



The National Concessionary Travel Scheme for

Disabled People

Information and form for new applicants

Who is the Scheme for?

You can apply if you are normally resident in Leicester and are:

- registered as Blind, Partially Sighted, or Severely/Profoundly Deaf,
- registered (or eligible to register) as someone with a learning disability,
- medically unfit to hold a driving licence, otherwise than on the ground of persistent misuse of drugs or alcohol
- without speech (unable to communicate orally in any language),
- without the use of both arms,
- disabled with a severe walking difficulty.

If you have been awarded the **Higher Rate Mobility** Component of Disability Living Allowance or the **War Pensioners Mobility Supplement**, for at least 12 months, you will automatically qualify on the grounds of having severe difficulty in walking. To prove entitlement, you will need to provide evidence of receipt of your benefit.

If you have a Blue Badge (Disabled Person's Parking Permit) issued by Leicester City Council, you will automatically qualify on the grounds of having severe difficulty in walking.

If you hold a **Senior Citizen's Travel Concession** you can surrender it in exchange for a disabled person's concession.

What benefits will I get?

You may choose **either a travel pass OR travel tokens.**

If you choose a **pass**:

Your pass will enable you to travel free on local buses in all parts of England, between 9.30am and 11.00pm on Mondays to Fridays and all day at weekends and bank holidays.

You are also entitled to free bus travel before 9.30am on Mondays to Fridays, provided the journey begins in Leicester or Leicestershire.

Passes are valid for free train travel at all times on train journeys wholly within Leicestershire (including to and from Leicester), and between Leicestershire stations and Derby, Nottingham, Grantham, Peterborough, Kettering and Nuneaton, except that passes are not valid for any journey starting at Melton Mowbray or Bottesford station.

If you choose **tokens**:

You are entitled to a maximum of £22 worth of tokens per year. The issue year runs from 1 April to 31 March. First time applicants can join the scheme at any time but will receive a lesser amount in the first year if applying after 1 August.

Any questions or problems?

Write to:- Disabled Persons' Travel Scheme at the address above or phone: Leicester 252 7000

Large print leaflets are available on request.

Which is best, a pass or tokens?

A pass is best if you travel by bus or train. Tokens are best if you rarely use buses or trains, but need to travel by taxi.

How do I apply?

Applying in Person

- 1 You can apply in person at any of our Customer Service Centres.
- 2 If you have proof of DLA (Higher Rate Mobility Component), War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement or Registration with VISTA, you will need to bring this with you, but you do not need to fill in the application form.
- 3 If you are applying on any other ground, you will need to complete the application form and ensure that you have obtained any necessary certification from a medical professional or specialist service. We may not be able to process your application at the time of your visit, but we will ensure that it is referred for processing.

Our Customer Service Centres are located as follows:

Customer Services, B Block, New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester LE1 6ZG

New Parks Customer Services, 321 Aikman Avenue, New Parks, Leicester LE3 9PW

Saffron Lane Customer Services, 499 Saffron Lane, Leicester LE2 6UQ

Brite Centre Customer Services, Brite Centre, Braunstone Avenue, Braunstone, Leicester LE3 1LE

Applying by post

Fill in the tear-off section of this form; a friend or relative can fill it in for you if you wish. You may need to take the form to a medical professional or specialist service to

complete part of the application to confirm your disability. Then send it to us, with a passport-sized photograph. Photographs may be either from a booth or ordinary photographs cut to size and taken against a plain background. Please write your name on the back of your photograph. Photographs are not required if you choose TOKENS. Enclose proof of benefit where relevant. There is no charge for the concessions.

Send to:

Disabled Persons' Travel Scheme
PO Box 1151
LEICESTER LE3 8ZQ

Your proof of entitlement will be returned to you with your pass. Please allow up to 28 days for issue.

How do I get a replacement pass?

If your circumstances have changed or you have lost your travel pass, please visit one of the Customer Service Centres or telephone 0116 252 7000 for a replacement pass to be issued.

For further information and advice:

Phone Customer Services on 0116 252 7000

TextBox/Minicom 0116 252 7011 or

email customerservices@leicester.gov.uk

Leicester City Council Disabled Persons' Travel Concession - New Applicants

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS using one letter to a box and leaving a space between words.
DO NOT USE THIS FORM if you wish to renew. Phone 0116 252 7000 for advice.

