

Concessionary travel scheme

Travel tokens and rail cards

1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009



Eligible people may apply for £60 of travel tokens at a charge of £5, and a rail card (if required) at a cost of £2 **instead of a bus permit**. If you apply later in the year, you can buy £30 of tokens for £2.50 after 1 October. The tokens are issued to help people of aged 60 or over and people with disabilities make essential journeys. The scheme does not cover long journeys or excursions.

You are eligible for tokens and rail card if you are:

- resident within the Aylesbury Vale District Council area;
- aged 60 or over and live in a village or area listed overleaf.

or

- you cannot use buses because of disability or frailty – either because you are unable to board a bus or because you are unable to walk to or from a bus stop at either end of the journey.

or

- you have a disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act (see back page).

We will ask you for proof of your eligibility and address. In the case of disability, we need your permission to contact your doctor. A passport photograph is required for your taxi token travel card.

Travel tokens – conditions of use

- The tokens are valid for taxis fares in Hackney carriages, private hire vehicles and Dial-a-Ride only (as listed overleaf).
- The maximum cost of any one-way journey paid for, in full or in part, with tokens is £10.
- You can use tokens for journeys that start or finish in Aylesbury Vale District Council's area.
- Only the person to whom the tokens were issued may use them.
- You must show the travel card to the driver at the start of your journey.

Taxis

All taxi operators in the Aylesbury Vale area are invited to join the scheme. Taxi firms that currently accept tokens are listed below. If you call for a taxi, check first whether the operator accepts travel tokens.

All taxis accepting tokens will display the “National transport tokens welcome” sign on their windscreen. Fares are the same whether you pay by tokens, cash or a mix of both.

Villages or areas eligible for travel tokens

Ashendon	Foscott	Mentmore
Aston Sandford	Halton village	Middle Claydon
Barton Hartshorn	Hillesden	Nash
Beachampton	Hoggeston	Pitchcott
Biddlesden	Hogshaw	Preston Bissett
Bishopstone	Horton	Radclive
Burcott	Ivinghoe Aston	Shalstone
Chetwode	Kingsey	Stowe
Creslow	Leckhampstead	Thornborough
Dagnall	Lenborough	Thornton
Dorton	Lillingstone Dayrell	Upper Winchendon
Dunton	Lillingstone Lovell	Waddon
East Claydon	Lower Winchendon	Weedon
Ford	Ludgershall	Wotton Underwood

Taxi operators taking part in the travel token scheme		
Aston Clinton	Aston Clinton Private Hire	01296 631517
Aylesbury	ABC Taxis	01296 423232
	Ace Cars	01296 433336
	Acme Cars	01296 688776
	Fosters	01296 488443
	Falcon	01296 437649 or 580000
	Humming Bird Cars	01296 426699
	Scorpion Cars	01296 429292
	Taff's Cars	01296 395003
Bicester	Union Cars	01869 325325 or 249207
Bletchley	Ace (Choice) Cars	01908 367444
Buckingham	Buckingham Car Hire	01280 812038
	Redcars of Buckingham	01280 812518
	Trusted Cars	01280 848206
Linslade	Leighton Linslade & District Community Transport Association Ltd	01525 853566
Thame	Thame Taxis	01844 214433
Wing	Wing Cabs	01296 688739
Winslow	Winslow Cars (PRS Cars)	01296 713795

When you ring to book a taxi, always check that they accept travel tokens.

Rail card

You can have a rail card, at a cost of £2, instead of a bus pass if you are unable to use bus services. The rail card gives you a one-third discount on rail travel within a 20 mile radius of Aylesbury, which includes: Bicester, Haddenham, Princes Risborough, High Wycombe, Beaconsfield, Seers Green and Gerrards Cross, Stoke Mandeville, Wendover, Great Missenden and Amersham.

You are eligible for a rail card if you are aged 60 or over, or if you are a disabled person, and live in the Aylesbury Vale District Council area. The rail card is valid for one year from the date of issue. Only the person named on the rail card may use it. This is a partnership scheme with Chiltern Railways.

Rail cards are only available from the cashiers in the Customer Service Centre at Aylesbury Vale District Council, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1SD. The opening hours are:

Monday to Wednesday	8.45am to 5.15pm
Thursday	9.45am to 5.15pm
Friday	8.45am to 4.45pm

Do you have any questions or comments?

We'd like to know what you think of this service - please contact us:

Aylesbury Customer Service Centre, 66 High Street	01296 585661
Buckingham Centre (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday), Verney Close	01296 585858
Winslow Area Office (Monday & Wednesday), 28 High Street	01296 712131

Information in other formats

This information is available, free of charge, in large print, tape or CD or DVD. Call 01296 585661 to request this service.

This leaflet is about the travel token and rail card scheme for people with disabilities and those aged 60 and over who cannot use buses. For a translation into another language, call 01296 585661.

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Definition of a disabled person

You are eligible for the concessionary travel scheme if you are in a disabled person as defined by the Transport Act 2000:

General criteria - types of disability:

Those that are permanent or which have lasted at least 12 months – or which are likely to last at least 12 months, and have a substantial effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The eligibility categories:

You are eligible if you:

- are blind or partially sighted – registered as blind or registered as partially sighted.
- are profoundly or severely deaf – registered with Social Services department.
- are without speech – medical evidence required.
- have a disability, or has suffered an injury, which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on your ability to walk. You automatically qualify if you are in receipt of the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance. For other applicants, medical evidence is required that walking ability is permanently or substantially impaired.
- do not have arms or have long-term loss of the use of both arms. In the case of long-term loss of use of both arms, medical evidence is required.
- have a learning disability that is a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning. Medical evidence is required or evidence of any registration of people with learning disabilities.
- would, if you applied for a licence to drive a motor vehicle under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1998, have your application refused (other than on the grounds of persistent misuse of drugs or alcohol). Where there is doubt that a person would be refused, medical evidence will be sought.