

Companion Pass Information Sheet



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Documentary Evidence

Companion Passes may be issued to eligible persons, secondary school age and older, who are unable to travel without assistance. As Companion Pass applications require more specific documentary evidence and are considered on a case by case basis, please see "Contact Information" below to arrange a discussion.

Areas covered for Companions

Companion passes are not a national concession but are given as a discretionary concession by participating authorities.

Companions can travel free on all local bus off peak journeys commencing within the Kent and Medway and Rother areas.

Although companions would be required to pay for their journeys commencing in any other area, the named passholder is entitled to free off peak travel on local buses anywhere in England. The above restrictions apply to their companions only.

Appearance of the Companion Pass

Companion passholders are issued one pass with a "C+" on it. This refers to "plus companion" and your companion is not restricted to one specific person.

It is important to note that once you are issued a companion pass, you will not be allowed to travel unaccompanied.

Companions are not allowed to travel without the named passholder.

Cost and Renewal

The cost for a concessionary fares bus pass with companion for 2010/11 is:

Renewed between:

01/04/10 – 30/06/10	£22.50
01/07/10 – 30/09/10	£16.88
01/10/10 – 31/12/10	£11.25
01/01/11 – 31/03/11	£5.63

Because there is a fee, companion passes are renewed annually rather than every 5 years. Companion passholders will be advised by post of the renewal cost prior to the end of March each year.

Contact Information

To apply for or renew your Companion pass, please contact Bus Passes at 01233 330235 or bus.passes@ashford.gov.uk for complete details, or write to Concessionary Fares – Companion Passes, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford