

within Nottinghamshire, including the city of Nottingham, or starting in Nottinghamshire. For example:

- Travelling from Retford to Newark a companion, can travel free of charge on a bus in both directions.
- Travelling from Mansfield to Derby your companion can travel free to Derby but would have to pay for their return journey.

**Q. How do I apply for my travel pass and how much does it cost?**

**A.** From April 1st 2011 you need to apply to Nottinghamshire County Council for your travel pass as the District Councils will only issue these up until March 31st.

All applications to the County Council should be in writing and application forms can be obtained from District Council offices, Libraries, County Contact points, Bus Stations and other information outlets. Alternatively visit our web site and download a form at:

**[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/community-travelpasses](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/community-travelpasses)**

Note there are different forms for applications on grounds of age or disability.

The concessionary passes are initially issued free of charge. However if you lose your pass a fee of £10.00 will be charged for a replacement. If your pass is stolen you will need to obtain a crime number from the police in which case a replacement will be provided free of charge.

**Q. How do I use my travel pass?**

**A.** If your bus is equipped with a card reader please present your pass to it when you board. Next tell the driver where you want to travel to and take your ticket if one is offered to you. Be ready to show your pass to the reader again when the driver has entered your ticket request.

If you have a problem using your pass, with transport operators or any other issues regarding the scheme please contact the County Council on 08449 80 80 80. Persons caught using any travel pass in a fraudulent manner may have the pass withdrawn and be excluded from the scheme.

**Additional benefits for Nottinghamshire residents**

The Nottinghamshire scheme offers the following additional benefits over and above the English national scheme.

You are also entitled to:

- Free travel on the Nottingham tram (NET) between 09.30 and 16.00 and between 18.00 and 23.00 Monday to Friday, all day at weekends and on bank holidays. Between 16.00 and 18.00 Monday to Friday half fare travel is available.
- If you are a disabled person who requires the assistance of a companion to travel you may be entitled to a “holder and companion” pass, please see the questions and answers section of this leaflet for details of who qualifies for this benefit.

These extra benefits are only available to holders of a Nottinghamshire pass.

The additional benefits can be altered or withdrawn at any time.

**If there’s anything else you need to know, please contact us on 08449 80 80 80**

Period in which your date of birth falls	Date you qualify for a bus pass
6.10.1950 to 5.11.1950	6.5.2011
6.11.1950 to 5.12.1950	6.7.2011
6.12.1950 to 5.1.1951	6.9.2011
6.1.1951 to 5.2.1951	6.11.2011
6.2.1951 to 5.3.1951	6.1.2012
6.3.1951 to 5.4.1951	6.3.2012
6.4.1951 to 5.5.1951	6.5.2012
6.5.1951 to 5.6.1951	6.7.2012
6.6.1951 to 5.7.1951	6.9.2012
6.7.1951 to 5.8.1951	6.11.2012
6.8.1951 to 5.9.1951	6.1.2013
6.9.1951 to 5.10.1951	6.3.2013
6.10.1951 to 5.11.1951	6.5.2013
6.11.1951 to 5.12.1951	6.7.2013
6.12.1951 to 5.1.1952	6.9.2013
6.1.1952 to 5.2.1952	6.11.2013
6.2.1952 to 5.3.1952	6.1.2014
6.3.1952 to 5.4.1952	6.3.2014
6.4.1952 to 5.5.1952	6.5.2014
6.5.1952 to 5.6.1952	6.7.2014

This pattern continues until 2020. You can apply for your bus pass up to 1 month before your qualifying date.

**Nottinghamshire’s bus concession explained**

Find out more inside.

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If you're over 60 as detailed in the table overleaf, or you are an eligible disabled person and live in England you are entitled to a concessionary travel pass. This will allow you to enjoy free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England.

### Questions and answers

The national bus concession will enable eligible users to get free off-peak travel on local buses anywhere in England.

#### Q. When exactly is off-peak travel?

A. Off peak hours are 09.30 until 23.00 Monday - Friday, all day at weekends and on bank holidays. For more information about eligibility, visit [www.direct.gov.uk/buspass](http://www.direct.gov.uk/buspass)

#### Q. What is the definition of a 'local' bus?

A. The definition of a 'local' bus will be self-evident in most cases, but in a few instances could include some longer distance buses and coach services where part of their route is registered as a local bus service. If in doubt, you can check with the service operator or the relevant local authority in the area in which you intend to travel.

#### Q. Will I be able to enjoy free travel everywhere within the UK?

A. No, the concession will only apply within England.

#### Q. Is it only applicable to buses?

A. The new concession applies just to local bus travel but some authorities offer additional services. See below to find out exactly what extra services are covered in your area.

#### Q. If I visit an area that offers additional services, will I be entitled to them?

A. Probably not. As a general rule, local authorities will only provide additional services for their own residents. Some authorities, however, may provide them - the additional benefits in Nottinghamshire are detailed overleaf.

#### Q. I don't live in London, but I visit relatives there occasionally. Will I be able to enjoy the same benefits as a Freedom Pass holder if I travel there?

A. No. Because those benefits are paid for by the London authorities, only London Freedom Pass holders will be able to enjoy additional local travel on the tube, trains and trams. You will, however, be able to enjoy the statutory national concession of free off-peak bus travel when visiting the capital.

#### Q. I'm finding all the differences in the different schemes confusing, what do I really need to know?

A. The national pass entitles you to free off-peak local bus travel anywhere in England. This is the only service that is guaranteed. There are additional services available for residents in Nottinghamshire, see overleaf for more details.

#### Q. Who qualifies for concessionary travel?

A. People aged over 60 as detailed in the table overleaf, or eligible disabled people are entitled to concessionary bus travel.

You are an eligible disabled person if you:

- are blind or partially sighted
- are profoundly or severely deaf
- are without speech

- have a disability, or have suffered an injury, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to walk
- do not have arms or have long-term loss of the use of both arms
- have a learning disability - a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning, or
- would have an application to drive a motor vehicle refused due to your disability

#### Q. Can a companion travel free with me if I need help on buses?

A. Yes in some cases. If you are registered blind, have a severe learning disability or a serious physical disability which means you require assistance a companion may be eligible to travel with you free of charge. Other disabilities do not entitle you to free companion travel. Please note that free travel for companions is not a national entitlement but is a Nottinghamshire local enhancement to the scheme. The entitlement is limited to journeys that are either wholly

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### Bus and tram travel information

To find the times of ALL bus and tram services operating anywhere in Nottinghamshire simply call



Typetalk 18001 0871 200 2233

BT callers charged 10p per minute plus 6p set-up fee per call. Mobile and other provider's charges vary.

**For all other enquiries call  
08449 80 80 80**

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/buses](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/buses)

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