

# Concessionary Bus Travel in England for Somerset Residents



## WHAT TO DO NEXT

You can either POST your completed application, with photo attached, along with a photocopy of proof of your Age or Disability and a photocopy of a document confirming your address (i.e. Utility Bill), to the address listed for your area in this leaflet.

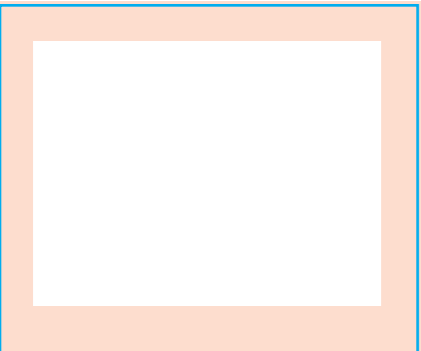
or HAND IN the application at your local Council offices at the address in this leaflet.

## DATA PROTECTION

The personal information that you supply to the Travel Concession Authority will be stored in electronic form and/or paper files. This information, or data is subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Travel Concession Authority is the controller for the Act.

## WHAT IS YOUR ETHNIC GROUP?

- White**
- British  Any other White
- Black or Black British**
- African  Caribbean  Any other Black
- Mixed**
- White & Black Caribbean  White & Black African
- White & Asian  Any other mixed
- Asian or Asian British**
- Indian  Pakistani  Bangladeshi  Any other mixed
- Chinese or any other ethnic group**
- Chinese  Any other
- Romany, Gypsy or Traveller**
- Traveller of European Heritage
- Traveller of Other Heritage



## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY



Photograph verified: .....

Evidence supplied: .....

Date of Birth: .....

Issued by: .....

Permit No: .....

Approved by: .....

Expiry Date: .....



# English National Concessionary Travel Scheme

The English National Scheme allows free travel on all local buses in England.

## Am I eligible?

If you are a permanent Somerset resident and are over 60 years old you are eligible for an English National Scheme Pass. You will also be eligible under the age of 60 if you have a recognised disability under the Transport Act 2000 and/or are unable to drive on medical grounds.

If you are only able to travel on Public Transport with the help of a carer, you may be eligible for a Companion pass. This will entitle you and a companion to free travel within Somerset ONLY. You may be able to qualify if you are in receipt of the **Higher Rate Disability Living Allowance**, or are in receipt of **Attendance Allowance**. If you are unsure whether you qualify you should contact your local Council: telephone numbers are given in this leaflet.

If you are a Taunton Deane resident and are unable to use Public Transport you may be entitled to apply for Travel Vouchers. In which case please contact Transporting Somerset on **0845 345 9155**.

## How & when can I use my Pass?

You must present your Pass to the bus driver and state where you are going. The driver will issue you with a ticket. The pass is valid between 9.30am and 11.00pm in most of England, and 9.00am and 11.00pm within Somerset, on weekdays, all day at weekends and on Public Holidays. For more information visit [www.direct.gov.uk/buspass](http://www.direct.gov.uk/buspass) or contact the local bus operator.

# Application form for a SOMERSET TRAVEL PARTNERSHIP Travel Bus Pass

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS, using Black Ink. Mark check boxes with a X

## YOUR DETAILS

Title	Mr <input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs <input type="checkbox"/>	Miss <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
First Name					
Middle Name					
Surname					
House/Flat No./House Name					
Street Name					
Town					
County					
Telephone No.					
Email Address					
Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth		
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			M	M	
			Y	Y	Y

## REASON FOR APPLICATION

I am applying for a Travel Concession Authority card on the grounds of:

Age  OR Disability  (Please indicate below which type of disability)

Blind or Partially Blind.  Learning disability.

Deaf - Profoundly or Severely.  No arms or lack of use of arms.

Without Speech.  Unfit to drive due to physical disability.

Long term disability or injury affecting ability to walk.

Companion Element Required.

## DECLARATION

I ..... (print your name in BLOCK CAPITALS) confirm that the photograph supplied with this application is a 'true likeness' of myself, and the information given on this form is to my knowledge true and correct.

Signature

Date



## YOUR PHOTOGRAPH

Please provide a recent, colour passport size photograph.

Your photograph should be 4.5cm x 3.5cm or 1 3/4" x 1 3/8".

