WEST MIDLAND STUDENTS.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

16- 18 PHOTOCARD

NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019

New look, new features, same amazing discount

The changes to this year’s 16-18 photocard scheme makes discounted travel more accessible. Centro have worked tirelessly with operators and the Mayor to secure a free card (no more £10 fee) and remove application red-tape (no more UVCs) as well as a number of other new features. Here’s all the key information you need to know:

Dates for the diary

* 31st July – current 16-18 photocards expire
* 6th August – new scheme opens for applications

There are no UVCs to worry about

The webpage is the same as last year, please bookmark and share: [networkwestmidlands.com/16-18](https://networkwestmidlands.cmail19.com/t/d-l-btiujkt-ykddyuuhut-r/)

17 year-olds

For those that have previously applied for the 16-18 photocard, then you will need to login and reapply via [networkwestmidlands.com/16-18](https://networkwestmidlands.cmail19.com/t/d-l-btiujkt-ykddyuuhut-y/)

New Features

Please familiarises yourself with the changes below, all of which make it easier for you.

1. (For students only) No more Unique Validation Code (UVC):
You will be happy to hear that there will no longer be a requirement for students to have a UVC code. Students can apply directly online from [networkwm.com/16-18](https://networkwestmidlands.cmail19.com/t/d-l-btiujkt-ykddyuuhut-j/) from the 6th August.
2. Free to apply, same discount:
There will no longer be a £10 fee for the photocard. It is now completely free to apply and will still entitle 16-18 year olds to save up to 50% on most bus, train and tram services within the West Midlands.

1. One card:
There will be only one type of 16-18 photocard, that can used by students, apprentices, trainees and those in employment. This will replace the two separate cards that currently exist.
2. Apply once:
Applicants will no longer need to reapply every year for their photocard. Their card will be valid up till the 31st July of the academic year the applicant turns 18.
3. Swift enabled:
All new 16-18 photocards will be Swift-enabled, allowing season tickets to be loaded onto the card. This will remove the current requirement for card holders to carry the photocard as well as a separate ticket.

An exception for this are season tickets that are not available on Swift (i.e. train only). In this instance, a separate paper ticket will need to accompany the photocard.