under one year. Put the dates of your course, then press Continue
10. Upload a photo in jpg, bmp or gif format and then click Upload and Continue
11. Read and sign terms and conditions by ticking the box at the end, then click Continue to Secure Payment
12. Enter your account details – the address must be the address with which your bank account is registered. Then enter card details
13. Let us know that you have registered as we need to authorise the application

Full details on TfL terms & conditions can be found on the [TfL website](#).

Students who are 16 or 17

If you are 16 or 17 you can apply for a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard. This will give you 50% off adult pay as you go fares on the Tube, DLR, London Overground and most National Rail services in London. If you live in London, you also get free travel on buses and trams.

The application process is similar to that for the 18+ Student Oyster photocard. The main difference is that you will need to print out your application and then have it signed by your UK Guardian. You will then have to hand it in at a post office. Your 16+ Zip Oyster photocard will then be sent to you within two weeks.

[Click here for more details](#)