Write your name and date of birth on on the back of it in BLOCK CAPITALS.



**Please return your application to the relevant Council Office: -**

**Taunton Deane Borough Council & Mendip District Council**

Transporting Somerset,  
Somerset County Council,  
County Hall, Taunton. TA1 4DY

**South Somerset District Council**

The Council Offices, Brympton Way,  
Yeovil. BA20 2HT

**Sedgemoor District Council**

Bridgwater House, King Square,  
Bridgwater. TA6 3AR

**West Somerset Council**

West Somerset House, Killick Way,  
Williton. TA4 4QA



This document is also available in Braille, large print, on tape and on disc and we can translate it into different languages. We can provide a member of staff to discuss the details.



**Where can I use it?**

You can use your pass for journeys on local buses, which start or end within England. The pass is not valid on the Taunton or Musgrove Flyers.

**What is the definition of a 'Local' bus?**

The definition of a local bus will be self evident in most cases, but in a few instances could include some longer distance bus and coach services where part of the route is registered as a local bus service. If in doubt, pass holders can contact the service operator direct.

**Is the pass valid on trains?**

No.

**Community Transport**

In Somerset you may be able to use your pass on certain types of journey provided by Community Transport. Contact your local provider or ring **0845 345 9155** for details or to request a leaflet.

**Does the pass cost anything?**

No. The English National Concessionary Travel Scheme is free to join.

**How do I apply?**

Complete the attached application form and return it to the address given for your area with the following:

**Photocopy of proof of eligibility**

**AGE** i.e. Copy of Driving Licence, Medical card, Passport, Birth Certificate, Pension Proof

**DISABILITY** i.e. Copy of Disability Living Allowance award letter



**Photocopy of proof of home address**

i.e. Copy of a utility bill, Driving Licence, Medical card

**Photo**

A recent original colour passport style photo

***Please do not send original documents, as we accept no responsibility for any loss.***

**What happens if I lose my Pass?**

You should report the loss to your local Council (telephone numbers are given in this leaflet). You will be required to complete a Lost Pass form and you will be charged for a replacement.

**What happens if I move or no longer want the pass?**

You should inform your local Council. If you move within Somerset your pass will remain valid and you do not need to apply again, however you must inform your local Council of your new address in order to receive your Renewal Notice.

**What happens when the pass expires?**

Your pass will expire on the date shown on it. Before that date a Renewal Notice will be sent to you. This is why we always need your current address.



South Somerset  
Tel: 01935 462462



Somerset County Council  
Tel: 0845 345 9155



Sedgemoor  
Tel: 0845 408 2540




West Somerset  
Tel: 01643 703704



Taunton Deane  
Tel: 0845 345 9155



Mendip  
Tel: 0845 345 9155



# English National Concessionary Travel Scheme

**Conditions of Issue and Use**

**The English National Scheme is administered by Somerset County Council on behalf of the participating Borough and District Councils.**

- If you are eligible to receive an English National Scheme Pass free of charge under the provisions of the Transport Act 2000 and apply for a English National Scheme Pass in fulfilment of this entitlement, you will not be entitled to receive any other concession from your District or Borough Council other than at their discretion. Your English National Scheme Pass is only valid on participating operators' services for journeys within England and those starting or finishing within England but not involving a change of bus outside the Country.
- Your English National Scheme Pass must be shown to the driver on every journey in order to obtain the concession due and you are subject to the normal conditions of carriage and passenger regulations of the operators of those services on which you travel.
- Your English National Scheme Pass cannot be used to purchase Season, Express Coach, Excursion or other similar tickets, or, unless informed otherwise be used to buy tickets for use on Railway Services.
- Your English National Scheme Pass is rendered void if it is altered or defaced in any way. It is for your personal use only – it must not be used by any other person and is not transferable.
- Your English National Scheme Pass remains the property of the District or Borough that issued it and must be surrendered to that District or Borough Council or their Representative on demand.
- Lost or damaged English National Scheme Passes will be replaced by the District or Borough Council that issued them, and a replacement charge will apply.
- You accept that when you use your English National Scheme Pass neither the District or Borough Councils nor their agents and/or contractors (other than bus operators) shall be liable for any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly when using a bus operators services.