

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.

**PUT YOUR
NAME ON
THE BACK
OF YOUR
PHOTO AND
FIX IT HERE**
(DO NOT USE
STAPLES)

Your details

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

Please use block capitals when completing this form

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First Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Surname:	<input type="text"/>		
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Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="M"/>	<input type="text" value="F"/>

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:

You can hand this form in at any of our Information Centres or post to:
Concessionary Travel, NCC, Wansbeck Square, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 9XL

Disclosure of Information

Information provided on this form may have to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Where the information provided is personal data, it will be processed in accordance with the Data protection Act 1998.

Guidance notes for a Companion Pass

What is a companion Pass?

Any resident who qualifies of 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 the following evidence:

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 Attendance Allowance issued by the DWP	Attendance Allowance award notice or letter from the DWP stating that the applicant has qualified for 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 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 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 Attendance Allowance. The award date should not have expired and the evidence should be dated within the last 12 months.

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.

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.