



**South Bucks**  
District Council

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Please complete this application form and send it together with one recent passport sized photograph and copies of documents with:

1. your date of birth on it as proof of your age. i.e. a birth certificate, passport
2. your name and address on it as proof of residency in the district ie. Council tax bill, utility bill (gas or electric)

**NATIONAL CONCESSIONARY BUS PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**

**For Eligible Men and Women**

(see NEW eligibility criteria for all applications after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010).

MR/MRS/MISS (if other please state)      SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FORENAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_      TEL: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

*I confirm that:*

- 1) *I have read the New Guidance on Eligibility on the reverse of this form and can confirm that I am eligible and;*
- 2) *I am permanently resident in the South Bucks District Council area;*

*Should my circumstances entitling me to a concessionary bus permit change, I will inform the Council immediately. I also undertake to return the permit to South Bucks District Council should I move out of the Council's area.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU HAVE A QUERY PLEASE TELEPHONE 01895 837200 ext. 7266 or 7350**

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Please return this form to:  
**The Director of Resources, South Bucks District Council, Council Offices, Capswood, Oxford Road, Denham, Bucks UB9 4LH.**

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**Free bus pass scheme from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

After the 6th April 2010 the rules for applying for concessionary travel have changed. You can apply for a free bus pass if you are in receipt of a state pension or have reached the required age (see 'Change in Age of Eligibility' section below), or if you have a disability.

To be eligible you must live in the area covered by South Bucks District Council. The bus pass is valid from the date of issue until 30th September 2013.

**Change in Age of Eligibility**

From 6th April 2010, the age of eligibility for concessionary travel for women will be state pension age and for men it will be the state pensionable age of a woman born on the same day.

The state pension age for women is rising by five years over a period of ten years. The age of eligibility will rise incrementally, that is, in stages, between 2010 and 2020. The earliest age for men and women to get bus passes will therefore rise gradually, from age 60 on 6 April 2010 to age 65 on 5 April 2020. The Government decided that this would be the fairest method, rather than introduce a one-off rise which would leave those currently close to retirement age facing a full five-year delay.

The age of eligibility for the state pension is scheduled to rise by two months every one month. This means the earliest date on which you can get your bus pass will depend on which month you were born in and will not fall on your birthday. The table below sets out when those approaching the age of 60 will become eligible for their concessionary bus pass.

There is also a ready reckoner tool which enables people affected by the pension age changes to see at what age they become eligible for their state pension and associated benefits. You can find this on the DirectGov website at:

<http://pensions.direct.gov.uk/en/state-pension-age-calculator/home.asp> For the purposes of working out the date of eligibility for the bus pass using this tool, you should enter your gender as female. The date of state pension age calculated will be the date on which you become eligible for the concessionary bus pass. However if you are male, this will not necessarily be the same date on which you become entitled to the state pension.

DATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES	
Period within which your date of birth falls	Day you become eligible for a concessionary bus pass
Before and including 5th April 1950	Date of 60th birthday
6th April 1950 to 5th May 1950	6th May 2010
6th May 1950 to 5th June 1950	6th July 2010
6th June 1950 to 5th July 1950	6th September 2010
6th July 1950 to 5th August 1950	6th November 2010
6th August 1950 to 5th September 1950	6th January 2011
6th September 1950 to 6th October 1950	6th March 2011
6th October 1950 to 6th November 1950	6th May 2011
6th November 1950 to 6th December 1950	6th July 2011
6th December 1950 to 6th January 1951	6th September 2011
6th January 1951 to 6th February 1951	6th November 2011
6th February 1951 to 6th March 1951	6th January 2012
And so on...	