

# Concessionary Travel

## Category d – substantial and long term adverse effect on ability to walk

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they have a long term and substantial disability that means they cannot walk or which makes walking very difficult.

The criteria are the same as those used to consider Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Higher Rate Mobility Component and the 'Moving Around' activity of Personal Independence Payment (PIP). A short-term pass will be issued if evidence covers you for a limited period e.g. if your condition may improve or is temporary. A pass will not be issued if your condition lasts, or is expected to last, less than 12 months.

### You will be eligible if;

- you are unable to walk at all,
- you can only get about by swinging through crutches (long term),
- you are unable to walk a short distance without severe discomfort,
- it takes an excessive amount of time to walk a short distance, or
- the exertion required to walk would constitute a danger to your life or would be likely to lead to serious deterioration in your health.

### You will not be eligible if;

- your mobility problems are short term i.e. less than 12 months, or
- you are able to walk relatively normally with the use of an artificial leg.

## Proving that you are eligible



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- PIP Statement of Entitlement (2 pages) which
  - shows your name clearly
  - is dated within the last year
  - shows 8 or more points for the 'Moving Around' activity
  - has the same reference number at the bottom of each page
- If you don't have a copy then please contact the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) and ask for a 'Statement of Entitlement'. The phone number is on the front of your PIP award letter. If your most recent PIP award letter (normally 6 pages and includes the points) is dated within the last 12 months then you can send that instead.
- Recent (less than 1 yr old) DLA letter - must show Higher Rate Mobility Component
- For a veteran, proof of receiving War Pensioners Mobility Supplement, or 'Reasons for Decision' letter under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS)
- WCC Concessionary Travel Evidence Form CT-D1 (available from 01926 359180 or website) completed by a medical professional who is familiar with your walking ability e.g. consultant or physiotherapist.



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- PIP information which is more than 12 months old
- PIP award of Mobility Component but only 4 points for the 'Moving Around' activity
- PIP award of Mobility Component but no breakdown of how the points were awarded
- DLA Mobility Component at the Lower Rate
- DLA Care component at any level
- Letter which lists medical conditions
- Letter which says your mobility is affected by a medical condition
- Letter which says you would benefit from having a bus pass
- Letter which asks for you to be considered for a bus pass because you need one
- Disabled parking badge (blue badge). The qualifying criteria for this was changed in 2019 and no longer matches the criteria for bus pass.

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If you cannot provide one of the above pieces of acceptable evidence, then please call the Concessionary Travel Team on 01926 414986 to discuss your application or renewal.

You are advised not to ask your GP to complete the evidence form, or write a letter, as this is not an NHS service. If your GP does agree to complete the form you will normally have to pay, and a completed form does not guarantee you a bus pass. We do not deal directly with GPs and we cannot contact them on your behalf.