



Ron Dearing UTC

Driving Lessons for Year 13 Bursary Policy

September 2023 to August 2024

The Governors of Ron Dearing UTC have approved policies to support students with the costs of travel and other expenses; please refer to these if support is required. This policy applies to students in Year 13 from 6th September 2023, and is aimed at helping students be ready for employment by supporting them to pass their driving test. Typically, students will require around 30 hours of lessons, plus additional practice, in order to pass the practical driving test.

Applications will only be accepted up until the beginning of the Y13 Summer exams.

Driving lessons bursary

Eligible students will receive support for the first twenty hours of lessons (up to £500) booked with an instructor approved by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA). For further details of the DVSA see <https://www.gov.uk/find-driving-schools-and-lessons>.

Ron Dearing UTC has an arrangement with [Elite Driving School](#), which covers Hull and much of the surrounding areas, under which the Driving School will invoice us for the lessons. Students may use another approved Instructor, but will need to provide copies of the invoices they have settled. These invoices should show the Instructor's DVSA registration number, the dates of the lessons, the length of the lessons, the cost and confirmation that the invoice has been settled.

Additional hours of driving lessons

Students who are or have recently been in receipt of Free School Meals can apply for a further 10 hours of lessons (up to additional £250). For further information on FSM - <http://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/free-school-meals>

Eligibility for driving lessons bursary

Only Year 13 students can apply for this bursary. To be eligible students must:

- Have achieved a minimum of 95% attendance in all subjects so far
- Been late less than 1% of the time across all lessons
- Achieved an average A2L of a 2 or less
- Have passed their Theory Test

The Bursary cannot be backdated to cover the cost of any lessons prior to joining Year 13 or prior to the date that the Theory Test was passed.

How to apply

Students should submit an application through [this form](#). A copy of the theory certificate must also be handed in to reception or emailed directly to finance@rondearingutc.com.

Theory test support recommendations

Ron Dearing UTC recommends the use of the Safe Driving for Life Hazard perception and theory tests (<https://www.safedrivingforlife.info/free-practice-tests/practice-theory-test-for-car-drivers-1-of-2/>) along with the Ministry of Defence Highway Code test (<https://bfgnet.de/matrix/index.php>), to support students wishing to pass their theory tests.

How long will it take for an application to be considered?

Applications are considered as soon as possible after receipt. Applications for the Driving Bursary are considered by the Assistant Principal Horizons Professionalism (Lisa Regan - lregan@rondearingutc.com) and the Finance department (finance@rondearingutc.com). Any information provided as part of the application process will be confidential and treated with sensitivity. All applications are considered on a case by case basis. Applicants will receive an email to their RDUTC account confirming whether the application has been successful. If further information is needed to support the application, an email will be sent requesting this before a decision can be made.

Appeals:

If an application is unsuccessful, students may appeal against the decision by writing to the Chair of Governors - Richard Martin via finance@rondearingutc.com. The letter needs to include what was applied for, the amount applied for and the reason why the application should have been successful, referring to the criteria within this policy.

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policy and application form
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