



Help with the cost of your bus and train journeys

Things you need to know

- You **may** be able to get some help with the cost of your bus and train journeys
- To get this help you need to apply for a **Smartpass**
- 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
- There are 2 different types of Smartpass
 - A Smartpass that lets you travel for half price
 - A Smartpass that lets you travel for free
- If you are 60 years old or over you can travel for free on all buses and trains

Other information

- You **can not** use your Smartpass on door to door transport, transport in the countryside run by Rural Community Transport Partnerships, or taxis

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- You can use your Smartpass on some journeys where you cross over a border if you have a **free travel** Smartpass

Things to think about

- **Do not forget to take your Smartpass with you when you travel.** You can only get money off your journey if you have your Smartpass with you

How to get a Smartpass

- Not all disabled people can get a Smartpass
- You need to apply to get a Smartpass. To apply you need to
 - fill in some forms called an **application pack**
 - send the application pack to the
Department for Regional Development
- The Department for Regional Development will send you a Smartpass in the post if they think you meet the right criteria
- The application pack will tell you all the things you need to do to apply for a SmartPass

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This is how to get an application pack to apply for a Smartpass

- Ask for one at your local **Translink** station
-  Telephone 0845 600 0049
-  Email transport.policy@drdni.gov.uk

You can also visit the **Getting Out and About website** at www.ni-transportguide.info

These information sheets may also be useful

- Sheet 4** Transport and benefits
- Sheet 5** Bus services in Belfast
- Sheet 6** Bus services outside Belfast
- Sheet 7** Some information about Easibus
- Sheet 8** Going by train
- Sheet 9** Going by coach