

Oyster Card 101



What is an Oyster Card?

Oyster is a plastic smartcard you can use instead of paper tickets. You can put Travelcards, Bus & Tram season tickets and pay as you go credit on it.

Oyster is the cheapest way to pay for single journeys on bus, Tube, tram, DLR, London Overground and most National Rail services in London. Travelcards can also be purchased on it and you can get your Oyster protected in case of loss or theft.

Buying tickets and topping up

You can buy a regular Oyster card from any newsagent that provides Oyster services. Use the touch screen ticket machines at any Tube and London Overground station or selected DLR and National Rail stations, or at the ticket office at any Tube or London Overground station and selected National Rail stations. It can also be topped up at newsagents with Oyster facilities. You can also set up Auto-top up, which means that your Oyster will automatically use funds from your bank account to put credit on the Oyster when credit falls below £8.

Get and top-up Oyster cards from:

- Oyster online (if you live in the UK)
- London Travel Information Centres
- Oyster Ticket Stops
- Stations
- Emirates Air Line terminals (top-up only)

Buy paper tickets from:

- Stations, bus and tram stops
- Overseas agents

Touching in and out

Make sure you touch your card on the yellow card readers when going into a station and when leaving. You must do this to make sure you have a complete journey and avoid being charged the full travelcard amount. You only need to touch the yellow card reader once when boarding a bus.

How to apply for an 18+ Student Oyster online:

The 18+ Student photocard offers eligible students a 30% discount off season tickets for travel around London. Kingston University has an Online account with TfL which allows students to apply for the 18+ student Oyster photocard. Please note: The discount only applies to weekly and monthly tickets, NOT Pay as you Go.

To apply visit: www.tfl.gov.uk/photocard

Queries re your application progress once submitted should be made directly to TfL. Oyster cards will be delivered within 2 weeks of being applied for if applicant has provided all and correct details and are deemed eligible.

Protecting and Registering your Oyster

Protecting your Oyster card means no one can use your card's credit, Travelcards or Bus & Tram Passes once you've reported it lost or stolen. You may also be eligible for a refund or replacement for the remaining pay as you go credit. You'll need to register your Oyster card if you want to buy monthly or longer period Travelcards or Bus & Tram Passes on your Oyster card - they will be protected.

- Go online: <https://oyster.tfl.gov.uk/oyster/link/0004.do>
- Or pick up and complete an Oyster registration form at your local Oyster Ticket Stop, Tube or London Overground station, selected National Rail stations or a Travel Information Centre. You must take your Oyster card with you

Cost of the card

18+ Student Oyster photocard £10

Adult Oyster Card £5 (refundable upon return)

Fares

Sample Travelcard prices:

18+ Student				Adult			
	7 Day	Monthly	Annual		7 Day	Monthly	Annual
Zones 1-2	£21.20	£81.50	£848	Zones 1-2	£30.40	£116.80	£1,216
Zones 1-4	£30.50	£117.20	£1,220	Zones 1-4	£43.60	£167.50	£1,744
Zones 1-6	£38.90	£149.40	£1,556	Zones 1-6	£55.60	£213.60	£2,224

Sample Bus & Tram Pass prices:

18+ Student			Adult		
7 Day	Monthly	Annual	7 Day	Monthly	Annual
£13.70	£52.70	£548	£19.60	£75.30	£784

Sample single fares - Bus:

18+ Student		Adult		
Oyster single fare	Cash single fare	Oyster single fare	Cash single fare	Daily price cap
£1.40	£2.40	£1.40	£2.40	£4.40

Tube, DLR and London Overground prices:

Zone	Cash	Oyster pay as you go			
		Peak single	Off-peak single	Peak price cap	Off-peak price cap
Zone 1 only	£4.50	£2.10	£2.10	£8.40	£7.00
Zones 1-2	£4.50	£2.80	£2.10	£8.40	£7.00
Zones 1-3	£4.50	£3.20	£2.70	£10.60	£7.70
Zones 1-4	£5.50	£3.80	£2.70	£10.60	£7.70
Zones 1-5	£5.50	£4.60	£3.00	£15.80	£8.50
Zones 1-6	£5.50	£5.00	£3.00	£15.80	£8.50

Daily price capping

If you make lots of pay as you go journeys in one day, we'll make sure you never pay more than the price of an equivalent Day Travelcard.

There's a different daily price cap for different types of transport and times of day. See <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tickets/14837.aspx> for more information.