

Travelling in London

In London, the main ways of travelling are:

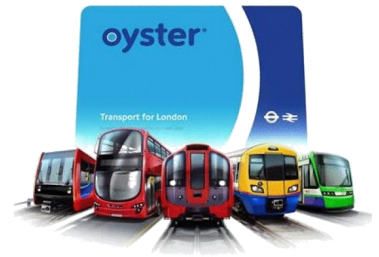
- The London Underground (The Tube)
- Buses
- The London Overground
- Trams
- Docklands Light Railway (DLR)
- Local train services

Other ways of travelling in London include:

- **Taxis:** These can be quite expensive, so only use them if you need to.
Find out more at <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/taxis-and-minicabs/>
- **Cycling:** A good way to keep fit while saving money.
Find out more at <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling/>
- **Riverboats:** See a different side of London while you travel.



If you are travelling in London, you will probably need an Oyster Card. You can buy an Oyster Card at Tube, Overground and DLR stations and Tram stops, as well as at Oyster Ticket Stops in hundreds of newsagents and other shops in London.



There are 2 ways of paying for your Oyster Card:

- **Pay as you go**

You put money on your card at a machine in the station or in a Ticket Stop, and every time you swipe your card it takes the money off it.



This is the best option if you don't use public transport very much. At the moment, a single bus fare costs about £1.50 using pay as you go. You can find out more about fares at <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/fares>.

- **Travelcard**

You pay for unlimited travel for 1 day, 1 week or 1 month. London is split into 9 “[fare zones](#)” - Zone 1 is Central London, Zone 2 is the area around Central London etc. If you live in Zone 3 (Wimbledon, for example) and want to go to Central London a lot, you should buy a Zone 1 - 3 Travelcard.

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Discounted Travel

If you are **18 years or older**, you can get a 18+ Student Oyster Photocard if you are:

- from an EEA country or Switzerland
- studying for at least 15 hours per week (20 lessons)
- studying for 14 weeks or longer

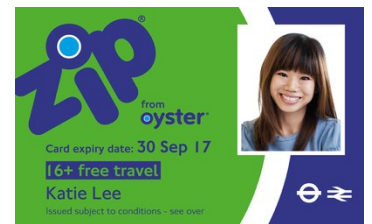


This will give you **30%** off the price of adult-rate Travelcards and Bus & Tram Pass season tickets.

To apply online, or to find out more information, visit <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/adult-discounts-and-concessions/18-student?intemp=1768>

If you are **under 18**, you can get free and discounted travel with a Zip Oyster Photocard.

- If you are **16 or 17 years old**, you can get a 16+ Zip Oyster Photocard
Get child-rate 7 Day, Monthly or longer period Travelcard and Bus & Tram Passes; get Pay as you Go at half adult rate on bus, Tube, tram, DLR, London Overground, TfL Rail and most National Rail services in London
- If you are **11 - 15 years old**, you can get an 11-15 Zip Oyster Photocard
Travel free on buses and trams, and at child rate on Tube, DLR, London Overground, TfL Rail, Emirates Air Line and most National Rail services in London.
- If you are **5 - 10 years old**, you can get a 5-10 Zip Oyster Photocard
Travel free on Tube, DLR, London Overground, TfL Rail and most National Rail services where pay as you go is accepted.



See <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/travel-for-under-18s/zip-oyster-photocards?intemp=25258> for more information.

For a video explaining how to apply for a Zip Oyster Photocard, see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCR_4PocpWk

Please note: your parent or guardian must make this application.