SECTION 1

TITLE (Mr, Mrs, Miss)

SURNAME OR FAMILY NAME

FIRST OR GIVEN NAMES

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

Flat Number

House Number or Name

Street

Village or Town

Post Code

Telephone Number

SECTION 2

Which type of disability do you have? (tick one or more boxes)

Blind/Partially Sighted Severely/Profoundly Deaf Learning Disability

Severe Walking Disability Without Speech Without the use of both arms

Medically unfit to hold a driving licence

SECTION 3

Your choice of Concession (tick one box) Travel Pass Tokens Please now complete Sections 4 and 5.

SECTION 4

This section is to provide evidence that you are eligible. For **BLIND** and **PARTIALLY SIGHTED** people:

Are you registered with Vista? No Yes

For **DEAF** people: Are you registered as **SEVERELY/PROFOUNDLY DEAF** with the County Council's Service for Deaf People, 135 Welford Road, Leicester? No Yes

Please ask your Social Worker to complete this box

I certify that..... is a profoundly deaf or severely deaf person.

Signed (Specialist Social Worker for Deaf People)

Name (please print) Date.....

For people with a **LEARNING DISABILITY**: Have you attended a Special School or Day Centre or other form of specialist service? No Yes

Are you applying on the grounds of qualifying through receipt of the Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance or the War Pensioners Mobility Supplement? No Yes

If yes, you need to enclose evidence of receipt of benefit for at least 12 months. You do not need to ask a Health Professional to complete section 4.

Are you applying on the grounds of having a Blue Badge (Disabled Person's Parking Permit) issued by Leicester City Council? No Yes

For other people who have a SEVERE WALKING DISABILITY or who are WITHOUT THE USE OF BOTH ARMS, or who are WITHOUT SPEECH, you must get the box overleaf completed by a Health professional. For example, this could be your Community/Practice Nurse, Occupational Therapist, Hospital Consultant or General Practitioner. A General Practitioner may make a charge for signing the form, which you will have to pay.

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Please cut along dashed line

SECTION 4 Continued

For people who are **MEDICALLY UNFIT TO HOLD A DRIVING LICENCE**: Your Doctor (e.g. General Practitioner or Hospital Consultant) must complete the box below.

To be filled in by a health professional (if you are applying under section (d), this must be your Doctor, e.g. General Practitioner or Hospital Consultant).

I certify that

(a) has a severe walking disability which means he/she can only walk short distances, typically up to 100m,
 due to

Signed..... Date

(b) is without the use of both arms, due to

Signed..... Date

(c) is without speech (i.e. unable to communicate in any language) due to

Signed..... Date

(d) would be likely to be refused a driving licence on medical grounds, due to

.....

Signed..... Date

Name of person completing the form (BLOCK CAPITALS):

Occupation Tel. Number

Name and Address of Practice or Establishment:


SECTION 5

I declare that:

- a) I am eligible by disability, I am resident in Leicester.
- b) If I choose travel tokens, I agree to forego my right to the statutory minimum free travel scheme provided by the Transport Act 2000 and Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007.
- c) All information given is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- d) If my circumstances change so as to make me not eligible for the scheme, I will return my concession.

Signature Date

PLEASE ALLOW 28 DAYS FOR ISSUE

 The data collected is in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Data will only be used for the purpose outlined in this leaflet. However, the City Council is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you provide on the form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. If you require further information, please see the City Council's website page www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/council-and-democracy/key-documents/nfi-data-matching.

Ethnic origin

We are keen to see all sections of the community take up the benefits they are entitled to. Your co-operation in filling out this section would therefore be appreciated.

I would describe my ethnic origin as

<p>White:</p> <p>British <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Irish <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Polish <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other Eastern European <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other White background, please state <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p>	<p>Black or Black British:</p> <p>Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>African <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other Black background, please state <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p>	<p>Asian or Asian British:</p> <p>Indian <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other Asian background, please state <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p>
<p>Mixed Heritage:</p> <p>White and Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>White and Black African <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>White and Asian <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other dual heritage background, please state: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p>	<p>Gypsy or Traveller:</p> <p>Gypsy <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Roma <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Irish Traveller <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other Gypsy or Traveller background, please state <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p>	<p>What is your religion or belief?</p> <p>No religion/belief <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Christian <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Buddhist <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Hindu <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Jewish <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Muslim <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sikh <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other, please state <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p>
	<p>Other ethnic group:</p> <p>Chinese <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Arab <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other ethnic group, please state: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="text"/></p>	