

Taxicard scheme welfare rights



You can get this leaflet in large print, in Braille or on audio tape by phoning us on 01307 474151. We can provide this information in other languages if you need it.

Call ACCESS Angus 08452 777 778 - your direct line for council services.

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Who can apply to use the scheme?

People can apply to use the scheme if they permanently live in Angus, are aged over two and:

- are registered blind;
- have a severe and permanent disability
- have an acquired brain injury and their application is supported by the acquired brain injury worker

However you will not qualify for a Taxicard if any of the following applies to you:

- have a Scotland Wide Free Bus Pass and are able to use an ordinary bus (this restriction does not apply to blind and partially sighted applicants holding the Scottish Blind Person Travel Card).
- are the driver of a car
- have a Disabled Person's Parking Badge (Blue Badge) and have ready and regular access to a vehicle
- are in receipt of a Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance
- are in receipt of a War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement

How do I apply?

You can get application forms from: Welfare Rights, Carseview Office, Carseview Road, Forfar, DD8 3BT. The application must be supported by an approved agency, for example, your GP, district nurse, occupational therapist, or acquired brain injury worker.

Applications can also be downloaded from www.angus.gov.uk

A member of the welfare rights team will decide if the person applying is eligible for a Taxicard, although applications may be referred to Medical Advisory Service for further advice.

What happens next?

We will tell you if your application has been successful or not, normally within two weeks.

If you have been successful you may be asked to return your Disabled Person's Parking Badge if you have one, unless you are registered blind.

What can I use the Taxicard for?

You can make 104 subsidised trips by taxi in each 12-month period.

You can make trips within Angus and Dundee, and to or from Alyth, Blairgowrie and Coupar Angus.

Taxicard holders will pay 50% of the fare for every journey they make, as long as the total amount on the meter is no more than £10.

For fares over £10, you will pay £5 plus the amount on the meter over £10.

You can travel by rail, for free, between Montrose and Dundee and all stations in between. These journeys do not count towards the 104 trips you can make in each 12-month period. Simply produce your Taxicard when asked to do so by a ticket inspector.

How long will my Taxicard be valid for?

The Taxicard will be valid for five years. You must make a new application when the Taxicard runs out.

We will send you a new book of vouchers each year when we receive the completed request form at the back of the current voucher book.

Can I take someone with me?

You can take up to three people with you. The first companion travels free and other companions pay 50p each.

Which Operators take part in the scheme?

We will send you a list of taxi operators who take part in the scheme with the Taxicard.

Vehicles that are suitable for wheelchairs are available from operators in Dundee, Monifieth, Arbroath, Carnoustie, Montrose, Brechin and Kirriemuir.

If you would like further information about the Taxicard Scheme, phone Welfare Rights Service on 01307 474664/474663

Or, write to:

Welfare Rights Service
Angus Council
Social Work and Health
Carseview Office
Carseview Road
Forfar
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