

What we require for proof of entitlement if you are NOT currently in receipt of automatic qualifying benefits

Please note: IN ANY APPLICATION FOR A BUS PASS, THE ONUS IS ON THE APPLICANT TO PROVE THEIR ENTITLEMENT.

All evidence should plainly state that you have a disability which is permanent and has lasted at least 12 months, or be likely to last at least 12 months, or be likely to recur AND has a substantial effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

<p>1. you are registered blind or partially sighted:</p>	<p>What you need to bring in with to prove entitlement under this category:</p> <p>If you are registered with the B&NES Hearing and Vision Team - please supply your registration number. (This information may be verified with the Hearing and Vision team to determine validity prior to the issue of your Diamond Travelcard.) If you are not registered blind (severely sight impaired) or partially sighted (sight impaired) or you are not registered I - you need to provide a copy of a Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) or a BD8 form, signed by a Consultant Ophthalmologist that states that you are blind (severely sight impaired) or partially sighted (sight impaired).</p>
<p>2. you are profoundly or severely deaf</p>	<p>What you need to bring in with to prove entitlement under this category:</p> <p>If you are registered as profoundly or severely deaf with Bath and North East Somerset Council's Hearing and Vision team, please supply your registration number (this information may be verified with the Hearing and Vision team to determine validity prior to the issue of your Travelcard). If you are not registered please supply evidence that you could register, for example, an audiological report or a report from an aural specialist.</p>
<p>3. you are without speech</p>	<p>What you need to bring in with to prove entitlement under this category:</p> <p>Please provide evidence from a medical specialist to support that you are unable to make clear basic oral requests (e.g. to ask for a particular destination or fare).</p>
<p>4. you have a disability, or have suffered an injury, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to walk</p>	<p>What you need to bring in with to prove entitlement under this category:</p> <p>Please provide evidence i.e. Documentation/a letter from a medical specialist- which must say one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I've decided that you can stand and then move unaided more than 20 metres but no more than 50 metres</i> • <i>I've decided that you can stand and then move using an aid or appliance more than 20 metres but no more than 50 metres</i> • <i>I've decided that you can stand and then move more than 1 metre but no more than 20 metres</i> • <i>I've decided that you cannot stand or move more than 1 metre</i> <p>Alternatively, you can provide evidence from a medical specialist that states clearly that you would be eligible to receive the Higher Rate Mobility Component of DLA.</p>
<p>5. you do not have arms or have long-term loss of the use of both arms</p>	<p>What you need to bring in with to prove entitlement under this category:</p> <p>Please provide medical evidence if you meet one of the following; <i>a limb reduction deficiency of both arms; bilateral upper limb amputation; muscular dystrophy; spinal cord injury; motor neurone disease; or a condition of comparable severity; a condition that you are unable to use your arms to carry out day-to-day tasks, for example, paying coins into a machine.</i></p>

<p>6. you have a learning disability, that is, a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning</p>	<p>What you need to bring in with to prove entitlement under this category:</p> <p>You will need to show evidence from a medical specialist that you have a learning disability as defined below.</p> <p><i>“A learning disability is a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning. 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.”</i></p> <p>What we need medical evidence/documents to show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation that applicant has a learning disability – described as above • Description of medical condition / Learning disability (State the medical terms for the condition if it has been diagnosed) • Confirmation that disabilities started before adulthood and have a lasting effect on development. <p>Supporting evidence can be obtained from medical specialists, support workers from a recognised organisation or educational bodies that can confirm your learning disabilities.</p> <p>Please note that only conditions matching this definition carry an entitlement to a Diamond Travelcard under this category. For example, people of any age with mental illnesses (such as depression, anxiety or schizophrenia), dyslexia or ADHD are not eligible for a Diamond Travelcard, unless they qualify under another category.</p> <p>Persons with learning <u>difficulties</u> are not eligible under this category unless they can show evidence from a medical specialist that they have a learning disability (described as above).</p>
<p>7. Would be or have been refused a driving license for medical reasons</p>	<p>What you need to bring in with to prove entitlement under this category:</p> <p>Under Section 92 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 the Secretary of State may refuse to issue a driving licence on the grounds of the applicant’s medical fitness. Those who are currently barred from holding a licence are people with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some forms of epilepsy • severe mental disorder • liability to sudden attacks of giddiness or fainting (whether as a result of cardiac disorder or otherwise) • inability to read a registration plate in good light at 20.5 metres (with lenses if worn) • other disabilities which are likely to cause the driving of vehicles by them to be a source of danger to the public. <p>Please supply copies of any recent relevant documents from medical specialists that confirm your current medical condition(s).</p> <p>If your licence has been revoked because of this medical condition, you MUST provide a copy of your letter issued by the DVLA confirming this.</p> <p>Persons who hold a current provisional or full driving licence will not be eligible for a Travelcard under this category (Please refer to the DVLA website for further information https://www.gov.uk/driving-medical-conditions).</p> <p>Persons who persistently misuse or abuse drugs or alcohol are NOT covered under this scheme and are NOT entitled to concessionary travel.</p>

Please note:

Any proof of entitlement to benefit in the form of a letter, must show that the person is entitled to the benefit from the date that their pass will start.

Any other medical evidence must be no more than 6 months old unless it states explicitly that the condition is permanent

If you are not able to prove eligibility in any other way your medical professional or GP may be able to provide a letter of support. However, this is not an NHS service so there may be a charge.

Please be advised it is not within our remit to liaise with your medical professional to gather further proof – if your evidence is insufficient, you may be asked to return with more evidence before we can issue a Diamond Travelcard.