

Application for Free National Concessionary Bus Permit

For use by Ashford Borough Residents only

Please use this form if applying on the grounds of Disability. Permits are valid for 5 years from your application date.

Permit holders are entitled to travel free on scheduled services throughout England during off-peak hours: 9.30am until 11pm Monday to Friday and all day weekends and Bank Holidays.

For journeys starting in Kent weekday off-peak hours are 9.00am until 11pm.



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Please complete in capital letters on and return to: **Concessionary Fares, Financial Services, Ashford Borough Council.**

Your Details

Title: First Name: Surname:

Address:

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.....Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth: / /

Please attach your **passport sized colour photograph with plain background** on the box provided. Write your surname on the reverse of your photo and attach so that it is easily removable. Do not use staples. If paper clip is used, please place the photo face down. Photographs will be transferred into our database of concessionary fare holders and held for use by Ashford Borough Council only.

Affix Your
Photograph Here.

Please notify Financial Services at the address above if you change address or if your circumstances change.

Evidence

Please provide photocopies (do not post original documents or certified copies) of evidence of your: 1) Disability, 2) Address and 3) Identification when applying by post, such as:

- Birth Certificate (plus evidence of address)
- Passport (plus evidence of address)
- NHS Medical Card
- Driving Licence
- Evidence of Disability - (Give Details):

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Date: Evidence: CSA's Initials:

About Your Disability

Please indicate the category of your disability by ticking the relevant box below. **You will need to provide documentary evidence, such as described in the Eligibility Evidence section (next page).**

- (i) Persons blind or partially sighted to the extent that they would be able to register as blind or partially sighted
- (ii) Persons who are profoundly or severely deaf
- (iii) Persons who are without speech
- (iv) Persons suffering from any disability or injury which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to walk
- (v) Persons who are without arms or without long-term use of both arms
- (vi) Persons who have a learning disability, that is a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning
- (vii) Persons who would if they applied for the grant of a licence to drive a motor vehicle under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1988, have their application refused pursuant to section 92 of the Act (physical fitness) otherwise than on the ground of persistent misuse of drugs or alcohol

If your disability does not appear in any of the above categories, before submitting your application please contact Ashford Borough Council to determine if you are eligible to receive a bus pass. You may phone 01233 331111 or email bus.pass@ashford.gov.uk.

Please tick one: My disability is: Long term / permanent Short term / temporary

Companion Pass

If you can not travel alone you may be eligible to obtain a Companion bus pass which entitles you and a companion to travel together free in certain areas. For further details and to discuss whether you are eligible, please contact us:

Telephone 01233 330235

Email bus.pass@ashford.gov.uk

Post Concessionary Fares – Companion Passes, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford TN23 1PL.

Examples of Eligibility Evidence* used by Kent Local Authorities

	Pensionable	Blindness	Deafness	Disabled	Without Speech	Without use of both arms	Driving Licence refused	Other disability
Passport	X							
Birth Certificate	X							
Pension Book	X							
Driving Licence	X							
Registration with KCC Social Services		X	X	X				
KAB Card		X						
Doctor's letter				X				
Medical certificate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Social Services card		X		X				
Social Services letter				X				
Deaf Service Bureau Card			X					
Disabled Pension Book				X				
Blue Badge Registration				X				
Green Card				X				
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)				X				
Severe Disablement Allowance				X				
Mobility Component of DLA				X				
Registration with Department of Employment				X				
Letter from DVLA				X				
In receipt of War Pension				X				

* Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis

Conditions of Use

1. Residents in the Ashford Borough Council area entitled to hold a concessionary permit are:

(i) Persons who have attained the age of sixty years.

(ii) Persons blind or partially sighted to the extent that they would be able to register as blind or partially sighted.

(iii) Persons who are profoundly or severely deaf.

(iv) Persons who are without speech.

(v) Persons suffering from any disability or injury which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to walk.

(vi) Persons who are without arms or without long-term use of both arms.

(vii) Persons who have a learning difficulty, that is a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning.

(viii) Persons who would if they applied for the grant of a licence to drive a motor vehicle under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1988, have their application refused pursuant to section 92 of the Act (physical fitness) otherwise than on the ground of persistent misuse of drugs or alcohol.

2. The permit can only be used by the person whose name appears on the front, and it should not be lent or given to anyone else. If it is no longer required, it should be returned to the issuing authority. If the permit should be lost, stolen or misplaced the Council will replace it, but a charge will be made.

3. The holder, when boarding a bus, should show the permit to the driver.

4. All permit holders are subject to the normal Conditions of Carriage and Passenger Regulations as exhibited in the Enquiry and Travel Sales Offices of the appropriate bus undertakings, or published in the official timetables.

5. Ashford Borough Council is not a Transport Authority and cannot guarantee that individual bus services continue or remain unchanged throughout the currency of the permit. If because of any change the permit is felt to be of little further use to the holder then it should be returned to the Council for cancellation.

The authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing public funds for these purposes.

Name and address of your Doctor

I have ticked an appropriate disability category(ies) and attached required evidence (of Address, Identity and Disability). The information given on this form is correct. I agree to comply with the conditions printed above and I understand that if deemed necessary Ashford Borough Council will request that I provide a statement from my doctor confirming my disability.

Signature of Applicant/ Date:

If Parent/Guardian please print name