

Guidance notes for new applications on the basis of age

The age of eligibility for concessionary travel for women will be pensionable age. For men it will be the pensionable age of a woman born on the same day. An online calculator is available at www.gov.uk/calculate-state-pension

Guidance notes for new applications on the basis of disability

Disabled applicants must enter the appropriate eligibility category letter in the box overleaf.

When applying please ensure that you provide specific evidence of disability for the category under which you believe you qualify.

The seven statutory categories of disabled person include anyone who:

Category A 'is blind or partially sighted'

- 1) Please contact the Sensory Service, Action on Hearing Loss who will assist you with your application; or
- 2) supply a signed letter on headed paper from a medical professional confirming the statement above.

Category B 'is profoundly or severely deaf'

You have a signed letter on headed paper from a medical professional confirming the statement above.

Category C 'is without speech'

- 1) You have been awarded personal independence payment (PIP), with eight points or more against the 'communicating verbally' activity; or
- 2) you have a signed letter on headed paper from a medical professional confirming the statement above.

Category D 'has a disability, or has suffered an injury, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his ability to walk'

Enclose evidence that:

- 1) you are in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of disability living allowance; or
- 2) you have been awarded personal independence payment (PIP), with eight points or more against the 'moving around' activity; or
- 3) you are in receipt of war pensioners mobility supplement; or
- 4) you are in receipt of a disabled person's parking permit (blue badge); or
- 5) you have a signed letter on headed paper from a medical professional confirming the statement above.

Category E 'does not have arms or has long-term loss of the use of both arms'

You have a signed letter on headed paper from a medical professional confirming the statement above.

Category F 'has a learning disability, that is, a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning'

- 1) You have a signed letter on headed paper from a medical professional confirming the statement above; or
- 2) you have a signed letter on headed paper from a childrens or adults social care worker confirming the statement above.

Category G 'would, if he/she applied for the grant of a licence to drive a motor vehicle under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1988, have his/her application refused pursuant to section 92 of the Act (physical fitness) otherwise than on the ground of persistent misuse of drugs or alcohol'

- 1) A signed letter on headed paper from a medical professional confirming the statement above; or
- 2) a copy of your licence revocation from the DVLA, including the letter detailing the medical reason, should accompany your application.

Should you feel you qualify for a concession on the basis of any other disability please contact the transport team for further advice.

Useful contacts

Isle of Wight Council Concessionary Fares Helpline Tel: 823135

Sensory Service, Action on Hearing Loss Tel: 529533

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