

Application for Travel Vouchers

Persons with a 'Severe Mobility Impairment'

Concessionary Travel Scheme 2009/2010

Important: Please read the notes on the reverse of this form before completing.

A. Please provide your personal details below in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Title: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Telephone No: _____

B. I declare that:

I permanently reside at the above address which is within the boundary of the Babergh district and that I have checked the information given in this application. To the best of my knowledge and belief it is correct. I have read and understood the notes overleaf. I confirm that I have '**severe mobility impairment**' (as defined overleaf) and that it is **of such severity that I am unable to use conventional public transport services**. I therefore cannot use public transport for the following reason/reasons:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

We will require endorsement of this application by a 'medical referee' to state that you have severe mobility impairment. The referee does NOT need to be your doctor, but should be someone who is professionally qualified or involved in the treatment or care of your disability.

C. Your medical referee must supply their details here in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Title: _____ First name: _____ Surname: _____

Business Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Capacity in which you know the applicant: _____

D. Declaration (medical referee). I declare that:

I know the applicant in the capacity mentioned above and I am professionally qualified or involved in the treatment or care of their disability. I confirm that I believe the applicant to have '**severe mobility impairment**' (as defined overleaf) and that it is of such severity that they are unable to use conventional public transport services.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

When completed please return this form together with one passport sized photograph, to: Babergh District Council, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, IPSWICH, IP7 6SJ marked for attention of Concessionary Fares. Should you have any enquiries about the Travel Voucher Scheme, or how to fill out this form please contact us on (01473) 826622, or write to us at the address above.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date application received			
ID/Vouchers produced			
Date sent out			



Terms and Conditions for Travel Voucher Scheme

Persons with Severe Mobility Impairment

What are Travel Vouchers?

Travel vouchers have been introduced to provide help for those people who have a 'severe mobility impairment' and therefore find it difficult to access conventional public transport. A user who is issued with Travel Vouchers will be able to exchange them for travel on certain taxis, private hire vehicles and Dial-A-Ride Bus services, but **only** with those operators who are participating in the scheme. If you are unsure whether a taxi, private hire vehicle or Dial-A-Ride operator is participating in the scheme we would suggest that you contact them before travelling.

How to Travel Vouchers work?

A person who qualifies for Travel Vouchers will be issued with a set amount of vouchers per year (currently £108 worth of vouchers) and an ID card to go with them. These can then be exchanged with **participating** operators for travel on their vehicles. The vouchers are only valid with a corresponding ID card and are not transferable to other persons. You must supply us with one up to date passport sized photograph for your ID card. A maximum amount of £20 of vouchers can be used in any one trip. The vouchers are only valid for journeys that start or finish within the County of Suffolk. A 'year' in the scheme runs from 1st April to 31st March as applicants can apply at any time throughout the year, vouchers will be issued on a pro-rata basis according to the date in which the application is received, as follows:-

- 1st April to 30th June – applicants will receive £108 worth of vouchers
- 1st July to 30th September – applicants will receive £78 worth of vouchers
- 1st October to 31st December – applicants will receive £54 worth of vouchers
- 1st January to 31st March – applicants will receive £28 worth of vouchers.

Vouchers have to be used in the scheme year in which they were issued, any which are not used in this time become invalid and cannot be exchanged for additional vouchers in a later year. Applicants should also note that Travel Vouchers **CANNOT** be used on conventional public transport such as buses and trains, and **CANNOT** be used on taxis and private hire vehicles that are **not** participating in the scheme.

Do I qualify for Travel Vouchers?

To qualify for vouchers issued by Babergh District Council you must live within the Babergh district and you must have 'severe mobility impairment'. This has been defined as:

Anyone with a 'disability or injury, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to walk'. This being of 'such severity that they are unable to use conventional public transport services at any time (whether or not such services are available).'

Important: Travel Vouchers are intended for persons who have 'severe mobility impairment' and are therefore unable to make use of conventional public transport.

Anyone who is currently fit and able to **use** a 'Suffolk Saver' Concessionary bus pass is deemed not to qualify for Travel Vouchers, unless there is restricted public transport to the area they live. For further details contact as follows:

If you have any enquiries about the Travel Voucher Scheme or how to fill out this form please contact Concessionary Travel, Babergh District Council on 01473 826622.