



TaxiCard Information

TaxiCard allows people with a disability who cannot normally use buses to travel in taxis at reduced fares.

TaxiCard is not available to people with temporary disabilities, (e.g. broken leg) or children under 2 years old.

Remember, your disability may allow you to have a companion travel with you without charge if you use your National Entitlement Card for bus travel.

Do I qualify? If you are resident in the Falkirk Council area and registered blind or your ability to walk is seriously impaired, which means that even if accompanied you are normally unable to use ordinary buses, you can apply for a **TaxiCard**. Membership is normally for a maximum of five years but a renewal application can be made shortly before the expiry date is reached.

When and where can I use it? You can travel at any time but **you must book your journey in advance**. Your journey must start and / or finish within the Falkirk Council area but there is no restriction on distance. Same day bookings may be requested before 10am but **cannot** be guaranteed.

What does it cost? At present there is no fee charged to join **TaxiCard**. On journeys where the fare is up to £4.00, as a **TaxiCard** holder you pay half fare. For fares over £4.00 you will pay the fare less £2.00. Your **TaxiCard** allows up to **6 subsidised journeys each week**.

Can friends travel with me? Yes. Up to three people may travel with you for 20p each per single journey.

How do I book? Just phone the **TaxiCard** office in Stirling (local call rate), normally at least one day in advance. A taxi will pick you up at the time you booked and take to your destination and on completion of the journey you simply pay your portion of the fare to the driver.

How do I apply? Complete Part A of this application, enclose a passport-size photograph of yourself, (unless you have a **National Entitlement Card** and want to use the photograph from it), then post the form to the address shown below.

Note: An emergency telephone number for contact purposes is required by the Taxicard office.

DATA PROTECTION

- The information provided by you on this application form is used solely for the purpose of assessing your eligibility for a Falkirk Council TaxiCard and will be retained by Falkirk Council Concessions Unit;
- As shown in the Declaration overleaf we may also share your details if necessary with Social Work Services;
- Only a limited amount of information about you will be supplied to the TaxiCard Office in Stirling to allow taxi bookings to be made on your behalf;
- Your personal details will not be transferred to any other external agency without your express permission.

Completed application forms should be returned to Falkirk Council at the address shown below.

If you need any further information on **TaxiCard**, please contact:

Post: Falkirk Council, Development Services, Abbotsford House, David's Loan, Falkirk FK2 7YZ.

Telephone: 01324 504793

Email: transportplanning@falkirk.gov.uk



Falkirk Council

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TaxiCard Application Form

Title Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Full Name Date of Birth

Address

Post Code Telephone

When you travel do you require to use:

a wheelchair?

Please tick (✓) Yes or No for All these questions

Yes No

a walking stick?

Yes No

other walking aid e.g. zimmer / elbow crutch?

Yes No

If you are a registered blind person write your registration number in the box opposite then sign the Declaration below.

If you have significant mobility difficulties, or are registered partially sighted, which means that you are unable to board low floor buses, please read and sign the Declaration below and ask a Physiotherapist or your Doctor to complete Part B below.

Attach a passport-type photograph here or **tick this box** if you hold a National Entitlement Card and prefer to use that photograph.

Declaration

- I apply for a **TaxiCard** and confirm that **I am registered blind** OR that **I am normally unable to use buses** due to a long-term disability which seriously impairs my ability to walk;
- I understand that Falkirk Council may wish me to undergo an assessment by an independent Physiotherapist and that this assessment information may be passed to Social Work Services;
- I agree that the Council may contact my doctor for information;
- I agree to abide by the conditions of the scheme and, in particular, will not allow anyone else to use my **TaxiCard**;
- I confirm that I am permanently resident in the Falkirk Council area.

Signed

Date

PART B - This part must be completed by a Medical Professional, i.e., Physiotherapist or your Doctor.

Does this applicant have a physical disability which inhibits travel by bus? *YES *NO *(circle as appropriate)

Please state the nature of the applicant's disability and how this prevents them boarding low-floor buses (250mm rise)

I confirm that the applicant is unable to use buses by reason of long-term disability which seriously impairs her/his ability to walk.

Medical Professional's contact details

Medical professional's Signature

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Accept

Reject

Card No Issued / Renewed by Issue Date Expiry date