



Travel to Borders College

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Help and Advice

Borders College can help support you with your travel requirements to and from College. You must apply for funding support as soon as possible to find out if you are eligible for travel costs. It is important to note that you will not be allowed to travel free of charge without the appropriate travel pass.

Contact the Transport Administrator within the Student Advice Centre at the Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels on 01896 662518/662516.

Am I eligible for help with the cost of getting to College?

You will usually be eligible for help with your transport if you qualify for EMA or bursary support and you live more than 3 miles from your College campus. For this reason you must complete a student funding application form which would have been sent to you with your offer of place.

Please note that bursary funding is only available for full and part time programmes of study. Transport for students attending evening classes cannot be funded.

If you are in receipt of, or entitled to, Disability Living Allowance or other qualifying benefits you may be entitled to free travel through other national support schemes. Please contact the Student Advice Centre for further information.

How will I get to College?

Borders College has an arrangement with local bus companies to supply monthly passes for travel to College. These passes allow you to travel within specified zones at any time of the day or week. The type of pass you are issued with will depend on where you live.

In some circumstances, however, it may be deemed more appropriate to pay you a travel

allowance to cover your journey to College.

Which buses can I use?

The College issues two types of pass. If your route to College is provided by First bus you will be supplied with a First Bus Student Ticket which lasts for 28 days.

Where your journey involves travel with more than one bus company or you travel with any operator rather than First Bus you will be issued with a One Ticket which lasts for one month.

One week before your ticket runs out you must collect your replacement from the Student Advice Centre in Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels or from reception if you study in Hawick or Newtown St Boswells.

What if I don't live on a public bus route?

If you live more than three miles from a public bus route and are entitled to a bus pass the College will normally pay you a mileage allowance for the journey to the bus route (the first 3 miles each way is not covered by a mileage allowance).

The mileage allowance is currently 18.37p per mile and will be paid 4-weekly as part of your funding award.

Who uses the College's own buses?

On a few routes the College has its own bus service. This is either because there is no public service or there isn't enough room on the public service for all of the students travelling to College. If you live near one of these routes you may be issued with a Student Card for use on a College bus.

How do I get to work placement?

Your work placement will normally be within the zones of your travel pass.

Who is eligible to travel by taxi?

The only circumstances under which a student may be eligible for taxi transport is if they have been assessed by the College as requiring special travel arrangements because of a disability. If, however, the student has or is entitled to a concessionary travel card or use of a car through the Motability Scheme they will not be eligible for taxi provision.

Route information

All Borders College campuses are on public transport routes and can be reached from towns and villages across the Borders.

For a full timetable of First Bus and local provider services visit www.travelinescotland.com or call into the Student Advice Centre at the Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels.

**See over
for Route
information**



Borders College Bus Services

Daily services from:

Eyemouth via Chirnside, Duns, Greenlaw, Earlston to Galashiels:

Departing Eyemouth at 07.05 and returning from Galashiels at 16.05

Kelso via Newtown St Boswells to Galashiels:

Departing Kelso at 07.55 and returning from Galashiels at 16.25

Hawick via Selkirk to Newtown St Boswells:

Departing Hawick at 07.50 and returning from Newtown St Boswells at 16.13

Walking or Cycling

Provision for secure storage of bicycles is available at all College campuses.

The Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels is very close to the designated walking routes linking Tweedbank and Galashiels and is easily accessed from Melrose, Darnick and Gattonside.

Showers and changing facilities are available for students who wish to walk, run or cycle to College.

By Car

There are limited car parking facilities, including disabled parking, at each of the main campuses. The public car park in front of the Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels is available for students' use and has designated disabled parking spaces.

Parking within the immediate campus perimeter at Galashiels is reserved for visitors and permit parking only and is not available for general student/public parking. There are overflow parking areas within easy walking distance.

Car Sharing Scheme

We would be interested in establishing a Car Sharing Scheme between students. If you would be interested in being part of such a scheme as an alternative to public transport please contact the Student Advice Centre at the Scottish Borders Campus in Galashiels.

Further Information

Traveline Scotland – a national public transport information service which provides impartial timetable and journey planning information for all of Scotland. Visit them at **www.travelinescotland.com** for:-

- Journey Planners: obtain your own personal public transport journey details between any two locations in Scotland.
- Timetables: find the timetable for any bus or coach service in Scotland. You can also download and print your timetables.
- My Bus Stop Times: find the departure times of the next 30 bus journeys from and Scottish bus stop. Call 0871 200 2233* (open 24 hours). **Calls cost 10p from BT landlines. Charges from other providers or mobiles may vary.*

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