



## Concessionary Travel on Public Transport

West Lothian residents qualifying for travel concessions are issued with a National Entitlement Card (NEC) which must be presented when required on bus services. In addition to the NEC, possession of a West Lothian Taxicard is evidence of eligibility for rail travel concessions.

### Free Travel on Bus and Coach Services

With very few exceptions, the NEC allows free travel on all bus services within Scotland including express services and longer distance coach services. Advanced booking on long distance services may be advisable and, although travel will be free, the operator may charge a booking fee. Cross border journeys can be made to England on bus services to Berwick upon Tweed and Carlisle and on some services to Newcastle upon Tyne.

The NEC is not valid for free travel on excursions, tours, night services or for local journeys between Glasgow and Hamilton operated by National Express.

### Flat Fare Travel on First Scotrail Train Services

The West Lothian NEC offers discounted flat fare travel of £1 single and £2 return on off-peak train services operated by First Scotrail between any two West Lothian stations as follows:

- Addiewell
- Armadale
- Bathgate
- Blackridge
- Breich
- Fauldhouse
- Kirknewton
- Linlithgow
- Livingston North
- Livingston South
- Uphall
- West Calder

Holders of a West Lothian Taxicard can travel free between these stations.

The £1 single and £2 return on off-peak fare is also available to West Lothian NEC holders between any station in West Lothian (listed above) and the following stations:

- Airdrie
- Bellshill
- Brunstane
- Caldercruix
- Camelon
- Carfin
- Cleland
- Coatbridge Sunnyside
- Coatdyke
- Croy
- Curriehill
- Dalmeny
- Drumgelloch
- Edinburgh Haymarket
- Edinburgh Park
- Edinburgh Waverley
- Falkirk Grahamston
- Falkirk High
- Hartwood
- Holytown
- Kingsknowe
- Larbert
- Newcraighall
- Polmont
- Shotts
- Slateford
- South Gyle
- Wester Hails

Holders of a West Lothian Taxicard can travel free from West Lothian to these stations.

## Half Fare Travel on First Scotrail Train Services

The NEC offers half adult fare train travel from any station in West Lothian (listed above) and the following stations:

- Bellgrove
- Blairhill
- Cambuslang
- Carntyne
- Drem
- Dunbar (all operators' trains)
- Easterhouse
- Garowhill
- Glasgow Central
- Glasgow Queen Street
- High Street
- Longniddry
- Musselburgh
- North Berwick
- Prestonpans
- Uddingston
- Shettleston
- Wallyford

The discounted fares are not available before 0915 hours on weekdays or on weekday evening peak services which depart from Edinburgh Waverley or Haymarket or Glasgow Queen Street or Central between about 1640 and 1810. For details contact First Scotrail. There are no weekend restrictions.

Travel must be by a direct route from or to a West Lothian station or by changing trains only at Edinburgh Haymarket or Waverley where there is no direct service.

Passengers travelling by trains from staffed stations must purchase their tickets before boarding. Return tickets must be purchased on the train from West Lothian or from Linlithgow station booking office.

### Companions

NECs marked "C+1" allow a companion to travel for the same concession as the permit holder on both bus or rail.

### Blind Persons

Blind persons (an 'eye' symbol is printed on the card) can travel free on buses, tours and ferries throughout Scotland and all trains. Blind person companions travel free on buses throughout Scotland, plus local journeys on trains at the fares detailed above.

If you have any general queries over travel concessions please contact West Lothian Council on 01506 775000

If you have any queries regarding any aspect of the scheme please contact Transport Scotland, Meridian Court, 5 Cadogan Street, Glasgow G2 6AT, Tel 0141 272 7100 or email [info@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:info@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk).

#### Other contact details:

First Scotrail 0845 601 5929

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