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**The National Bus Travel Concession Scheme
for Young Persons (Scotland) Order 2021**

**Amendment of the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons
(Eligible Persons and Eligible Services) (Scotland) Order 2006**

19.—(1) The National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Eligible Persons and Eligible Services) (Scotland) Order 2006⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.

(2) In article 2, in the definition of “Northern England service”, in sub-paragraph (b), after “Berwick-upon-Tweed,” insert—

“which starts, passes through or ends in the Scottish Borders.”.

(3) In article 3—

(a) for paragraph (c) substitute—

“(c) persons who—

(i) are of fare paying age but aged under 16 years, with a diagnosis of severe sight impairment or sight impairment that has been confirmed by a letter issued by an ophthalmologist or paediatrician;

(ia) are aged 16 years or over and have been certified as severely sight impaired or sight impaired, and in consequence are registered as severely sight impaired or sight impaired in a register maintained by or on behalf of a council constituted under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994⁽²⁾; or

(ii) would be refused a driving licence as they would fail to meet the eyesight standard as defined in section 96(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988⁽³⁾.”.

(b) in paragraph (k), for sub-paragraph (iv) substitute—

“(iv) are of fare paying age but aged under 16 years, with a diagnosis of severe sight impairment that has been confirmed by a letter issued by an ophthalmologist or paediatrician; or

(v) are aged 16 years or over and have been certified as severely sight impaired, and in consequence are registered as severely sight impaired in a register maintained by or on behalf of a council constituted under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994”.

(c) after paragraph (l) insert—

“(m) persons who are travel companions who commence and terminate their journey at the same locations as a child aged under 5 years whom the companion is assisting, where the child—

⁽¹⁾ S.S.I. 2006/117 as amended by S.S.I. 2013/65.

⁽²⁾ 1994 c.39.

⁽³⁾ 1988 c.53.

- (i) is in receipt of the higher or middle rate of the care component of the disability living allowance in accordance with section 72 of the 1992 Act⁽⁴⁾;
 - (ii) is living in a residential home or hospital and is eligible for the higher or the middle rate of the care component of the disability living allowance; or
 - (iii) has a diagnosis of severe sight impairment that has been confirmed by a letter issued by an ophthalmologist or paediatrician;
- but only where they commence and terminate their journey at the same locations as the child aged under 5 years whom they are assisting.”.

(4) 1992 c.4. The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 is defined as “the 1992 Act” in the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Eligible Persons and Eligible Services) (Scotland) Order 2006.