

Category D5 – learning disability

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they have a learning disability as defined by the Transport Act 2000.

The Transport Act 2000 defines learning disability as “a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning”.

Guidance for concessionary travel defines ‘learning disability’ in this way:

A person with a learning disability has a reduced ability to understand new or complex information, a difficulty in learning new skills, and may be unable to cope independently. These disabilities must have started before adulthood and have a lasting effect on development. The person should be able to qualify for specialist services and he or she may have had special educational provision.

You will be eligible if;

you have a learning disability which includes:

- your disability started before adulthood and has had a lasting effect on your development
- you have reduced ability to understand new or complex information
- you have difficulty learning new skills
- you are unable cope independently

You will **not** be eligible if;

- you are applying because of mental health issues
- your condition started after you became an adult (e.g. brain injury)

N.B.

- *You may still qualify if your condition is so severe that you would be refused a driving licence. This includes people whose disability started in adulthood e.g. brain injury. See the information sheet for ‘Category D6’ for more details.*
- *If you hold a driving licence you will not normally qualify on the grounds of a learning disability.*

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Proving that you are eligible

Information which confirms you have

- significant impairment of your intelligence i.e. IQ less than 70 **AND**
- significant impairment of your social functioning.

We can also consider the following, but may need further information:



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- Education Health and Care (EHC) Plan
- Statement of Special Educational Needs
- 8 points or more for 'communicating' on your Personal Independent Payment (PIP), the award must not have expired.
- Gloucestershire Concessionary Travel Evidence Form D5 (available from 01452 426265 or website - www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport) completed by a consultant or doctor.

If you do not have one of the above, then you should speak to a member of the concessionary bus pass team before applying under this category, and we can advise what evidence you will need to provide.

Please call 01452 426265 or email buspasses2@gloucestershire.gov.uk



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evidence

- Benefit letters (ESA or Universal Credit)

If you cannot provide one of the above pieces of acceptable evidence, then please call the Concessionary Travel Team on 01452 426264 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 D5

Learning 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 above is applying for a travel concession on the basis of **having a significant learning disability**. The Transport Act 2000 defines Learning Disability as “a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning”.

This is clarified in more detail as set out in the options below.

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

☐	Their disability started before adulthood and has a lasting effect on their development.
☐	They have a reduced ability to understand new or complex information.
☐	They have difficulty in learning new skills
☐	They are unable to cope independently.

☐	I am unable to confirm that any of the above options apply to this person.
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3. Duration (To be filled in by consultant / doctor)	
↓ Sign the boxes below <i>to indicate the length the applicant's condition is expected to last</i>	
	Is only likely to last up to 5 years
	The applicant's condition is permanent.

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
buspasses2@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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