

Category D8 – without speech

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they are without speech.

You will be eligible if;

- you are unable to communicate orally in any language i.e. you are unable to make clear basic oral requests, or you are unable to ask specific questions to clarify instructions.

You will **not** be eligible if;

- you have speech but it is slow or difficult to understand e.g. if you have a severe stammer, or
- you cannot speak English, but you do speak another language.

Proving that you are eligible



we can accept
this evidence

- PIP Statement of Entitlement (2 pages) which
 - shows your name clearly
 - is dated within the last year
 - shows 8 or more points for the 'Communicating' activity
 - has the same reference number at the bottom of each page

If you don't have a copy, then please contact the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) and ask for a 'Statement of Entitlement'. The phone number is on the front of your PIP award letter. If your most recent PIP award letter (normally 6 pages and includes the points) is dated within the last 12 months, then you can send that instead.

- Gloucestershire Concessionary Travel Evidence Form D8 (available from 01452 426265 or website - www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport) completed by a consultant or doctor.
- For a child, a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which states that the applicant is non-verbal.

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 D8

Without Speech 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 has applied to us for a travel concession on the basis of being **without speech**.

The Transport Act 2000 defines Without Speech as “as being unable to communicate orally in any language”. This is clarified in more detail as set out in the options below.

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

☐	They are unable to make clear basic oral requests in any language
☐	They are unable to ask specific questions to clarify instructions

OR they will be ineligible if

☐	They can communicate orally but their speech may be slow or difficult to understand because, for example, they stammer.
☐	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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