

What is dayLink?

dayLink is a new smartcard from Translink which provides unlimited Metro day travel for adults and children.

You can load your dayLink card with 1, 5 or 10 days and use your travel whenever you want. You don't have to travel on consecutive days and dayLink smartcards can be topped-up with more travel when you need it. You can top-up with another 1 day's travel on the bus or with 1, 5 or 10 day's travel at our Translink top-up and sales outlets.

You can choose to buy all day travel which means you can travel any day, anytime on the Metro network, or you can buy off-peak day travel on the bus which means you can travel after 9.30am on the Metro network.

dayLink cards can be used on all Metro and any Ulsterbus service scheduled to pick up passengers within the Metro operating area plus you can top-up with the driver on board the bus with 1 day's travel.

Benefits

- It saves you money. If you travel by Metro and make more than 2 journeys a day using dayLink is better value for money than buying separate bus tickets.
- You can make as many journeys as you want with your dayLink card within the Metro operating area.
- Greater flexibility. You don't have to use your day travel on consecutive days. You can travel whenever you want as any unused day travel remains stored on your card until you decide to use it on a day of your choice.
- You can top-up with 1 day's travel on board the bus.
- It is a safer, cash free way to make your daily bus journeys.
- dayLink helps speed up boarding times on buses making journey times faster for everyone.
- If you lose your dayLink card it can be 'hotlisted' (electronically cancelled) to prevent anyone else from using it fraudulently.



dayLink Fares

The prices for dayLink card top-ups for adults and children are:

Top-Up On Bus				
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Travel All Day, Any Day	Travel All Day, Any Day	Travel after 9.30am*	Travel after 9.30am*
1 Day	£3.50	£1.75	£3.00	£1.50

*Available to buy between 9.30am–3pm Monday-Friday and 9.30am- 7pm on Saturday & Sunday

Top-Up at Agents (Metro Kiosk, PayPoint, Smartlink Agents & selected Translink Sales Outlets)		
	Adult	Child
	Top-Up	Top-Up
	Travel All Day, Any Day	Travel All Day, Any Day
1 Day	£3.50	£1.75
5 Days	£15.00	£7.50
10 Days	£30.00	£15.00

*All fares are subject to alteration.

When you buy your first dayLink card you will pay a one-off charge of £1.

Buying & Topping-up dayLink

You can buy your dayLink card and first top-up of travel online at www.translink.co.uk or at:

- Metro Kiosk, Donegall Square West, Belfast
- Europa Buscentre, Central Station, Great Victoria Street Station
- Smartlink Agents within greater Belfast
- Belfast Welcome Centre, Donegall Place, Belfast
- George Best Belfast City Airport Welcome Centre
- Spar at University of Ulster, Jordanstown
- Queen's University, Students Union

You can top-up dayLink cards with 1 day's travel with the driver on board a Metro bus and you can also top-up on board any Ulsterbus service scheduled to pick-up passengers in the Metro operating area.

When you top-up on the bus with one day's travel your one day of travel starts to expire from the time you load it onto your card.

Top-ups of 5 or 10 days travel are not available on buses.

You can top-up 1, 5 or 10 day's travel at:

- PayPoint Agents across Northern Ireland
- Smartlink Agents within Greater Belfast
- Metro Kiosk, Donegall Square West, Belfast
- Europa Buscentre, Central Station, Great Victoria Street Station
- Belfast Welcome Centre, Donegall Place, Belfast
- George Best Belfast City Airport Welcome Centre
- Spar at University of Ulster, Jordanstown
- Queen's University, Students Union

You can top-up your dayLink card with 1, 5 or 10 days travel, or in varying periods of validity e.g. 1 day followed by 10 days followed by 5 days.

You don't have to use the day travel loaded on your dayLink card on consecutive days. You can travel whenever you want as any unused day travel remains stored on your card until you decide to use it on a day of your choice. For example you can use a dayLink card topped-up with 5 days travel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of one week and Wednesday of the following week.

When you top-up with 1 day's travel on board a bus the fare you pay will depend on the time of day or day of week:

- Before 9.30am = peak £3.50 dayLink fare
- 9.30am to 3pm Monday to Friday = off-peak £3.00 dayLink fare
- 9.30am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday = off-peak £3.00 dayLink fare
- After 3pm Monday to Friday = peak £3.50 dayLink fare
- After 7pm Saturday and Sunday = peak £3.50 dayLink fare

Top-ups at PayPoint, Smartlink and Translink Sales Outlets are always issued at a set standard top-up fare.

Using dayLink on the bus

5 easy steps to using your dayLink card on the bus



1. Hold your dayLink card to the target on the ticket machine reader with the front of the card facing upwards.



2. If there is at least one day's travel loaded on your card it will read successfully. The machine will beep once and the green light will illuminate.



3. The machine will issue you with a paper ticket showing the details of your journey. The ticket must be retained for inspection.



4. If there is no travel loaded on your card the red light will appear. You will then need to pay the bus driver to load one day's travel onto your card.



5. The machine will issue a ticket receipt. Please keep this ticket as it is your ticket for your first journey on that day.