

Transport policy statement for students aged 16-18 in further education and continuing students aged 19 and over¹

Name of Local Authority: Islington

Department Responsible: Islington Learning Disabilities Partnership

1. Please provide details of all concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards available for students aged 16–19 and who provides them. Please provide details of any costs to the student.

Bus and Tube service:

16 and 17 year olds in London can use buses at no cost.

All 16 and 17-year-olds and some 18-year-olds can apply for a 16+ Oyster photocard. A 16+ Oyster photocard allows you to buy 7 Day, monthly or longer Travelcards at child rate and pay as you go at half the adult rate on bus, Tube, tram, DLR and London Overground services.

You can also apply for free travel on London's buses and trams if you:

- Live in a London borough
- Are in full time education
- Were aged 18 on 31 August 2008
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16 to 17 year-olds who do not have an Oyster photocard pay adult-rate fares.

Application forms for 16+ Oyster photocards are available from London Post Offices

Call 0845 330 9876 or visit: www.tfl.gov.uk

Local and National Rail:

One third off from train operating companies for young people aged 16 – 25 with a Young Person's rail card, which costs £26 and can be used against most standard train fares.

Season tickets are available for 7 days, The cost depends on destination and train operating company.

For journey's before 10:00am Mondays to Friday's (except Bank Holidays and during July and August) there is a minimum fare that applies to all purchases with a Young Persons railcard and buying a 7 day season ticket may be better value.

For further information phone 08457 48 49 50 or visit www.rail.co.uk

People with Disabilities:

People with disabilities can apply for Freedom Passes. Applications can be obtained from reception in community care centres or on line from the Islington website. You must have an assessment and the application will need to be approved by Social Services. Assessment is not necessary for those on Higher Rate Mobility. This can be used 24 hours a day.

Visit: www.islington.gov.uk

Contact:

Contact Islington
222 Upper Street
N1 1XR
020 7527 2000
contact@islington.gov.uk

¹ As required by

2. What times during the day can students use their travel pass or obtain concessionary fares?

Please see above.

3. Please confirm that support will continue to be made available to students who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course.

For students with a global learning disability support may be available up to the age of 25 following all the appropriate assessments.

4. How will students be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g., means testing or must they be on benefits?

Additional help for students is available from the Department for Schools, Children and Families through Educational Maintenance Allowances (EMA's). These are accessed by contacting the EMA helpline on 0808 1016219 or visiting www.direct.gov.uk/ema. They are available to students whose parents have a joint income below £13, 810 a year, who are aged between 16 and 19 years old. You must have started your course before turning 19. You must be studying for a minimum of 12 hours. The EMA is a grant of up to £30 per week and can be used for a variety of things that may help towards your education. For City and Islington college contact Penny Seal on pseal@candi.ac.uk, tel. 020 7700 8777.

Additional assistance may still be provided to students studying part-time at an appropriate school or college if they have a disability and an identified transport need. This need will be identified following a statutory assessment of special educational needs conducted by the Local Authority, or a Section 140 ('Moving On') Assessment carried out by the Connexions Service.

Adults with a Global Learning Disability over 18 will need to meet the health and social services criteria for a global learning disability and then have a Fair Access to Care Services Assessment. The need for transport will then have to be identified as critical or substantial.

5. What help do you provide for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities including those over 19 or students facing other difficulties in following their courses?

Students with a Disability or Learning Difficulty who have a transport need identified in their statement of special needs or through their Section 140 ('Moving On') assessment, may receive assistance up to the end of the academic year in which they reach the age of 19. Where funding allows, students with a global learning disability may receive funding up to the age of 25 following the appropriate Fair Access to Care Services assessment being completed and a critical or substantial identified in this assessment.

Contact: Islington learning Disabilities Partnership 020 7527 6636

Freedom Passes (See above)

Taxi Card

Taxicard is for people who cannot use public transport due to a long-term disability, this may be something that you have developed recently or had for a long time.

Applications for taxicards can be obtained from Islington Social Services Taxicard Administration either by phoning **020 7527 8177/8183**, or from your local community care centre. If you receive the Higher Rate Mobility allowance or are registered blind and can provide evidence of this you are automatically entitled to get a taxicard. Islington Social Services Taxi Card will need proof of this. If you do not hold any of the above you will be required to go for an assessment of your disability.

In the case of people that have a freedom

1. To keep their freedom pass and still receive **52** rides per year
2. Or, if you do not have a freedom pass or wish to give it up you will receive **104** rides per year.

At present the cost of a taxicard trip is £1.50 up to the value of £11.80 anything over that you will have to pay for.

Plus Bus

This is an accessible transport initiative for people who have difficulties using public transport. The PlusBus hail-and-ride, single-decker yellow buses are a membership-based accessible bus service that can be hailed by members anywhere along the fixed routes for free. They have low floors and wheelchair access and can

either be flagged down or caught at bus stops along the route .The bus drivers are specially trained to help members onto and off the bus should they need assistance. The annual membership fee is £1. Membership entitles you to travel on the PlusBus free of charge. PlusBus Hail-and-ride is operated by Hackney Community Trust (on behalf of Islington Community Trust). To view timetables and maps of the six PlusBus routes operating in Islington and Camden visit www.islington.gov.uk

Contact:

Hackney Community Transport for further information and/or membership forms.

Hackney Community Transport (HCT)

Ash Grove Bus Depot

Mare Street

London

E84RH

Email: info@hackneyct.org

Tel: 020 7275 2434

Fax: 020 7275 2447

6. Do you provide mobility/independence training for students who face difficulty with transport?

Mobility training may be provided by Social Services for people with a disability following a Fair Access to Care Services Assessment and a critical or substantial need being identified.

Transport for London (TfL) also provide Travel Training and can be contacted on: 020 7222 1234
www.tfl.gov.uk

7. When should students start to apply for transport support?

Please see the EMA website for student's aged 16-19.

Adults with a global learning disability should contact Islington Learning Disability Partnership, where possible this should be done at least 3 months before the course is due to start, however late applications may be considered once all the appropriate assessment are complete.

8. What help can students apply for if they need to travel to a course that is beyond your LA area?

Adults with a global learning disability may be offered support to travel to a course outside of the borough, if a more appropriate course cannot be found within the borough. They will need to have all the assessments mentioned previously.

9. What help is available for students who attend a further education institution which is beyond daily travelling distance and they need to stay away?

Adults with a global learning disability may be offered support to travel to and from a LSC residential college if a more appropriate course cannot be found within the borough. They will need to have all the assessments mentioned previously.

10. Please provide information about all points of contact for students seeking transport support, e.g. LA/college, bus company contact. Please include any websites and e-mail addresses.

British Rail

08457 48 49 50

www.rail.co.uk

City and Islington College – general enquiries

28-42 Blackstock Road

N4 2DG

020 7700 9333

<http://www.candi.ac.uk>

City and Islington - EMA and Student Support

Penny Seal

pseal@candi.ac.uk

020 7700 8777.

Connexions Service

020 7572 7031

www.centrallondonconnexions.org.uk/**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

0808 1016219

www.direct.gov.uk/ema**Freedom Passes**

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www.islington.gov.uk**Learndirect**

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www.islington.gov.uk**Special Education**

CEA@Islington

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020 7572 7251

www.islington.gov.uk**Student Support Section**

Islington Council

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London

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020 7527 5700

studentsupport@islington.gov.ukwww.islington.gov.uk**Taxi Card**

Islington Social Services, Taxi Card Section, 338 – 346 Goswell Road, London EC1V 7LQ

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www.islington.gov.uk**Transport For London**

020 7222 1234

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