

To prove your disability, you must either attach evidence that you: have a disabled persons' parking badge (Blue Badge), receive the Higher Rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance, receive a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement or have been awarded a lump sum under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme for an injury causing one or more of the qualifying disabilities. Alternatively, you can attach a letter signed by a healthcare professional confirming your disability or ask a healthcare professional to complete the box below. A healthcare professional may be a GP, consultant or occupational therapist.

Confirmation by healthcare professional of qualifying disability

I confirm that the applicant has the qualifying disability indicated on page 2.

Name of healthcare professional _____

Position _____

Telephone number _____

Organisation _____

Signature _____ Date _____

E-mail _____

Practitioner's Stamp
If not available please
enclose a letterhead to
verify authenticity

Q7. Residency

To prove that your sole or principal residence is in Bath and North East Somerset, you must either be on the Council Tax register or attach your driving licence :
(please tick only one box)

On Council Tax register

Driving licence

Please note that utility bills and medical cards will not be accepted as proof of residency.

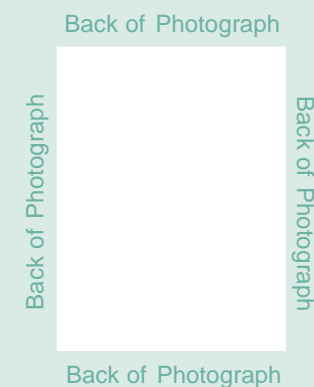
When you have completed all relevant sections of this form, please send it to a Council Connect office (The Guildhall in Bath, The Hollies in Midsomer Norton or Riverside in Keynsham) with your documentation.

This publication about the Diamond Travelcard can be made available in a range of community languages, large print, Braille, on tape, electronic and accessible formats from Council Connect on 01225 39 40 41

Companion entitlement

If you need the assistance of a companion to use buses because you are frail or because the nature of your disability is such that you are unable to travel alone, you may apply for Companion entitlement to be added to your Diamond Travelcard. This will enable another person to travel free with you within the Diamond Travelcard area and Wiltshire at the times that your pass is valid. Companion entitlement is not valid in other places. To prove eligibility for Companion entitlement, the box below must be completed by a healthcare professional. Please note that passes with Companion entitlement will not be issued to persons under 11 years of age.

If you do not need a companion pass then please go straight to the Declaration below.



Confirmation by healthcare professional of inability to travel unaccompanied

I confirm that the applicant is either profoundly frail or has a disability that prevents him/her from travelling by bus service without the assistance of a companion.

Name of healthcare professional _____

Position _____

Telephone number _____

Organisation _____

Signature _____ Date _____

E-mail _____

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Declaration - All applicants must read the following statements, then sign and date this form

- I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this form is true.
- I acknowledge that the Diamond Travelcard is not transferable.
- I will return the Diamond Travelcard to Bath & North East Somerset Council if requested to do so or if my personal circumstances change such that I no longer require the pass.
- I will notify Bath & North East Somerset Council if my address changes.

