INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Travel

London Transport

To travel on London Transport you will need to purchase an Oyster Card which will allow you to board the bus and use the Underground (tube). Oyster Cards can be purchased from any underground station for £5 and then you add money on top in order to travel. You can either pay for single journeys (pay as you go) or buy a Travel card for one week, one month one year. Oyster cards are reusable - just keep topping them up when you need to.

As a full time student you are entitled to a 'Student Oyster Photocard' which gives a 30% discount on Travel cards, Bus & Tram passes

The Underground

Is the quickest way to get around London. The Underground is London's metro system and it links to all the main London train stations. It is divided into six 'zones'. Zone 1 is in the centre of London and zone 6 is the furthest zone from the city Centre.

Buses

It is cheaper to travel by bus than by tube. Single bus journeys cost £1.40 with an Oyster card or £2.40 if you pay for your ticket using cash. Some buses in London run throughout the night. These are called night buses and are less frequent than day-time service. Night buses have an 'N' before the bus number.

Railcard

You can also purchase a rail card which gives you 1/3 off rail travel and costs just £30 for the whole year. You must be 16-25 years old to qualify for the 16-25 Railcard discount.

All you need to buy your Railcard online is a valid debit or credit card and:

A Valid UK Driving Licence

Or a valid international passport

A passport photo

Check out: www.16-25railcard.co.uk for further details.

Driving

Before you can drive in the UK you must have a valid licence and insurance cover. The car must also be registered and taxed and if it is over three years old, it must have a MOT certificate (you need to go to your nearest garage to obtain one)

EEA students

If you have a full driving licence issued in an EEA country there is no need to change it for a UK licence, provided it remains valid.

International students from outside the EEA

During the first year of your stay in the UK you can drive with a valid driving licence from your own country or an International Driving Permit but after one year you must take out a Provisional UK Licence and put 'L' plates on your car. You must then arrange to sit a full UK Driving Test. Until you pass your test, a person who holds a full UK driving Licence must sit at your side whenever you are driving and you cannot drive on a motorway (M1, M2, M3, M4 etc.).

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Application forms for a driving licence and driving test can be obtained from any UK Post Office.
If your driving licence has been issued by any of the following countries, you can exchange it for a UK licence without having to take a UK driving test: Australia, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Falkland Islands, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland and Zimbabwe. Further information can be obtained from the DVLA website.