

# Concessionary Travel

## Eligibility of disabled people – information sheet.

### Category b – profoundly or severely deaf

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they are profoundly or severely deaf.

The Transport Act 2000 defines that “hearing loss is measured in decibels across the normal hearing spectrum, as dBHL (Hearing Level)”. People are generally regarded as having a severe hearing loss if it reaches 70-95 dBHL and a profound loss if it reaches 95+ dBHL

#### You will be eligible if;

- your hearing loss is greater than 70 dBHL.

#### You will **not** be eligible if;

- your hearing loss is 69 dBHL or less.

### Proving that you are eligible

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

- Confirmation that you are registered as profoundly or severely deaf with the local authority.
- Letter from audiologist or audiological report.
- For a veteran, the ‘Reasons for Decision’ letter under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS).
- Documents which demonstrate that you have hearing loss of more than 70 dBHL. These may include letters from your consultant or GP which you may already have in your possession.
- You may ask your GP to provide a letter, but this is not an NHS service. The doctor is not obliged to provide one. As this is a private service you would be charged for a letter.