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County Council

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**National Concessionary Bus Pass
Application for Disabled Person's Companion Pass**

(Please read the information attached before you fill in this form)

If you are unable to travel alone you may be entitled to a companion pass. Your companion may be a carer, relative or friend of any age.

If you do not currently hold a Disabled Person's Concessionary Travel pass you will need to complete the Disabled Person's Concessionary Travel Pass application form which also incorporates the Companion Travel Pass application.

Your details

Complete with the details of the person applying for the companion bus pass

Please use block capitals when completing this form

Title

First Name

Surname

Address

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Postcode Date of Birth

Telephone Email

I certify that I require the assistance of a companion to travel and am eligible to receive a companion bus pass.

I have enclosed the appropriate evidence as outlined in the guidance notes.

Signature:

Date:

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Submitting your application

Please ensure you supply:

- One **COPY** of the qualifying evidence as listed in the guidance notes
- One passport style/sized colour photograph

You may find it quicker and easier to email your completed application and supporting evidence to **concessionarytravel@northumberland.gov.uk**

If you are applying by post send to the address below.

Do not send original documents, please supply copies instead.

Please note copies **will not** be returned.

Concessionary Travel Team
Northumberland County Council
County Hall
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 2EF

You may also hand in your form into one of our Customer Services Centres. Please visit www.northumberland.gov.uk for details.

If you need any further information or have any questions please call in to one of our Information Centres, call Customer Services on 0345 600 6400 or visit www.northumberland.gov.uk.

Guidance notes for a Companion Pass

What is a companion Pass?

Any resident who qualifies for a Disabled Person's bus pass on the grounds of disability, and because of that disability is unable to travel on a bus without the assistance of another person, can apply for a companion pass.

Your companion may be a carer, a relative or a friend. The pass allows you and your companion to travel free of charge as per the Northumberland concessionary bus pass scheme.

To qualify for a companion pass you must supply evidence from one of the categories below:

A	The applicant is in receipt or has been awarded the higher/enhanced rate care component of Disability Living Allowance/PIP.	A copy of the award letter from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) or confirmation of award stating that the applicant is in receipt or has been awarded the higher/enhanced rate care component of DLA/PIP. The award date should not have expired and the evidence should be dated within the last 12 months.
B	The applicant is in receipt or has been awarded the higher rate Attendance Allowance issued by the DWP	A copy of the Attendance Allowance award notice or letter from the DWP stating that the applicant has qualified for higher rate Attendance Allowance. The award date should not have expired and the evidence should be dated within the last 12 months.
C	The applicant has been certified as blind and in consequence is registered as blind in a register	A copy of the letter from Local Authority, RNIB, or other Blind Society confirming the applicant is registered as blind on a register maintained by or on behalf of their local authority.
D	The applicant lives in a care/residential home or hospital and are eligible for the higher/enhanced rate care component of the DLA/PIP or higher rate Attendance Allowance	A copy of the award letter from the DWP or confirmation of award stating that the applicant is in receipt of higher/enhanced rate care component of DLA/PIP. Or a copy of the award notice from DWP or confirmation of award stating that the applicant is in receipt of the higher rate Attendance Allowance. The award date should not have expired and the evidence should be dated within the last 12 months.
E	The applicant can provide confirmation from a specialist doctor/ independent health professional/ registered medical practitioner confirming that you are unable to travel alone	A copy of a letter from a specialist doctor/ independent health professional/ registered medical practitioner to confirm that you are unable to travel alone

Your companion is not issued a separate pass. A companion pass has an orange stripe down the right hand side of the pass with a C+ symbol at the top right hand corner which tells the driver that you require a companion. Your companion **CANNOT** use your pass without you.

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