

National Entitlement Card (aged 5 to under 16)

Any child or young person, aged over 5 and under 16, can apply for a free nationwide bus pass (National Entitlement Card) valid on most buses across Scotland, if they have had a seizure in the last year, are receiving treatment for epilepsy, **and** are in receipt of certain benefits (details below). This will entitle the child or young person to get a 'plus one' card, which allows another person to travel with them free of charge.

To apply for a free National Entitlement Card (bus pass) if a young person is over 5 (fare paying age) and under 16, you need:

1. **Form NCT001** (available from your local authority, please see enclosed sheet for local authority contact details)

2. **You will need one of the following:**
 - a. Awards letter from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) confirming receipt of middle or higher rate of the care component **Disability Living Allowance** been issued within the last 12 months

OR

 - b. If you are a **Blue Badge** holder take your Blue Badge, latest V11 vehicle licensing reminder from DVLA or DLA404 from the Department of Work and Pensions when you apply for your card.

A young person may also be eligible for a free bus pass on other disability grounds such as being visually or hearing impaired. Your local authority or local concessionary travel scheme office can advise further on this. Alternatively call Transport Scotland on 0141 272 7170 or visit their website www.transport.gov.scot/concessionary-travel/

3. Proof of address

A young person will not usually have access to the usual proof of identity/address (eg gas bill). Instead, a letter from the school or a letter from the local authority confirming the young person lives in the council area is accepted. A child benefit letter can also be used.

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

Name and application reference number should be printed 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 listed at the back of the enclosed Transport Scotland booklet.

Other reduced or free fares

A National Entitlement Card 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 have a National Entitlement Card are also entitled to two free return ferry journeys to the mainland each year.