

Concessionary Travel

Eligibility of disabled people – information sheet.

Category a – blind or partially sighted

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they are blind (severely sight impaired) or partially sighted (sight impaired).

In general terms a person can be registered as blind, or severely sight impaired, if they cannot see (with glasses, if worn) the top letter of the eye test chart (used by doctors and opticians) at a distance of 3 metres or less. Some people who can read the top letter of an eye test chart at 3 metres, but not at 6 metres, may still be eligible for registration as blind if their field of vision is also severely restricted.

A person can be registered as partially sighted, or sight impaired, if they have a full field of vision but can only read the top letter of the eye test chart at a distance of 6 metres or less (with glasses, if worn). However, if they can read the next three lines down at the same distance, but the field of vision is either moderately or severely restricted, they may still qualify for registration.

You will be eligible if;

- you are registered, or entitled to be registered, as blind or severely sight impaired, or
- you are registered, or entitled to be registered, as partially sighted or sight impaired.

You will **not** be eligible if;

- you are not entitled to be registered

Proving that you are eligible

You can do this by providing **one** of the following:

- Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI) completed by an ophthalmologist.
- Form BD8 (issued from 1990 but replaced more recently by the CVI).
- Evidence of registration with the local authority as being severely sight impaired (blind) or sight impaired (partially sighted). In Warwickshire the register is managed by Warwickshire Association for the Blind, who can be contacted on 01926 411331.
- For a veteran, the 'Reasons for Decision' letter under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS).