

Tyne & Wear Concessionary Travel Scheme

Gateshead Council Eligibility Application

If you are disabled and live in Tyne & Wear you may be eligible for a concessionary travel pass. If you are assessed as eligible for the concessionary travel scheme you will be issued with a confirmation of eligibility form, which allows you to apply for the concessionary travel pass from NEXUS.

The Concessionary Travel Pass allows you to travel:

- Free of charge on buses in Tyne & Wear from 9:30am Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays
- Free anywhere else in England on local buses, between 9:30am and 11:00pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays
- For 60p* on the Shields Ferry from 9:30am Monday to Friday, all day at weekends and on public holidays
- For 50p* on Northern Rail services between Newcastle and Metro Centre/Blaydon, from 9:30am Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays

Please complete all relevant sections of the application form. You must provide acceptable proof of your disability, failure to do this will result in your application being rejected.

*Prices correct March 2023

Section 1

Title:				
Forename(s):				
Surname:				
Date of Birth:				
Gender:	Male:		Female:	
Address:				
	Postcode:			
Email address:				
Telephone:				
Mobile:				

Do you or have you ever held a licence to drive a motor vehicle	Yes:		No:	
Do you currently hold a Blue Badge:	Yes:		No:	
If Yes, please supply a copy of this along with your blue badge number and the expiry date:	Blue Badge number:			
	Expiry Date:			

Your GP details

Name of GP:	
Name of Surgery:	
Address of Surgery:	
	Postcode:
Telephone:	

Section 2

To be considered for a concessionary travel pass you must be able to answer yes to one of the criteria listed below and supply supporting documentation.

Registered blind or partially sighted	Yes:		No:	
<i>You will need to include a Certificate of Vision Impairment from an Ophthalmologist; evidence of registration with an appropriate association/charity.</i>				
Profoundly or severely deaf	Yes:		No:	
<i>You will need to include an audiology report or report from an aural specialist.</i>				
Without speech – including laryngectomy or can only speak with artificial aids	Yes:		No:	
<i>You will need to include evidence from a health care professional confirming you are without speech or ask your health professional to complete section 3</i>				
Disability or injury which has a substantial and long term effect on your ability to walk	Yes:		No:	
<i>You will need to include evidence confirming you receive the higher/enhanced mobility component of Disability Living Allowance. 8 or more points in the moving around section of PIP or a war pensioners mobility supplement.</i>				
Without the use of both arms	Yes:		No:	
<i>You will need to include a letter from your health care professional confirming you are without the use of both arms or ask your health professional to complete section 3</i>				
Learning Disability – state of arrest or incomplete development of mind including significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning. These must have started before adulthood and have a lasting effect on development. Please note conditions such as Aspergers Syndrome, Autism, ADHD, dyslexia and dyspraxia are not covered by this definition and would not make you eligible under this criteria.	Yes:		No:	
<i>You will need to include an assessment from a Psychiatrist/Psychologist detailing your diagnosis of a learning disability or have previously registered and/or received services from Adult Social Care.</i>				
<i>You should contact your GP in the first instance if you require an assessment</i>				
Refused a driving licence on grounds other than drug or alcohol abuse issues	Yes:		No:	
<i>You will need to include a letter from the DVLA confirming the refusal of a driving licence or ask your health professional to complete section 3</i>				

Detailed above is the acceptable proof that must be supplied with your application in order to be considered for eligibility for a Concessionary Travel Pass, failure to provide this information will result in your application being rejected. Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment information must be an original copy and dated within the last 6 months, you can obtain replacement certificates from the Disability Benefits Agency at the Department of Work and Pensions.

Please note – Gateshead Council are not responsible for any costs incurred in respect of GP letters or proof provided by GP's on behalf of the applicant. Any costs must be met by the applicant.

The personal information that you provide on this form will be kept by the Council who are partners in the Tyne and Wear Concessionary Travel Scheme. This information will be handled in line with GDPR and will be used for the purpose of assessing your eligibility for the Concessionary Travel Scheme and to manage, monitor and evaluate the service only. Information about you will not be used for any other purpose.

Nexus are under a duty to protect the public funds they administer and may use the information you have provided for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Applicant Declaration

I declare that the information given on this form is true in all respects. I understand that you will withdraw my application if I have given any information on this form which is wrong or untrue, or any supporting documentation which is false or fraudulent.

I authorise my healthcare professional, nominated on this form to disclose any necessary information that may be required to verify this application.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

If you are unable to sign the declaration yourself it may be signed on your behalf by your relative/carer/spouse/friend.

Authorised signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Please return this application and any supporting evidence to:

Gateshead Council

Adult Social Care

1st Floor Civic Centre

Regent Street

Gateshead

Tyne & Wear

NE8 1HH

Telephone: 0191 433 3169 / 0191 433 2366

Or

Email: ascadmin@gateshead.gov.uk

Please allow enough time for your application to be received, considered and processed. We do turn applications around as quickly as we can but the whole process can take up to 8 weeks.

Section 3

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Proof of disability – to be completed by the applicant's health care professional

Health Care Professional Name (official stamp required): _____

Applicant's name: _____

DOB: _____

In your opinion, is the applicant

Without speech (including laryngectomy) or can only speak with the use of artificial aids?	
Without the use of both arms?	
Unable to drive due to a disability/illness, who if applied for a driving licence would be refused under section 92 of the Act (physical fitness) on grounds other than drug or alcohol misuse? What is the nature of the disability: The reasons why the applicant would be refused a licence: If due to epilepsy what was the date of last attack: Is this disability/illness a result of or exacerbated by misuse of drugs or alcohol: (People who persistently misuse drugs or alcohol are not covered by the definition of 'disabled person' under the Act and thus are not entitled to the statutory minimum travel concession)	

Signed (Health Care Professional) _____