



Driving Lessons Bursary Policy September 2024 to August 2025

Number of hours of driving lessons covered by the bursary

Eligible students will receive support for the first twenty hours of lessons (up to £620) 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 official copies of the invoices they have settled. These invoices should show the instructor's business information, 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 £320). For further information on FSM - <http://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/free-school-meals>

Typically, people require around 30 hours of lessons, plus additional practice, to pass the practical driving test.

Eligibility for driving lessons bursary

To be eligible, students must:

- Be in Year 13
- Have achieved a minimum of 95% attendance in all subjects so far
- Have been late less than 1% of the time across all lessons
- Have achieved an average A2L of a 2 or less
- Have passed their Theory Test
- Have submitted the bursary application by 1st May 2025

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

How to apply

Students should submit an application through [this form](#). When the application has been approved, 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/>) along with the Ministry of Defense 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 for the Driving Bursary are considered by the Assistant Principal Professionalism (Lisa Regan - lregan@rondearingutc.com) and the Finance department (finance@rondearingutc.com) as soon as possible after receipt. 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

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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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