



Driving Lessons Bursary Policy Y12 September 2025 onwards

Number of hours of driving lessons covered by the driving bursary

Eligible students will receive support for the first fifteen hours of lessons (up to £525) 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 5 hours of lessons (up to additional £175). For further information on FSM - <https://www.hull.gov.uk/schools-2/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 for Y12 starting in September 2026

To be eligible, students must:

- Have applied in Year 12 by the deadline detailed below
- Be in Year 13 to receive the driving bursary funding
- Have passed their Theory Test (students can apply before passing, but this will be required before funding is released)
- Have achieved a minimum of 97% attendance in all subjects throughout year 12
- Have been late less than 1% of the time across all subjects in year 12
- Have achieved A2L of 1s and or 2s in all subjects.
- Have completed the "Wheels4life and First Response" presentation provided in school ([click here to book your spot](#) or scan the QR code)
- Attend ALL Year 12 Personal Development workshops:
 - Inclusion and Diversity
 - Personal Branding/LinkedIn training
 - CV sessions
 - Mock interview preparation
 - Mock interviews
- Have submitted the driving bursary application by 1st April 2026

Note: if demand exceeds the allocated budget priority will be given to those in receipt of FSM with the remaining going into a ballot. The budget is agreed each year by the school's Finance & Audit Committee around June time.

N.B. The Driving 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.

Y12 Sept25-Aug27 Driving lesson
bursary policy and application
form



Wheels4life and First Response



How to apply

Students should apply through [this form](#). Successful students will be contacted in year 13 about the next steps of the process.

Theory test support recommendations

Ron Dearing UTC recommends the use 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 (Lisa Regan - lregan@rondearingutc.com) and the Finance department (finance@rondearingutc.com) as soon as possible after the 1st April 2026 deadline. 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.