



Unit 9 Shaw Wood Business Park,  
Shaw Wood Way, Doncaster, DN2 5TB  
**Tel:** 01302 327800  
**Fax:** 01302 327205  
**Email:** [advice@dialdoncaster.co.uk](mailto:advice@dialdoncaster.co.uk)  
**Web:** [www.dialdoncaster.co.uk](http://www.dialdoncaster.co.uk)

*A summary of concessions available for disabled people*

### **Concessionary Travel Scheme**

If you are blind, deaf or have a disability or injury which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to walk, a Mobility Pass will enable you to travel on all buses, trams and local trains in South Yorkshire. If you qualify for the Mobility Pass and satisfy the extra qualifying rule, which is that you receive the higher rate care component of Disability Living Allowance, the enhanced 'daily living' component of Personal Independence Payment or the higher rate of Attendance Allowance, a helper can also travel with you free of charge. Once proof is shown a new pass with a 'Carer Addition' will be issued.

*See our factsheet 'Mobility Travel Pass' for further information*

### **Access to Work**

This is an Employment Service scheme designed to assist disabled people to overcome the practical problems encountered in taking up employment or being retained in their current job. Grants can be made towards equipment, physical assistance, transport, etc.

*See our factsheet 'Access to Work' for further information*

### **Road Tax Exemption**

People who are receiving the higher rate of Disability Living Allowance Mobility Component or the enhanced rate of mobility in Personal Independence Payment (PIP) may be entitled to exemption from Road Tax. The vehicle must be registered in the name of the disabled person or in the name of a nominee.

Anyone receiving the standard rate of mobility in PIP may qualify for a 50% reduction in their road tax.

*See our factsheet 'Road Tax Exemption' for further information*

### **Wheelchair Voucher Scheme**

This scheme is available through the NHS, Wheelchair Services. Where, at the request, or with the approval of your General Practitioner, you have been assessed for the use of a wheelchair, a voucher, valued to the cost of that wheelchair, can be obtained for use towards meeting the cost of an alternative chair of your choice.

*See our factsheet 'NHS Wheelchair Supply' for further information*

### **Free Temporary Wheelchair Loan Service**

Manual wheelchairs are available for short-term loan in case of temporary needs, e.g., a broken leg. Your Health Visitor/District Nurse or doctor needs to make a referral as you cannot contact them directly.

## **T.V. Licence**

A 50% reduction is available for people who are registered blind or severely sight impaired. Anyone over the age of 75 is entitled to a free licence for your home.

*See our factsheet 'TV Licence' for further information*

## **Ferry Concessions**

Disabled people can qualify for concessionary travel on crossings operated by many Ferry Companies and by Eurotunnel. Rules governing eligibility for and applicability of these concessions vary widely from one company to another, as do the concession values offered and the booking procedures to be followed.

## **Toll Concessions for Disabled People at Road Bridges and Tunnels**

Disabled people using toll bridges or tunnels may be entitled to concessions, provided they meet certain requirements called for by the owners or operators.

## **Free NHS Prescriptions**

If you are in receipt of certain benefits or if you have a specified condition (e.g. Diabetes Mellitus, cancer), you may qualify for free prescriptions. All cancer patients undergoing treatment for cancer, the effects of cancer or the effects of cancer treatment can now apply for an exemption from prescription charges certificate. Patients can apply for an exemption certificate by collecting an application form from their GP's Surgery or Oncology Clinic.

*See our factsheet 'Help With Health Costs' for further information*

## **Blue Badge Scheme**

This scheme allows certain parking concessions for disabled people who have considerable difficulty with walking or are blind. For an application form contact your Local Authority Office.

*See our factsheet 'Blue Badge Scheme' for further information*

## **RADAR Toilet Keys**

Disabled people may need to use a unisex, wheelchair-accessible toilet. The Radar Keys are available via The National Key Scheme, co-ordinated by RADAR (The Disability Rights People). The Local Authority (DMBC) will provide a key free of charge to local people who fit their criteria. DIAL Doncaster sell the key to disabled people who feel they need to access a toilet quickly.

*See our factsheet 'Radar Key: National Key Scheme' for further information*

## **BT Free 195 Directory Enquiry Service**

Disabled customers can register for the BT 195 Directory Enquiry Service free of any charge. Where applicable, onward connected calls will be included in BT's call packages (mobile and other providers' charges may vary). Call 0800 587 0195 to request an application form.

## **Council Tax Reductions**

A one-band reduction or a discount on Council Tax may be available if a resident has a severe disability. This is conditional on the resident using a wheelchair, having a room adapted or predominantly used by a disabled person, or has enough space in the dwelling to use a wheelchair indoors.

## **Doncaster Community Transport**

Door-to-door transport for mobility impaired people is provided by Leger Bus. You can use this service if you find it difficult or impossible to use other public transport.

*See our factsheet 'Accessible Transport' for further information*

### **Meal Service Providers**

A number of providers will deliver meals to your door every day of the year.

*See our factsheet 'Foodbanks and Meal Provision Services' for further information*

### **Disabled Person's Railcard**

The Disabled Person's Railcard allows you to buy discounted rail tickets. If another adult is travelling with you they can also travel at the same discounted fare.

Visit [www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk](http://www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk) to apply online or for further information call 0345 605 0525.

### **Home Alarm Systems**

Doncaster Council operates a 24 hours a day Home Alarm Service. For a weekly fee, the Home Alarm Service can be provided in your home. The latest technology ensures your continuous protection and security.

*See our factsheet 'Home Alarm Systems' for further information*

### **Direct Payments/Personal Budgets**

If you are entitled to receive a service from the Local Authority, then it may be possible for you to receive the money needed, to purchase those services from elsewhere. Contact the Direct Payment Support Team on 01302 736000 or email [dpss@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:dpss@doncaster.gov.uk) for further information.

### **Free NHS Dental Treatment**

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to free dental treatment from a NHS Dentist. *See our factsheet 'Help With Health Costs' for further information*

### **Free Sight Tests and Vouchers for Glasses**

If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to a free sight test and/or vouchers towards the cost of new glasses. *See our factsheet 'Help With Health Costs' for further information*

### **Fares to Hospital**

You may be able to get help with fares or other travel expenses for yourself (and for someone who has to go with you if you are incapable of getting to hospital on your own) if you meet certain criteria (e.g. you are in receipt of Income Support).

### **VAT Reliefs for Disabled People**

Certain goods and services for disabled people may be subject to zero-rating or exemption from tax under the Value Added Tax Act of 1994. It should be noted as a basic principal that Equipment must have been designed solely for use of disabled people. DIAL Doncaster can supply a booklet on VAT Relief for people with disabilities.

### **Cinema Exhibitors' Association (CEA Card)**

This card allows the card holder to obtain one FREE ticket for a carer/personal assistant to provide assistance during their visit to a participating cinema. You can apply online at [www.ceacard.co.uk](http://www.ceacard.co.uk) or for further details call 023 9224 8545.

For further information about any of the concessions in this factsheet please contact our Helpline on 01302 327800 or visit our website at [www.dialdoncaster.co.uk](http://www.dialdoncaster.co.uk)