

Concessionary Travel

Category g – refusal of a Driving Licence

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they are not eligible for a driving licence on medical grounds.

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988 you may be refused a driving licence on the grounds of your medical fitness. Those currently barred from holding a licence include people with:

- i. epilepsy (unless it is of a type which does not pose a danger);
- ii. severe mental disorder;
- iii. liability to sudden attacks of giddiness or fainting
- iv. inability to read a registration plate in good light at 20.5 metres (with lenses if worn);
- v. other disabilities which are likely to cause the driving of vehicles by them to be a source of danger to the public.

You do not have to apply for a driving licence in order to qualify, and a child may be eligible under this category if their condition would prevent them from holding a driving licence if they were old enough.

You will be eligible if;

- you have epilepsy and your current experience of seizures means that you would not be eligible for a driving licence
- you have diabetes and have suffered more than one hypoglycaemic attack requiring the assistance of another person within the last 12 months,
- you have a severe mental disorder which mean that you would be refused a driving licence or have your driving licence revoked,
- you cannot read a registration plate in good light at 20.5 metres (with lenses),
- you are liable to sudden attacks of giddiness or fainting,

The above are examples of medical conditions which would prevent someone from holding a driving licence. You may also be eligible if;

- you have another medical condition which means that you would be refused a driving licence or have your driving licence revoked

You will **not** be eligible if;

- you are refused a driving licence as a result of the misuse of drugs or alcohol,
- you are advised not to drive for medical reasons, or for the sake of your health, but are allowed to keep your driving licence (e.g. if you are recovering from surgery or because driving would make a medical condition worse),
- the reason you cannot drive is short term (less than 12 months) and you are not required to surrender your licence (e.g. after surgery)
- the reason you cannot drive is because of the side effects of medication that you are taking (unless your driving licence is revoked or refused because of it),
- you suffer from mental health issues (such as anxiety or depression) which would not cause you to be refused a driving licence, or
- you have a life-limiting condition or serious illness, unless you are at risk of seizures as a result.

If you are in possession of a current driving licence you cannot apply under this category.

This includes a provisional driving licence. Applicants under this category may have their details passed to the DVLA for the purpose of fraud prevention.

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Proving that you are eligible

You need to show that one of the following applies:

1. Your driving licence has been revoked on medical grounds.
2. You have been refused a driving licence on medical grounds.
3. You would be ineligible for a driving licence on medical grounds.

Any evidence you provide should be dated within the last 12 months.

 <p>we can accept this evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from the DVLA indicating that your driving licence has been refused or revoked following an assessment. • Letter from the DVLA accepting a surrendered licence, together with evidence of relevant the medical condition • WCC Concessionary Travel Evidence Form CT-G1 (available from 01926 359180 or website) completed by your consultant or suitably qualified nurse e.g. specialist epilepsy nurse, diabetes nurse or CPN. • Information from a medical professional (e.g. consultant, qualified mental health practitioner or ophthalmologist) which confirms that you would be refused a driving licence (other than because of alcohol/drug dependency.) • Evidence which demonstrates you have one of the disabilities or medical conditions would be covered by Section 92 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (as listed in paragraphs i. to v. overleaf). This may include letters from your consultant or GP which you already have in your possession which describe in detail the condition being treated.
 <p>we cannot accept this evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice not to drive because of medication (unless it explicitly states that you must hand back your driving licence or that a driving licence would be refused). • Letter from the DVLA indicating you have voluntarily surrendered your driving licence, unless there is also separate evidence of the medical condition which is the reason for giving it up. • A letter which states you would be unable to drive but which does not give the reason. • Anything which indicated that the reason you cannot drive is linked to the misuse of alcohol or drugs

You will also need to show whether the refusal of driving licence is permanent (e.g. because of a lifelong condition) or temporary (e.g. because of an isolated seizure).

The expiry date on the pass will be tied to the length of time you would be prevented from holding a driving licence. If you cannot provide this, the pass will be issued for one year.

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.