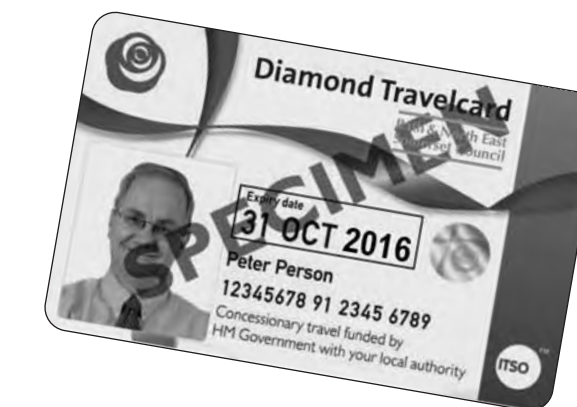
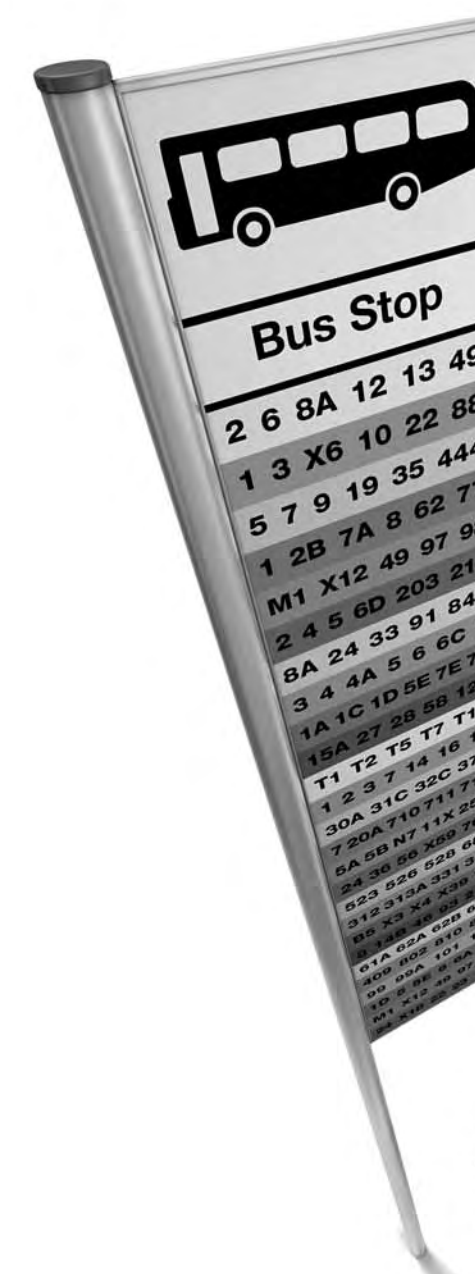
Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Please note: The Council 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 or administering public funds for these purposes. For further information, please visit our website: www.bathnes.gov.uk

For Official Use Only: checked by: _____ Eligibility proven? **Y or N** Photo acceptable **Y or N**

Residency proven? **Y or N** Companion entitlement - endorsed by healthcare professional? **Y or N**

Bath & North East Somerset Council



Application for Diamond Travelcard free travel bus pass

For older people and for people with qualifying disabilities

Making Bath & North East Somerset an even better place to live, work and visit



If you live in Bath and North East Somerset and you are an older person or you have a qualifying disability, you may apply for a Diamond Travelcard. You can apply in person at any Council Connect office, otherwise you will need to complete this application form, provide a recent passport sized photograph and produce documents to prove your eligibility and residency.

A Diamond Travelcard entitles you to free travel on local bus services anywhere in England between 9.30am and 11pm on Mondays to Fridays and all day Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Within the Diamond Travelcard area (Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset

and South Gloucestershire), you can travel free on local buses at any time except between 4am and 9am Mondays to Fridays (no time restriction at weekends or on Bank Holidays). This local entitlement also applies to direct travel from the Diamond Travelcard area to places outside the area.

Applying for a Diamond Travelcard

The quickest way to apply for a Diamond Travelcard is to visit your nearest Council Connect office with proof of eligibility and proof of residence in Bath and North East Somerset. If you are unable to travel to a Council Connect office in person, you can have someone apply on your behalf using this form, or you can post this form to the address below:

Public Transport
Bath & North East Somerset Council
Floor 2, Riverside South
Temple Street
Keynsham
Bristol BS31 1LA

Qualifying age

The qualifying age is rising from 60 to 65 over a 10 year period up to 2020. Please refer to the table below to check when you will be eligible:

