

Concessionary Travel

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 a learning disability as “a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning”.

Guidance for concessionary travel defines a ‘learning disability’ in this way:

- “A person with a learning disability has a reduced ability to understand new or complex information, a difficulty in learning new skills and may be unable to cope independently. **These disabilities must have started before adulthood** and have a lasting effect on development. The person should be able to qualify for specialist services and he or she may have had special educational provision.
- The Department for Health adopted the term ‘learning disability’ in 1992. It has the same meaning as its predecessor ‘mental handicap’ but it is seen as more acceptable, particularly in reducing the confusion with mental illness.”

You will be eligible if ;

- you have a learning disability which includes **significant impairment of intelligence AND social functioning**

This includes Downs Syndrome, some autistic spectrum disorders and some other learning disabilities.

You will not be eligible if;

- you have dyslexia, dyspraxia or attention deficit disorder – these would not qualify as ‘significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning’
- Your intelligence is not impaired, even if your disability affects your social functioning
- You are applying because of mental health problems
- Your condition started after you became an adult (e.g.brain injury)
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(N.B you may still qualify if your condition is so severe that you would be refused a driving licence)

Proving that you are eligible

 We can accept this evidence	Information which confirms you have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant impairment of your intelligence AND • significant impairment of your social functioning
 We cannot accept this evidence	Information which says you have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Learning difficulties' • A learning disability • Aspergers Syndrome • Autistic Spectrum Disorder
None of the above provide evidence that your intelligence is significantly impaired.	

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

- Completed SCC Concessionary Evidence Form CT-F1 (available from libraries and <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/publictransport/buses/buspass/OlderDisabled/FAQs/Q003.aspx>)
- For a child - A Statement of Special Education Needs, a letter from the head of a special needs education school, or a letter from a learning disability co-ordinator at a mainstream school or college where they are studying.
- Letter from social services or another organisation providing support services (e.g. Mencap)
- You may ask your GP to provide a letter but this is not an NHS service. The Doctor is not obliged to provide a letter for you. As this is a private service you may be charged. We do not deal with GPs directly and we cannot contact them on your behalf.

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