

Issue	Information	Relevant Links
	Due to the nature of the social work profession and the geographical area covered by placement providers, it is important to note that students will not be able to progress on the programme if they do not drive or have access to a car, unless they have reasonable adjustments under the Equality Act 2010.	
Provisional Licence	£34.00	https://www.gov.uk/driving-licence-fees
Driving Lessons (20 suggested)	Approx. £30 per hour = £600	https://elitedriving.co.uk/price-list/
Driving test	Theory - £23 Driving test - £62	https://www.gov.uk/driving-test-cost
Driving Licence	Once you have passed your driving test there is no cost for the driving licence, but students need to have a valid licence for the duration of their programme. If their licence stops being current during the programme it is likely to affect their ability to be allocated a placement, or to complete one if they are currently undertaking that module of the programme.	
Business Insurance	This will vary according to provider but students using their car within placement will need to ensure their car is appropriately insured.	
Public Transport cost to placement in exceptional circumstances	<p>Although students are required to obtain a full UK driving licence by the start of Stage 2, in exceptional circumstances where placements are undertaken using public transport, they are likely to be in south London or rural Kent, as Local Authority placements will not accept students who do not drive or have access to a car. The location of these placements may mean that public transport journeys can be quite lengthy, some as long as two hours each way by public transport from the Medway campus. These placements are likely to be in London or rurally in Kent where we work with some hospices and hospitals where the people who use services are residents. Approx. £26.00 per day to travel in peak times.</p> <p>These are likely to be in London or rurally in Kent where we work with some hospices and hospitals where the people who use services are residents. Approx. £26.00 per day to travel in peak times.</p>	
Learning statutory social work on placement	The placements can take place in a variety of settings and on the 100-day placement, you have the opportunity to undertake statutory tasks in line with relevant legislation. Not all these placements will be in a Local Authority	https://www.socialworkengland.org.uk/standards/practice-placements-guidance/

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DBS Checks	These have to be undertaken at the start of the programme (£44) and many placement providers require you to be subscribed to the 'updates' service (£13 per year).	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fee-changes-for-dbs-checks