



2015-16 Transport Policy Statement for learners aged 16-18 in further education

Name of Local Authority: Council of the Isles of Scilly
Department Responsible: Finance and Resources

1. Summary of Policy Statement and Main Objectives

The following notes describe the Authority's policy on subsidised transport for students aged 16 to 18 in further education, attending Education Funding Agency (EFA) supported (state funded) College or School 6th Form. *Funding is available to all students attending state funded education or work based learning providers.*

Each student can apply for a maximum of 6 return visits home each academic year, this means that they can travel home each half term, but the maximum contribution grant that the student can apply for each visit is £100.

Receipts for expenditure will be required in advance in order for travel grants to be issued. Receipts must be sent to the council offices with the student name and post 16 education establishment clearly marked on the documents.

2. What concessionary fares, discounts, subsidies, passes or travel cards available for learners aged 16–18 and who provides them?

Student rates on the Scillonian and Plane are available. All discounts are subject to student membership to the local loyalty schemes. For more information please contact the Children's Services Administrator on 01720 423680.

3. Will support continue to be made available to learners who reach 19 whilst continuing on a course?

Travel grants will only be issued to students who are 19 if the funding has first been sought and approved by the EFA.

4. Will learners be assessed to see if they are eligible for support? e.g. means-testing, or must they be on benefits?

Due to the arrangement with the EFA, all students who are travelling to eligible post 16 education or work based learning providers are entitled to travel grants.



5. What help is provided for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities including those over 19 or learners facing other difficulties in following their courses?

Funding is in place to assist students with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities and have been subject to a learning difficulty assessment, including those with a Statement of Special Educational Needs, in travelling between home and their educational establishment. Students are identified whilst at school to ensure post 16 requirements are responded to appropriately.

6. Is there any mobility/independence training for learners who face difficulty with transport?

Any students who face difficulty with using transport from the Islands should discuss their circumstances with the Post 16 Travel and Accommodation Administrator.

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

Students should apply for this at the same time as applying for accommodation grants. Details of this are available by contacting the Post 16 Travel and Accommodation Administrator.

8. What are the points of contact for learners seeking transport support?

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www.scilly.gov.uk

enquiries@scilly.gov.uk

One Stop Shop - 01720 422537

Children's Services Administrator:

Post16@scilly.gov.uk, 01720 423680

Each student is expected to contact the relevant post 16 provider for details regarding eligibility for bus passes etc.

Transport providers should be contacted directly in order to obtain membership to loyalty schemes.