



Public Service Vehicles (Travel Concessions) Act 1955

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An Act to make provision with respect to the allowing of free travel or reduced fares on public service vehicles run by local authorities and for purposes connected therewith. [6th May 1955]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Act repealed with saving by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), s. 139(1)(3), [Sch. 6 para. 23\(1\)\(a\)](#) (6)(7), Sch. 8

1 Granting by local authorities of travel concessions.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in any other enactment or in any rule of law to the contrary, it shall be lawful for any local authority who are operating a public service vehicle undertaking to make arrangements for the granting of . . . ^{F1} travel concessions to qualified persons travelling on the public service vehicles run by the local authority or on any of those vehicles to which the arrangements relate.
- (2) In this Act the expression “qualified persons” means persons mentioned in any of the following paragraphs or any description of such persons, that is to say—
 - (a) men over the age of sixty-five years and women over the age of sixty years;
 - (b) persons whose age does not exceed [^{F2}sixteen] years;
 - (c) persons whose age exceeds [^{F2}sixteen] years but does not exceed eighteen years and who are undergoing full-time education;
 - (d) blind persons, that is to say persons so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential;
 - (e) persons suffering from any disability or injury which, in the opinion of the local authority, seriously impairs their ability to walk;
 - (f) members of the local authority or of a constituent authority of the local authority (including persons who for the purposes of [^{F3}sections 173 to 175 of

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the ^{M1}Local Government Act 1972], are to be treated as members of the local authority or constituent authority):

Provided that travel concessions granted to a person by virtue of paragraph (c) of this subsection shall be limited to travel between the residence of such person and his place of education or for purposes in connection with the education received by him thereat, and travel concessions granted to a person by virtue of paragraph (f) of this subsection shall be limited to travel in the performance of approved duties as defined in [^{F3}section 177 of the ^{M2}Local Government Act 1972].

- (3) ^{F4}
- (4) ^{F5}
- (5) In respect of travel concessions granted by them to qualified persons the council of a [^{F6}district] may, if they think fit, from time to time transfer to the credit of the account of their transport undertaking sums from the general . . . ^{F7} fund, being sums not exceeding the cost to them of granting the concessions or so much of that cost as would not fall to be met out of the general . . . ^{F7} fund apart from this subsection.
- (6) ^{F5}
- (7) Sections one . . . ^{F8} of the ^{M3}Transport Charges &c. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954, shall not apply to fares chargeable to qualified persons by virtue of travel concessions granted by local authorities, and no conditions attached to a road service licence shall prejudice the operation of arrangements for granting such concessions to such persons.
- (8) Any expenditure of a local authority incurred before the passing of this Act which would have been lawful if this Act had then been in force shall be deemed to have been lawfully incurred.

Textual Amendments	
F1	Word repealed by Travel Concessions Act 1964 (c. 95), s. 1
F2	Word substituted by Travel Concessions Act 1964 (c. 95), s. 1
F3	Words substituted by virtue of Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) s. 272(2)
F4	S. 1(3) repealed by Travel Concessions Act 1964 (c. 95), s. 1
F5	S. 1(4)(6) repealed by Transport Act 1968 (c. 73), Sch. 18 Pt. III
F6	Word “district” substituted for words “county borough or county district” by Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), s. 186(5)
F7	Words repealed by S.I. 1990/1285, art. 2, Sch. Part I para. 5
F8	Words repealed by Transport Act 1980 (c. 34), Sch. 9 Pt. I
Marginal Citations	
M1	1972 c. 70.
M2	1972 c. 70.
M3	1954 c. 64.

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Textual Amendments

- F9** S. 2 repealed by [Local Government Act 1958 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 67, [Sch. 9 Pt. II](#) and [Local Government and Miscellaneous Financial Provisions \(Scotland\) Act 1958 \(c. 64\)](#), [Sch. 6 Pt. III](#)

3 Interpretation.

In this Act—

“local authority” means—

- (i) the council of any ^{F10}district]; and
- (ii) any joint board or joint committee which is constituted so as to include among its members representatives of a ^{F10}district],

and the expression “constituent authority”, in relation to any such joint board or joint committee as aforesaid, means the council of any ^{F10}district] represented on the board or committee;

“public service vehicle” means an express carriage, a stage carriage, a tramcar or a trolley vehicle, and “public service vehicle undertaking” shall be construed accordingly;

“express carriage”, “stage carriage”, “tramcar” and “trolley vehicle” have the same respective meanings as in the ^{M4}Road Traffic Act 1930;

“qualified persons” has the meaning assigned to it by subsection (2) of section one of this Act; and

“travel concession” means the reduction or waiver of a fare or charge, either absolutely or subject to terms, limitations, or conditions.

Textual Amendments

- F10** Word “district” substituted for words “county borough or county district” by [Local Government Act 1972 \(c. 70\)](#), s. 186(5)

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- C2** Expressions (a) “express carriage” and “stage carriage” and (b) “tramcar” to be construed in accordance with [Road Traffic Act 1960 \(c. 16\)](#): *ibid* (a) s. 265(1) and (b) Sch. 19 para. 3

Marginal Citations

- M4** 1930 c. 43.

4 Application to Scotland.

In the application of this Act to Scotland—

- (a) for references to a local authority or to the council of a county borough or county district there shall be substituted references to a ^{F11}regional, islands or district council];
- (b) for the reference in section one of this Act to the general rate fund there shall be substituted a reference to the ^{F12}general fund of the authority];
- (c) for the reference in section two of this Act to section four of the Local Government Act, 1848, there shall be substituted a reference to section five of the Local Government (Financial Provisions)(Scotland) Act, 1954.

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Textual Amendments

F11 Words substituted by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c. 65\)](#), **Sch. 18 para. 27**

F12 Words substituted by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c. 65\)](#), **Sch. 18 para. 28**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 The text of s. 4(c) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

5 Short title and extent.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Travel Concessions) Act 1955.

(2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

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F13 Sch. repealed by [Travel Concessions Act 1964 \(c. 95\), s. 1](#)

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