

Important changes to the Concessionary Bus Pass

From 6 April 2010 the age of eligibility for a Concessionary Bus Pass will be changing. In line with the increase of pension age for women, by 2020 the age you will be able to apply for your bus pass will be 65.

The new eligible age for the Concessionary Bus Pass will be introduced in phased stages. For people born between the 6 April 1950 - 5 April 1955 the Government has decided that the date you can get your pass will increase by two months for every month between those 5 years. For example:

If you were born before:	You will qualify for a pass on:
5 April 1950	Date of 60 th Birthday

If you are born between:	You will qualify for a pass on:
6 April 1950 - 5 May 1950	6 May 2010
6 May 1950 - 5 June 1950	6 July 2010
6 June 1950 - 5 July 1950	6 September 2010
6 July 1950 - 5 August 1950	6 November 2010
6 August 1950 - 5 September 1950	6 January 2011
and so on....	

A retirement age calculator is available at <http://pensions.direct.gov.uk/en/state-pension-age-calculator/home.asp> which can also calculate your age of entitlement. In order that it gives the correct date, you must always make sure it is set to the female age, as the male age of retirement is already 65, rather than 60.

If you have any questions about applying for your bus pass or would like an application form, please contact your local district council.

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