

Concessionary Travel

Eligibility of disabled people – information sheet.

Category f – learning disability

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they have a learning disability as defined by the Transport Act 2000.

The Transport Act 2000 defines learning disability as “**a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning**”.

You will be eligible if;

- you have a learning disability, as defined above. This includes Downs Syndrome, some autistic spectrum disorders and other learning disabilities which mean that you
 - have difficulty in understanding new and complex information, and
 - have difficulty learning new skills, and
 - cannot cope independently.

You will **not** be eligible because of;

- dyslexia
- attention deficit disorder,
- mental health problems (unless you also have a learning disability), or
- any condition which started after you became an adult (e.g. head injury).

N.B. if you have one of the above, then you may qualify if your condition is so severe that you would be refused a driving licence. See the information sheet for ‘Category g’ for more details.

Proving that you are eligible

You can provide **one** of the following to help show us that you are eligible:

- Letter from a learning disability co-ordinator at a mainstream school or college where you are studying.
- For a child, a Statement of Special Educational Needs.
- For a child, a letter from the head of a special school where they are studying.
- Letter from social services, or another appropriate organisation providing support services (e.g. Mencap).
- Letter from the manager of residential home or sheltered accommodation where you are resident.
- 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.

Any letter provided as evidence should describe your disability so that it is possible to see whether the above criteria apply to you.