DATE OF BIRTH	ELIGIBLE FROM
before 5 Feb 1951	6 Nov 2011
6 Feb 1951 - 5 Mar 1951	6 Jan 2012
6 Mar 1951 - 5 Apr 1951	6 Mar 2012
6 Apr 1951 - 5 May 1951	6 May 2012
6 May 1951 - 5 June 1951	6 July 2012
6 June 1951 - 5 July 1951	6 Sept 2012
6 July 1951 - 5 Aug 1951	6 Nov 2012
6 Aug 1951 - 5 Sept 1951	6 Jan 2013
6 Sept 1951 - 5 Oct 1951	6 Mar 2013
6 Oct 1951 - 5 Nov 1951	6 May 2013
6 Nov 1951 - 5 Dec 1951	6 July 2013
6 Dec 1951 - 5 Jan 1952	6 Sept 2013
6 Jan 1952 - 5 Feb 1952	6 Nov 2013
6 July 1952 - 5 Aug 1952	6 Jan 2014

Qualifying disabilities

If you are not yet eligible on the grounds of age, you can qualify for a Diamond Travelcard if you:

- are blind or partially sighted
- are severely or profoundly deaf
- are without speech
- have a disability, or have suffered an injury, which has a long-term adverse effect on your ability to walk
- do not have both arms or have long term loss of the use of both arms
- have a learning disability, that is, a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning
- are unable to obtain a driving licence for medical reasons otherwise than on the ground of persistent misuse of drugs or alcohol

The disability must be permanent, or have lasted at least twelve months, or be likely to last at least twelve months. Please note that these categories do not cover the full range of disabilities included in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Entitlement to concessionary bus travel is defined in the Transport Act 2000.

More information

The Diamond Travelcard remains the property of Bath & North East Somerset Council. If you need any more information, please contact Council Connect on 01225 394041.

The Diamond Travelcard Scheme is funded jointly by Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils and HM Government.

What to do with your application once you have completed it

- 1 - Have you attached a recent colour passport sized photograph?
- 2 - Have you completed all of the relevant sections of the application form?
- 3 - Have you read and signed the declaration?
- 4 - Have you gathered together your documentation?

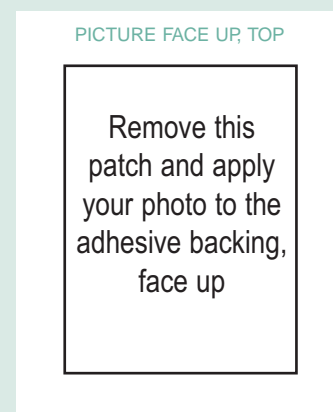
Please send your completed application form with your documentation to one of the Council Connect offices or to the postal address above.

The Guildhall, Bath, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton Riverside, Keynsham

For applications brought into a Council Connect office, your Diamond Travelcard will be issued at once. For postal applications, your Diamond Travelcard will be sent by post. We aim to get it to you within ten working days, but at busy times it may take longer.

APPLICATION FORM - for Diamond Travelcard free travel bus pass

For older people and for people with qualifying disabilities



Your bus pass will have your photograph on it and this will enable bus drivers to validate that you are entitled to the concession. Therefore, you must provide a recent colour passport sized photograph showing a close-up of your head and shoulders facing forwards, looking towards the camera and without a hat. We will not be able to accept photographs that do not conform to these criteria.

Please write your name in block capitals on the back of the photograph.

Please do not use pins or staples to attach your photograph.

Please complete Questions 1 to 7. Writing in black ink and in block capitals then read and sign the declaration at the end.

Please tick ✓ where appropriate

Q1. Full Name of Applicant

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other (please specify) _____

First Name (s) _____

Surname _____

Q2. Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Q3. Gender Male Female

Q4. Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

(You do not have to provide contact details but it may help in the event of a query with your application)

Q5. Date of Birth day
month
year

Q6. Eligibility

Please complete part a) if you are an older person and then move to Q7.

Please complete part b) if you are not an older person and have a qualifying disability and then move to Q7.

a) I am an older person

To prove that you are eligible on the grounds of age you must show one of the following documents to Counter Staff at a Council Connect Office:

Birth Certificate Your Pension Book or a letter from the Department for Work & Pensions confirming that you are receiving a state pension
Medical Card Passport Driving Licence

b) I am not an older person and I have a qualifying disability as indicated below

(please tick only one box)

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