Railcard Comparison Guide

	Cost of Railcard *Some railcards can be bought for a three year period at a discounted rate*	Time Restrictions *What times the railcard can be used - not always Off-Peak only*	Minimum Fare *Some railcards have a minimum fare*	Standard Class Discount? *Not all Railcards offer discounted Advance tickets*	First Class Discount? *Not all Railcards offer discounted First Class tickets*	TfL Discount? *At any Tube station, ask for your railcard to be set to get you 1/3 discount on off-peak fares and daily caps (Tube, Overground, Tfl Rail and DLR only)*	Additional Notes
16-25 *(Over 25's in full time study can also purchase)*	£30 per year *(Or £70 for three years)*	Can be used ANYTIME	Before 10am Mon-Fri a minimum £12 fare applies (Except for advance fares)	✓ Yes	✓ Yes *But ONLY Advance Fares*	✓ Yes	Minimum fare of £12 does not apply during July and August
26-30	£30 per year	Can be used ANYTIME	Before 10am Mon-Fri a minimum £12 fare applies (Except for advance fares)	✓ Yes	✓ Yes *But ONLY Advance Fares*	✓ Yes	This NEW Railcard is available in digital format only - you buy it online, and must have a smartphone to download it to, to use.
Senior *(60 and over, does not require photocard)*	£30 per year *(Or £70 for three years)*	OFF PEAK ONLY *(Not before 09.00 Mon-Fri)*	*No minimum fare applies*	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	It's not valid for journeys before 0900 for travel wholey within certain parts of the Network Railcard area. But the Senior Railcard has no restriction throughout the rest of the U.K. (Family & Friends same)
Disabled *(For one person AND a companion)*	£20 per year *(or £54 for three years)*	Can be used ANYTIME	*No minimum fare applies*	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	Valid for you AND a companion travelling with you Only the Railcard holder gets the TfL Discount
HM Forces *(Issued by Armed Forces cannot be purchased at station)*	£19 per year	Can be used ANYTIME	Before 10am Mon-Fri a minimum £12 fare applies	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	Minimum fare of £12 does *not* apply during July and August
Two Together *(Can be a couple, relatives, or just two friends)*	£30 per year	OFF PEAK ONLY *(Not before 09.30 Mon-Fri)*	*No minimum fare applies*	✓ Yes	✓ Yes	✗ No Does not apply	Must be travelling with both people named on railcard
Family & Friends *(For two named adults and up to 3 other adults, and 4 children)*	£30 per year	OFF PEAK ONLY *(Not before 09.30 Mon-Fri but is valid during afternoon peak)*	*No minimum fare applies*	✓ Yes	✗ No Does not apply	✗ No Does not apply	It's not valid for journeys before 0930 for travel wholey within certain parts of the Network Railcard area. But the Senior Railcard has no restriction throughout the rest of the U.K. (Family & Friends same)
Network *(16's and over, discount fares for holder and 3 more adults AND four children)*	£30 per year	OFF PEAK ONLY *(Not before 10.00 Mon-Fri)*	At anytime Mon-Fri a minimum £13 fare applies	✓ Yes *Except for advance fares*	✗ No Does not apply	✗ No Does not apply	
Gold Card *(16's and over, and up to 3 other adults AND four children)*	The price of your season ticket	OFF PEAK ONLY *(Not before 09.30 Mon-Fri)*	*No minimum fare applies*	✓ Yes *Except for advance fares*	✓ Yes *Except for advance fares*	✓ Yes	You can also buy any other railcard for someone for just £10

Further Notes:

The 1/3 discount is actually calculated at 34% - e.g. a £9 ticket is rounded to £5.95, not £6.00 | Where applicable the child discount is calculated at 61% of the child fare

Where available the 3 year versions are only available to purchase online, not from a ticket office | With the 16-25 railcard, one operator - Grand Central - DO allow you to buy discounted 'walk up' First Class tickets

The trial 26-30 Railcard is being used by 10,000 people and is available purely in digital form. | The Gold Card area is bigger than the Network Card area (as shown in the video)

All Railcards used in the Gold Card area also get a Travelcard discount which applies to Off Peak Zone 1-6 or any Travelcard bought as part of a ticket to London from outside the Zones