

# MOMENTS OF FREEDOM Free Bus Travel Scheme

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#### What is the free bus travel scheme?

This Scheme was introduced and will come into effect on 31 January 2022 to allow young people under the age of 22 to travel for free on buses across Scotland.

As a result, around 930,000 young people in Scotland will benefit from this.

For more information about the Scheme visit the link below: <u>https://www.transport.gov.scot/concessionary-</u> <u>travel/young-persons-freebus-travel-scheme/</u>.

If you live in Scotland and are aged between 5 - 21 you are eligible for a card giving you free bus travel. You must be resident in Scotland for the majority of the year (at least six months).



#### How to apply

Applications are open to all young people between the ages of 5 - 21 years.

Young people will need a new or replacement National Entitlement Card (NEC) or Young Scot National Entitlement Card (Young Scot NEC) for free travel.

Children under 5 years already travel for free on buses and do not need a card.

To apply visit the link below: <u>https://getyournec.scot/nec/</u>.

Asylum seekers and refugees aged between 5 and 21 can access the scheme. As with all others of those ages living in Scotland, they can apply for a National Entitlement Card (NEC) to access free bus travel.

If you're aged between 16 and 21 and you already have an active NEC or Young Scot NEC issued prior to when applications opened on 10 January 2022, you can download free bus travel onto your existing card using the Transport Scot Pass Collect app.

### About the application

#### For under 16:

A parent needs to apply on behalf of the child You need to create mygovscot account if you don't have one Verify your identity via passport or provisional/driving licence Verify your child's identity via passport or Young Scot card and birth certificate Upload a passport picture of the child.

#### For over 16:

You can apply for yourself You need to create mygovscot account if you don't have one Verify your identity via passport, provisional/driving licence or Yoti Upload a passport picture of yourself.



# If you can't apply online

Contact your local council who will be able to offer another application method.

#### For West Dunbartonshire:

By phone on 01389 738282 or By email at contact.centre@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

For any other councils visit the link below: <u>https://young.scot/the-young-scot-card</u>

You should find all the councils at the bottom of the page.





# We hope you find this helpful!

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