

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 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 ‘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 of 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.”

The term ‘learning disability’ has more recently been replaced with the term ‘intellectual disability’. The British Psychological Society defines ‘intellectual disability using the same terms as the Transport Act 2000 and, in addition, indicates that significant impairment of intelligence means someone with an IQ of less than 70.

You will be eligible if;

you have a learning disability which includes

- **significant impairment of intelligence i.e. IQ of less than 70**

AND

- **Significant impairment of social functioning**

provided your disability started in childhood

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 (i.e. your IQ is more than 70), 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)

N.B.

- *You may still qualify if your condition is so severe that you would be refused a driving licence. This includes people whose disability started in adulthood e.g. brain injury. See the information sheet for ‘Category g’ for more details.*
- *If you hold a driving licence you will not normally qualify on the grounds of a learning disability.*

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Proving that you are eligible



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Information which confirms you have

- significant impairment of your intelligence i.e. IQ less than 70 **AND**
- significant impairment of your social functioning.

The following will be accepted automatically

- Information which demonstrates you have a formal learning disability diagnosis with the code F70, F71, F72 or F73
- Council Tax bill indicating exemption due to severe mental impairment

If you do not have one of the above, then you should speak to a member of the CT Team before applying under this category, and we can advise what evidence you will need to provide.

Please call 01926 414986 or email ct@warwickshire.gov.uk

We may ask you to send one or more of the following.

- Completed WCC Concessionary Travel Evidence Form CT-F1, CT-F2 or CT-F3 (available from 01926 359180 or website)
- Statement of Special Educational Needs, or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).



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Benefit letters (ESA, DLA or PIP) – these do not tell us about your intelligence

Information which says you have

- 'Learning Difficulties'
- Aspergers Syndrome
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder

None of the above provides evidence that your intelligence is significantly impaired.

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.

If you are asked to complete a CT-F1 evidence form, then the appropriate medical professional will be a psychologist.

You are advised not to ask your GP to complete the evidence form, or write a letter, as this is not an NHS service. However, 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.