How and where to apply for a bus pass based on age

Q. What form of identification will I need to bring to obtain a NEL English National Concessionary Bus Pass?

A. Firstly, applications and renewals need to be made in person. Anyone applying for a NEL English National Concessionary Bus Pass will need to provide proof of residency. Applicants must be able to prove they reside in North East Lincolnshire for at least six months in any twelve. The following forms of proof are acceptable:
- Rent book, Council Tax Demand, Utility bill, Driving Licence or Medical Card.

A. Residents of the Fitties, Thorpe Park, Beachcomber Holiday Camp or Carehomes must show they pay the ground rent (including a Council tax element) or the Council Tax direct - in the name of the applicant or their partner. This may be proven by a letter of confirmation from the camp’s management. **Should a resident reside within a care home** in North East Lincolnshire, a letter (letter headed paper) from the care home stating the applicant resides them will be sufficient to provide proof of address.

A. Secondly, if applying for the pass on age grounds, acceptable proof will be as follows;
- Passport, Birth Certificate, Driving Licence, Medical Card, Pension Book or letter from the Department of Social Security confirming that the pension is paid directly into the applicant’s bank account.

Q. Where can I apply for a NEL English National Concessionary Bus Pass

A. You can apply for your Bus Pass at the following:
- **Centre4** (See map)
  Wootton Road, Grimsby DN33 1HE
  Open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
- **Age UK** (See map)
  20 Wardell Street, Cleethorpes DN35 8HA
  Open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday
- **Carer’s Support Centre**
  1 Town Hall Square, Grimsby DN31 1HY
  Open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
  Open 10.30am to 1.30pm Saturday
  Tel: 01472 242277
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Who is eligible for a North East Lincolnshire Council English National Concessionary Bus Pass?

You are entitled to a bus pass if you are a permanent resident in North East Lincolnshire and are entitled by age.

For further information see the full guide.

Do not hesitate to contact North East Lincolnshire Council on (01472) 313131 or transport@nelincs.gov.uk.

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Q. At what age will I qualify for a NEL English National Concessionary Bus Pass?
A. From Tuesday 6 April 2010 you will no longer be eligible for a bus pass on your 60th birthday. The qualifying age will rise step-by-step over the next 10 years so that by 2020, people will qualify at their 65th birthday. See table below.

Q. When do I qualify for my NEL English National Concessionary Bus Pass?
A. Simply find your birth date in the table, then read across to find out when you are eligible for your Concessionary Bus Pass. (The age of eligibility for a concessionary bus pass for women is when they reach pension age. For men it is the pensionable age of a woman born on the same day.)

An Application for a bus pass based on age

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Why don’t I get my bus pass at 60?

Q. Is this anything to do with the change in the retirement pension qualifying age for women?
A. It’s part of the Government’s overall long-term plan. The qualifying age for women’s retirement pensions and other age-related benefits such as winter fuel allowance is rising towards 65 in exactly the same steps. Please note that the bus pass changes affect both men and women equally.

Q. Why is the council doing this?
A. The Council is complying with a decision made by the Government to raise the qualifying age for bus passes. The order was made on 1 March 2010 and came into effect on 6 April 2010.