Category D – Substantial and long term adverse effect on ability to walk

A person is eligible for a concessionary bus pass if they have a long term and substantial disability that means they cannot walk or which makes walking very difficult.

The criteria are the same as those used to consider Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Higher Rate Mobility Component and the Moving Around activity of Personal Independence Payment (PIP). A temporary pass will be issued if evidence only covers you for a limited period or if your condition is likely to improve or is temporary. A pass will not be issued if your condition lasts, or is expected to last, less than 12 months.

You will be eligible if:
- You are unable to walk at all
- You can only get about by swinging through crutches (long term)
- You are unable to walk more than 64 metres with severe discomfort
- It takes an excessive amount of time to walk a short distance e.g. 5 minutes to walk 100 meters
- The exertion to walk would constitute a danger to your life or would be likely to lead to serious deterioration in your health

You will not be eligible if:
- Your mobility problems are short term i.e. less than 12 months
- You are able to walk relatively normal with the use of an artificial leg

Proving that you are eligible

✓ we can accept this evidence
- Disabled parking badge (blue badge). Your bus pass will expire around the same time the Blue Badge
- Current PIP award letter (including the points breakdown) which shows 8 points or more for Moving Around
- Recent (less than 1 yr old) DLA letter – must show Mobility Component at the Higher Rate
- For a veteran, proof of receiving War Pensions Mobility Supplement or the ‘Reasons for Decision’ letter under Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS)
- Letter from your GP describing your disability, if it is permanent or temporary, the expected duration and that you cannot walk more than 64 metres without severe discomfort

✗ we cannot accept this evidence
- PIP award of 6 points or less for Moving Around
- PIP award of Moving Around but no breakdown of how the points have been awarded
- DLA Mobility Component at the Lower Rate
- DLA Care Component at any rate
- Letter which lists medical conditions
- Letter which says your mobility is affected by a medical condition
- Letter which says you would benefit from having a bus pass
- Letter which asks you to be considered for a bus pass because you need one