

# APPENDIX 1

## Concessionary Travel Arrangements from 1 April 2006

Senior and Disabled Permit Holders

What concessions will be available?

There will be free travel on most local bus services within West Yorkshire for all Metro Senior and Disabled Permit holders after 0930hrs Monday to Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays (excluding night bus services, certain special services, excursions, tours, private hire vehicles, school and works contract services and certain express bus services which cross the West Yorkshire boundary).

What about cross boundary services?

There will be free travel for all Metro Senior and Disabled Permit holders on most bus services after 0930hrs Monday to Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays that cross the West Yorkshire boundary.

This will include journeys to and from West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester; West Yorkshire and Lancashire; West Yorkshire and North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire.

These arrangements do not apply to rail services.

Are any services excluded from the cross boundary arrangements?

Yes certain services to and from North Yorkshire, including those to York, the Dales and the East Coast, are excluded from these arrangements. On these services you will only be able travel as far as Tadcaster or Skipton. The Dales Summer Special services are also excluded from these arrangements.

What about further travel once I have crossed the boundary?

If you make further journeys wholly within a neighbouring authority area then you will have to pay full fare. For example you will be able to travel to and from Halifax to Rochdale free, however if you then travel from Rochdale to Littleborough you must pay the full fare.

I used to be able to travel at a concessionary fare in Greater Manchester and Lancashire – Can I still do this?

No from 1 April 2006 the facility will no longer be available. However, you will be able to travel free on services that cross the boundary, we believe that most people will be better off as a result of the change. For example, people travelling from Halifax to Rochdale now pay 35p to the West Yorkshire

boundary and 50p from the boundary to Rochdale, which is 85p the return journey will cost a further 85p making a total of £1.70. This journey will now be free.

I have a Disabled with Companion Permit – how much will my companion pay?

Your companion will continue to receive the same concession as you.

What about rail services?

The concession will continue to be 35p flat fare for Metro Senior and Disabled Permit holders on local rail services within West Yorkshire after 0930hrs Monday to Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays

Blind Permit Holders

I am a Blind Permit holder does my concession change?

No you will continue to receive free travel at all times on local buses and trains. Free travel at all times will be extended to all cross boundary bus journeys with the same conditions that will apply as to Senior and disabled Permit holders.

General

Do I need to get a new Concessionary Permit?

No you can continue to use your existing permit until it expires, then simply renew as normal.

Am I eligible to a concessionary travel?

In order to obtain one of the above permits you must be a resident of West Yorkshire who is over 60 years of age for a Senior Permit or meet certain criteria for a Disabled Permit (please see Metro's Concessions for Disabled and Blind People information leaflet for further information).

What about young people and scholars

Continuation of half fare at all times on most local bus and rail services within West Yorkshire for children aged 5 to 15 years of age and 16 to 18 year olds in full time further education. (Under 5's travel free at all times).