

National Entitlement Card (aged 16 or over)

If you have had a seizure in the last 12 months and are receiving treatment for epilepsy, you are entitled to a free nationwide bus pass (National Entitlement Card) valid on most buses across Scotland.

To apply for a National Entitlement Card, aged 16 or over, you need:

1. **Form NCT001** (available from your local authority) – please refer to the enclosed sheet for the telephone number of your local authority
2. **Form NCT003** (available from Epilepsy Scotland on 0808 800 2200) to be signed by your consultant, GP or Epilepsy Specialist Nurse. This form states that you receive treatment for epilepsy, have had a seizure within the last 12 months and would be refused a driving licence on medical grounds if you applied for one. Please note that some GPs will charge a fee for signing this form. If you want to avoid this fee, you could ask your epilepsy specialist nurse or consultant to sign instead.

OR

A letter from the DVLA revoking your driving licence or refusing your application for a driving licence for medical reasons, issued within the last 12 months

OR

An award letter, issued within last 12 months, confirming receipt of

- the higher rate of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance
- the higher or middle rate of the care component of Disability Living Allowance
- the standard or enhanced rate of Personal Independence Payment
- Attendance Allowance

For a new award letter contact the DLA helpline on 08457 123 456 or the PIP helpline on 0845 850 3322.

You may also be eligible on other disability grounds. For more information and advice, please contact your local authority or local concessionary travel scheme office. Alternatively call Transport Scotland on 0141 272 7170 or visit their website www.transport.gov.scot/concessionary-travel/

3. Proof of address

Acceptable documents include council tax bill (current financial year), utility bill eg gas, electricity, landline telephone (within last 3 months), bank statement (within last 3 months), TV licence, letter from residential care home, letter from home office or immigration office or letter from local authority confirming that you stay in the council area.

4. 1x passport photograph (taken within the last year)

Print your name and application reference number on the back of the photograph.

Where to take your application form to

Your application **must be taken in person** to be processed. Local processing offices are different for every area. It will often be your local social work office or a library. To find out, please telephone the relevant number for your local authority, which you can find on the enclosed local authority contacts sheet.

Other reduced or free fares

Bus passes can also be used to buy reduced rail fares in Angus, Fife, West Lothian, East Lothian, Edinburgh City, Highland, Falkirk and Strathclyde. Your local authority can tell you more about what you may be entitled to.

Residents of the Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland who are eligible for the free National Entitlement Card are entitled to two free return ferry journeys to the mainland each year.