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Transport and benefits



Things you need to know

- **Disability Living Allowance** is the main benefit for disabled people to help them with travel. It is called **DLA** for short
- The part of DLA that covers travel is called the **mobility rate**
- If you get DLA you will either get the **higher mobility rate** or the **lower mobility rate**

If you get the lower mobility rate you can get these things to help you with travel

- A half fare Smartpass on buses and trains. A Smartpass is a card that you can carry around. You can use it to get money off the cost of your bus and train journeys

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If you get the higher mobility rate you can get these things to help you with travel

- A Blue Badge. A Blue Badge is a card that you put in your car window. It means you can park in more places. For example, in disabled parking places or on yellow lines
- Access to the Motability scheme. Motability is the name of a charity. Motability helps disabled people who find it difficult to move around. It helps them to get out and about more easily
- A half fare Smartpass on buses and trains. A Smartpass is a card that you can carry around. You can use it to get money off the cost of your bus and train journeys
- You will **not** have to pay road tax



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Where to get more information or help

For more information about Disability Living Allowance

Contact the Social Security Agency

 0800 220 674. Your call will be **free**

Textphone 0800 243 787. Your call will be **free**

Or get a copy of the guide called **the A-Z Guide for People with Disabilities**. It has advice about lots of benefits.

To get a copy of the guide contact **Disability Action**

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You can also visit the **Getting Out and About** website at

 www.ni-transportguide.info