

## Applications now open for the Apprentice Oyster photocard



**YOUNG** Londoners in apprenticeship schemes can now apply for discounted travel in the capital.

All apprentices aged over 18 who live in London, and are in their first year of an approved course, can get 30 per cent off adult-rate Travelcards and Bus & Tram Passes with an Apprentice Oyster photocard.

The concession is expected to benefit around 40,000 apprentices a year and could mean savings of up to £660 on the cost of an annual Travelcard. This will help young people as they learn on the job and gain a recognised qualification.

Shashi Verma, Transport for London's (TfL's) director of customer experience, said: 'Apprenticeships are a vital way to give young people the skills and experience necessary for London's economic growth.'

'We work closely with our supply chain and are committed to developing apprenticeships across the UK, supporting the Mayor's efforts to encourage young people into professions with real career progressions. By offering the Apprentice Oyster discount for those in London we are doing our bit to help young people on their way.'

As part of TfL's work to develop and support apprenticeships, more than 3,900 have been created at the organisation and through its supply chain around the UK. Apprenticeships at TfL help to address the skills shortage within the transport industry and offer experience working on projects including the Tube improvement programme. At least 400 apprenticeships will also be created by the development of Crossrail.

■ **Apply online for an Apprenticeship Oyster photocard at [tfl.gov.uk/apprenticeoyster](http://tfl.gov.uk/apprenticeoyster)**

## Transport at a glance

### Illegal limousines get the chop



**London firefighters cut the roof off a limousine in a staged accident rescue to help TfL and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency highlight the dangers of travelling in an illegal vehicle.**

■ **If you hire a vehicle, make sure it's safe, licensed and legal – find out more at [tfl.gov.uk/limo](http://tfl.gov.uk/limo)**

### Tube documentary on tonight

SWITCH over to BBC2 at 9pm this evening for 'The Tube: An Underground History'. Exploring the development of the world's first underground railway, the programme follows last year's popular series 'The Tube' and features some of the staff members that appeared.

Tube managing director Mike Brown said: 'This documentary reminds us of what an amazing

feat of engineering the building of an underground railway was more than 150 years ago.

'Our job now is to build on that rich history and ensure the continued growth and development of this vital part of London so that it can continue to transport millions of passengers every day, and support London as the engine-room of the UK economy, for the next 150 years.'

### New bus gets on the road



**The New Bus for London, pictured in New York with HRH Prince Harry and Prime Minister David Cameron, sets out on a global tour to promote Britain as a world-class destination for trade, tourism, investment and education. Two of the vehicles will visit 16 countries over the next 12 months as part of the GREAT Britain campaign.**

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