



Bus Passes in Wales

From 1 April 2003 over the age of 60 and disabled residents in Wales have been able to travel free on local Welsh bus services at all times of day.

Who is eligible for free fares?

There is a range of different reasons why a person would be classed as being 'disabled' when applying for the free fares. People with epilepsy would meet the criteria for disability if they are in receipt of certain welfare benefits or they would not be eligible for a driving licence(1) if they were to apply for one.

Where can I get a free pass?

To get your pass for free travel, contact your local council. Your local authority is responsible for deciding who is entitled to free bus travel, based on guidance provided by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Where can the pass be used?

Your pass will entitle you to travel free on local bus services throughout Wales. You may need to check whether your free travel extends to places just over the border in England, and this will be at the discretion of the local authority. You will not have the right to travel free on long distance coaches or trains.

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Reference:

- (1) The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) regulations 1999 permit the granting of a driving licence to a person with epilepsy if:
 - that person has not had an epileptic attack whilst awake for a year or more, or
 - that person has a history of attacks whilst asleep, and only whilst asleep, over the past three years or more, and
 - the driving of a vehicle by that person is not likely to cause danger to the public.

To summarise, this means that a person would not be eligible for a concessionary pass just because they have epilepsy. They would be eligible for the pass if they would not be eligible for a driving licence, should they wish to apply for one.

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