

## **Eligibility for a concessionary Diamond Travelcard**

All applicants must prove that their **sole or principal residence** is in Bath & North East Somerset.

Eligible persons who live in more than one residence in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland should apply for a travel concession permit only with the council in whose area they live for most of the time.

Legislation makes no reference to nationality but to "residents." Foreign nationals living in England whose sole or principal residence is in Bath & North East Somerset would be eligible. However, a foreign national visitor on a short stay visa or visiting England for business or holiday is not a resident.

Persons whose sole or principal residence is outside England are not eligible, whether or not they hold a British passport.

### **What do you need to bring in with you if you are applying for or renewing a Diamond Travelcard?**

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

Regardless of which category of eligibility you are applying under, you will as standard, need to bring in proof of identification and proof of residency.

For proof of Identification we will accept one of the following:

- Birth certificate / adoption certificate
- Marriage / divorce certificate
- Passport
- Civil partnership / dissolution certificate
- Valid driving licence (include both parts if you have a new style driving licence)

For proof of residency within Bath & NE Somerset we will accept:

- A council tax bill
- A utility bill
- Copy of a tenancy agreement
- A bank statement.
- Evidence of entitlement to vote in B&NES

**Any bills/documents should be no more than 6 months old.**

If you are applying on behalf of an applicant who does not pay Council Tax and is under the age of 16 please supply the following:

- NHS Medical letter/card
- Childs bank or building society statement

- DWP or HMRC detailing the child's name and showing their address.
- Other official documentation detailing child's name and address may be considered.

In respect of boat dwellers, acceptable evidence of meeting the residency criteria would include:

- A mooring licence for a site in B&NES
- Evidence of entitlement to vote in B&NES
- Letter to a PO Box or Poste Restante in B&NES addressed to the applicant
- from a government department or public body