

Freedom Pass application

Concessionary travel for disabled and visually impaired people.

What is a Freedom Pass?

The Freedom Pass for disabled people gives free travel within the London area on buses, the underground and Dockland Light Railway all day, as well as local rail services after 9.30am.

Who is eligible?

Permanent residents of Hammersmith & Fulham who meet the criteria as laid down by the Department of Transport Act 2000 (see page 2). This includes people who are blind or visually impaired,

deaf or hard of hearing, have a registerable learning disability or have a permanent physical disability.

How do I apply?

Complete this application form and fill in **all** sections. Return the application, with **all** requested documents and photographs listed above to:

Permit Services
Room 31
Hammersmith Town Hall
London W6 9JU

You must provide one of each of the following (please tick ✓)

Proof of age

- Birth certificate (unless name changed)
- Current passport
- Pink driving licence
- NHS medical card

Proof of address (this must be dated in the last three months)

- Current Council Tax bill
- Utilities bill (i.e. gas, electricity. Mobile phone bills are not accepted)
- Bank statement
- Tenancy agreement (if less than three months old)
- GP letter confirming address
- School letter confirming address (children)

Photographs

- Two recent passport sized photographs signed on the back.
(Please attach securely to the form)
- Current photo card.
(If renewing your pass and the photo is still an accurate likeness)

Please consider which of the following categories most closely defines your condition and tick the relevant box.

Category

A (tick ✓) **Blind or partially sighted**

You will need to provide either a copy of your **Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI)**, previously known as a 'BD8', or evidence of the Local Authority with which you are registered

B (tick ✓) **Profoundly or severely deaf**

You will need to provide either a **audiological report** or **aural specialist report** to prove you have a severe hearing loss (i.e. if it reaches 70-95 decibels), or a profound loss (i.e. if it reaches 95+ decibels).

C (tick ✓) **Without speech**

You will need to provide a medical report to prove that you are unable to communicate orally in any language

D (tick ✓) **Permanent physical disability**

If you have a disability, or have suffered an injury, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on your ability to walk. Please provide proof that you are in receipt of either: **DLA - High Rate Mobility Component** or **War Pensioner's Mobility Component**. If you are not in receipt of these benefits you will be sent for a Mobility Assessment to determine the extent of your condition.

E (tick ✓) **Disability affecting both arms**

You must provide independent medical evidence to prove you either have a loss of both arms, have permanently lost the use of both arms or have a deformity affecting both arms.

F (tick ✓) **Learning disability**

You must be registered with the council's learning disabilities team.

G (tick ✓) **Barred from holding a driving licence**

You must provide a letter from the DVLA or your GP that states that you would be barred from holding a driving licence on the grounds of your medical fitness. This could be due to a **physical condition**, i.e. epilepsy, or **mental health** issues where your medication prevents you from holding a licence. People who are barred from driving for misusing drugs or alcohol do not qualify under this category.

H (tick ✓) **Other categories - mental health**

If you are applying because of mental health issues and do not qualify under category G (barred from holding a driving licence), you will need to contact your community mental health team. They will complete a specialist mental health Freedom Pass application form on your behalf and must provide a copy of your care plan.

Is this your first Freedom Pass? Yes No

Do you have an elderly person's Freedom Pass? Yes No

If yes, you must exchange it at the time of issue should a disabled person's Freedom Pass be awarded to you.

What is your medical condition?

How long have you had this condition?

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What medicines are you taking?

What other treatment are you having?

Are you willing, if necessary, to have a mobility assessment to determine the extent of your condition? Yes No

Declaration and authorisation

I declare that to the best of my belief all the statements I have made on this form are true. I agree to Hammersmith & Fulham Council contacting my family GP (doctor), or other medical practitioner, for the purpose of obtaining information relating to my application. I understand that any information supplied by a medical practitioner is confidential and will not be disclosed to me by the council. I understand the information I give on my application will be treated as confidential and my personal records kept safe as required under the Data Protection Act 1998. However, I understand personal information may be shared with the police or London Transport Revenue Inspectors in the event of possible misuse of my Freedom Pass, or in cases where it has been reported as lost or stolen.

Signed

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Date

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Replacing lost, stolen, faulty or damaged passes

Lost or stolen passes must be reported immediately to this office by phoning 020 8753 5046. Replacements will be issued after seven days from the time of reporting and a £12 administration fee is payable at the time of re-issue. Faulty or damaged passes will be replaced immediately. Please remember that proof of address (see page 1) must be produced for any replacement pass.

The National Bus Scheme 2008

From 1 April 2008, certain Freedom Pass holders will be able to travel on any local bus services anywhere in England. Outside of London, these pass holders will be able to travel free between 9.30am and 11.00pm Mondays to Fridays and all day on weekends. Further information, and a leaflet will be given at time of issue.

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