

## Category D6 – unable to drive on medical grounds

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they are not eligible for a driving licence on medical grounds.

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988 you may be refused a driving licence on the grounds of your medical fitness. Those currently barred from holding a licence include people with:

- epilepsy (unless it is of a type which does not pose a danger);
- severe mental disorder
- liability to sudden attacks of giddiness or fainting
- inability to read a registration plate in good light at 20.5 metres (with lenses if worn)
- other disabilities which are likely to cause the driving of vehicles by them to be a source of danger to the public

You do not have to apply for a driving licence to qualify, and a child may be eligible under this category if their condition would prevent them from holding a driving licence if they were old enough.

### You will be eligible if;

- you have epilepsy and your current experience of seizures means that you would not be eligible for a driving licence
- you have diabetes and have suffered more than one hypoglycaemic attack requiring the assistance of another person within the last 12 months,
- you have a severe mental disorder which mean that you would be refused a driving licence or have your driving licence revoked,
- you cannot read a registration plate in good light at 20.5 metres (with lenses),
- you are liable to sudden attacks of giddiness or fainting,

The above are examples of medical conditions which would prevent someone from holding a driving licence. You may also be eligible if;

- you have another medical condition which means that you would be refused a driving licence or have your driving licence revoked

### You will **not** be eligible if;

- you are refused a driving licence as a result of the misuse of drugs or alcohol,
- you are advised not to drive for medical reasons, or for the sake of your health, but are allowed to keep your driving licence (e.g. if you are recovering from surgery or because driving would make a medical condition worse),
- the reason you cannot drive is short term (less than 12 months) and you are not required to surrender your licence (e.g. after surgery)
- the reason you cannot drive is because of the side effects of medication that you are taking (unless your driving licence is revoked or refused because of it),
- you suffer from mental health issues (such as anxiety or depression) which would not cause you to be refused a driving licence, or
- you have a life-limiting condition or serious illness unless you are at risk of seizures as a result.

**If you are in possession of a current driving licence you cannot apply under this category.**

This includes a provisional driving licence. Applicants under this category may have their details passed to the DVLA for the purpose of fraud prevention.

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## Proving that you are eligible

You need to show that one of the following applies:

1. Your driving licence has been revoked on medical grounds.
2. You have been refused a driving licence on medical grounds.
3. You would be ineligible for a driving licence on medical grounds.

Any evidence you provide should be dated within the last 12 months.



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- Letter dated in the last year from the DVLA indicating that your driving licence has been refused or revoked following an assessment.
- Gloucestershire County Council Concessionary Travel Evidence Form D6 (available from 01452 426265 or download from our website [www.goucestershire.gov.uk/transport](http://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/transport)) completed by your doctor, consultant or suitably qualified nurse e.g. specialist epilepsy nurse or mental health professional.



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- Advice not to drive because of medication (unless it explicitly states that you must hand back your driving licence or that a driving licence would be refused).
- Letter from the DVLA indicating you have voluntarily surrendered your driving licence, unless there is also separate evidence of the medical condition which is the reason for giving it up.
- A letter which states you would be unable to drive but which does not give the reason.
- Anything which indicated that the reason you cannot drive is linked to the misuse of alcohol or drugs

You will also need to show whether the refusal of driving licence is permanent (e.g. because of a lifelong condition) or temporary (e.g. because of an isolated seizure).

The expiry date on the pass will be tied to the length of time you would be prevented from holding a driving licence. If you cannot provide this, the pass will be issued for two years.

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 letters.

**Form D6**

# Unable to Drive on Medical Grounds

## 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 above has applied for a travel concession on the basis of having a disability under the Road Traffic Act 1988 they may be refused a driving licence on the grounds of their medical fitness.

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

	They have had an epileptic attack whilst awake within the last year.
	They have a history of epileptic attacks whilst asleep and have had one whilst awake in the last 3 years.
	They have not had an epileptic attack whilst awake in the last 3 years but would likely to be a danger to the public if driving.
	They have a severe mental disorder which means that they would be refused a driving licence or have their driving licence revoked,
	They are liable to sudden attacks of giddiness or fainting (whether as a result of cardiac disorder or otherwise)
	They are unable to read a registration plate in good light at 20.5 metres (with lenses if worn)
	They have another disability which is likely to cause driving a vehicle by them to be a source of danger to the public

**OR they will be ineligible if**

	They persistently misuse drugs or alcohol, and this has caused one of the above conditions
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### 3 Duration (To be filled in by consultant / doctor)

#### ↓ Sign the boxes below

*to indicate the length the applicant's condition is expected to last*

	Is only likely to last up to 5 years
	The applicant's condition is permanent.
	I am unable to confirm that any of the above options apply to this person.

### 4 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**  
[conbuspasses@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:conbuspasses@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

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