

Category D2 – profoundly or severely deaf

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they are profoundly or severely deaf.

Guidance from the Department for Transport states that hearing loss is measured in decibels across the normal hearing spectrum, as dBHL (Hearing Level). Hearing loss is usually graded as follows:

- 25-39 dB HL: mild, cannot hear whispers.
- 40-69 dB HL: moderate, cannot hear conversational speech.
- 70-94 dB HL: severe, cannot hear shouting.
- 95 dB HL: profound, cannot hear sounds that would be painful for a hearing person to listen to.

You will be eligible if;

- your hearing loss is severe or profound, i.e. greater than 70 dBHL

You will **not** be eligible if;

- your hearing loss is mild or moderate, i.e. 69 dBHL or less or
- your hearing loss is temporary (less than 12 months)

Proving that you are eligible



we can accept this evidence

- Gloucestershire County Council Concessionary Travel Evidence Form D2 (available from 01452 426265 or the GCC website - www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport) completed by an audiologist or doctor.
- For a veteran, the 'Reasons for Decision' letter under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS).
- Confirmation that you are, or have been, registered as profoundly or severely deaf with the local authority.



we cannot accept this evidence

- Evidence that you have a hearing aid
- NHS appointment letter

If you cannot provide one of the above pieces of acceptable evidence, then please call the Concessionary Travel Team on 01452 426265 to discuss your application or renewal.

Your doctor is not obligated to fill in your evidence form. If your doctor does agree to complete the form you may have to pay, and a completed form does not guarantee you a bus pass. We do not deal with doctors directly and we cannot accept doctor's letter.

Form D2

Profoundly or Severely Deaf Disability Evidence Form

1. To be filled in by applicant

Declaration of authority. I authorise the consultant / doctor (shown below) to disclose to Gloucestershire County Council the information requested in this form. (Please PRINT Details)

Name		Date of birth	
Address		Telephone no.	
		Email	
Postcode			
Signed		Date	

2 To be filled in by consultant / doctor

Dear Consultant or Doctor,

The person mentioned below has applied to us for a travel concession on the basis of being **profoundly or severely deaf**.

The Transport Act 2000 defines that “hearing loss is measured in decibels across the normal hearing spectrum, as dBHL (Hearing Level)”. This is clarified in more detail as set out in the options below.

Please tick the box(es) that apply to this person.

☐	They have a severe hearing loss of 70 – 95 dBHL.
☐	They have a profound hearing loss of 95+ dBHL

☐	I am unable to confirm that any of the above options apply to this person.
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3 Declaration (To be filled in by consultant / doctor)

By submitting this form, I confirm that all the information is true and accurate.

Name		OFFICIAL CLINIC/HOSPITAL STAMP
Position		
Address		
GMC No		
Tel		
Signed		
Date		

(On completion, please return the form to the applicant.)

Once completed, the applicant should submit this evidence form, along with the completed concessionary bus pass application or renewal form by post to:

Concessionary Bus Pass Team
Integrated Transport Team
Gloucestershire County Council
Shire Hall
Westgate Street
Gloucester
GL1 2TH

Telephone enquiries: (01452) 426265
Monday to Friday 9am – 4.30pm

Email enquiries
buspasses2@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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