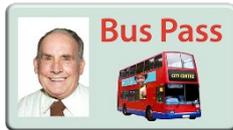


North Lincolnshire Easy Read Bus Pass Information



This is an Easy Read guide for people with learning disabilities about bus passes in North Lincolnshire.



All disabled people can ask for a disabled person's bus pass as long as they meet the government criteria.

North Lincolnshire Council

If you have a learning disability, you can apply to the council for a bus pass.



What can you use your bus pass for?

When you get your bus pass you can use it to travel for free on all local public transport buses in England.



You might be able to get a pass to allow a companion to travel for free with you. These passes have a +C in the top right corner.



The companion can travel free on local buses within North Lincolnshire and journeys which start in North Lincolnshire and end elsewhere.



The companion can travel back free from places in North East Lincolnshire, Hull, the East Riding of Yorkshire and South Yorkshire.

They are NOT able to travel back free from Lincolnshire. Please always check with the area you are travelling to.



You can use your bus pass any time of the day and seven days a week in North Lincolnshire.



You can also use your pass in other areas in England after 9.30am and before 11pm and all-day weekends and bank holidays.



If your pass has a one train symbol on it, you can get cheaper local train travel.



If your pass has a two-train symbol on it you travel on local trains for free.



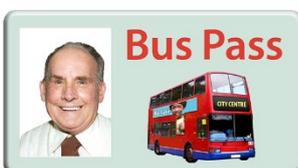
Local trains are Scunthorpe or Barton to Grimsby or Cleethorpes,

Scunthorpe to Crowle and Barnetby to Gainsborough or Lincoln.



Who can get a bus pass?

You must live in North Lincolnshire and be over the age of five years old to apply.



You will get a bus pass if you have one of the following:



DLA (Disability Living Allowance) letter issued within the last 12 months showing high rate mobility.



PIP (Personal Independence Payment) letter issued within the last 12 months showing at least eight points against either the 'Moving Around' and/or 'Communicating Verbally' activities.



The whole of the letter must be brought in as proof.



Blue Badge.



Certificate of Registration from Adult Social Services. This is for people who are blind, people who are deaf, people who have dual sensory loss or people who have learning disabilities.

Only people with severe learning disabilities can get this 'LD' Certificate of Registration.

People with autism may be entitled to a Certificate of Registration through their Adult Social Care services.



The government said in the Transport Act 2000 that a person with a learning disability can get a bus pass if:



A person with a learning disability has a reduced ability to understand new or complex information, a difficulty in learning new skills and may be unable to cope independently.



These disabilities must have started before adulthood and have a lasting effect on development.



The person should be able to qualify for specialist services and he or she may have had special educational provision.



If you think this applies to you but you don't have the above proof then you can bring:



- A letter from your consultant, social worker or head teacher that says you have a learning disability that meets the council's eligibility criteria.
- A letter from the manager of a residential home or sheltered accommodation where you are resident stating that you have a learning disability that meets the council's eligibility criteria.
- A letter from a consultant or other medical professional, which says that you would not be able to get a driving licence due to your disabilities



You don't need to pay for a bus pass unless you lose or damage it. Then it is £10 to replace.



You can apply for a bus pass at the Scunthorpe Shopmobility or at any of the Community Hubs.



There are people there who can help you apply.



You will need to renew your bus pass every one to five years. Check your bus pass to see when it expires.



When you reapply for your bus pass you might need to go to Scunthorpe Shopmobility or at any of the Community Hubs to have your photo updated.

In some cases you might need to take proof that you still need a bus pass.



Your bus pass will be posted out to you and you will get it in five working days.

If you have any questions about bus passes please contact Public Transport on 01724 297000 or visit www.northlincs.gov.uk and follow the links to Transport and Streets.