

Cambridge City Council Taxicard Application Form



From 1 April 2010

What is the Taxicard scheme?

Taxicard is a scheme that aims to help disabled people on low incomes to afford to use taxis for essential journeys.

Am I eligible?

To qualify, you must live within the Cambridge City boundary and be in receipt of one or more of the benefits listed in Section A, and the same for Section B. However, if you receive the benefits listed in Section A, but do not receive any of the benefits in Section B, you can still qualify. In this case you will need to complete Section C of the application form and ask any of the Medical Staff listed, to sign and stamp your application.

- A. You must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:
- Income Support/Pension Credit/Income Based Jobseekers' Allowance
 - Housing benefit
 - Council Tax Benefit including Disability premiums/reductions, but NOT including 25% single occupancy reduction
- B. You must also be in receipt of at least one of the following benefits:
- Higher Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
 - Attendance Allowance
 - War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement
 - Be registered blind or partially sighted
- C. In addition you may apply providing you are receiving any one of the benefits listed in section A and have any of the following mobility problems making it impossible for you to use public transport but do not receive any of the benefits in section B.
- If you are a permanent wheelchair user
 - If you cannot walk without a walking aid such as a frame/crutches etc.
 - If you cannot walk more than 100 metres
 - If you are unable to stand unsupported for more than 5 minutes

How many trips can the Taxicard be used for?

Each cardholder will be issued with a book of 100 vouchers valid from 1 April to 31 March the following year. A trip is a one-way journey. Cardholders joining the scheme after 1 April will be issued with a proportion of the yearly trip vouchers. A renewal letter will be sent annually to each applicant, asking that they confirm they are still eligible for a Taxicard and that they still require one.

How much will I have to pay?

The minimum cost of a taxi fare where a Taxicard can be used is £3.70. If the trip costs £3.70, the Taxicard subsidy is £2.70 and the Taxicard holder pays the remaining £1. If the trip costs more than £3.70, the Taxicard holder's contribution increases and the subsidy remains at £2.70.

Application form

FOR OFFICE USE:

ID N°: _____ Book N°: _____

Surname: _____ Title: _____

Forenames: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel No: _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ NI Number: _____

A I am eligible for a Taxicard because I receive one of the following:

(Please tick any of the following that apply)

	Please tick	Proof enclosed Please tick
Income Support/Pension Credit/ Income Based Jobseekers Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Council Tax Benefit or Disability Reduction (Does not include 25% single occupancy reduction)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B AND I receive

	Please tick	Proof enclosed Please tick
Disability Living Allowance (Higher Rate Mobility Component)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attendance Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
80% War Mobility Pension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registered blind or partially sighted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C If you do not receive any of the allowances listed in Section B, you may still qualify if you receive one of the benefits listed in Section A and if you:

- Are a permanent wheelchair user
- Cannot walk without a walking aid; i.e. frame or crutches
- Cannot walk more than 100 metres on flat ground
- Are unable to stand unsupported for more than 5 minutes.

Please indicate the role of the practioner representing you and ask them to complete the details opposite.

- Community Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Doctor
- Health Visitor

IMPORTANT: PROOF OF ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS

PLEASE ENCLOSE A GOOD QUALITY PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF WITH YOUR NAME ON THE BACK.

When applying for the Taxicard, we need to see proof that you are receiving the benefits and allowances that you have indicated on this form.

Acceptable proof is the letter sent to you when awarded the allowance or benefit. Originals or photocopies may be sent using the envelope provided. Originals will be returned to you.

If you do not provide proof, we will contact the Benefits officer to confirm these details on your behalf. If you do not want us to do this, tick here.

The information given is true and correct.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

If an applicant is 16 years of age or their disability prevents them from being able to sign the form for themselves, a parent or a representative must sign the form and indicate their relationship to the applicant.

By signing this form you are agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of the Taxicard scheme. Please note that Cambridge City Council may wish to approach your health professional if there are any queries regarding your application.



The Council is registered under the Data Protection Act 1988 for the purpose of processing personal data in performance of its legitimate business. Any information held by the council will be processed in compliance with the eight principles of the Act. Information you have provided may be shared with other public sector organisations for the prevention and detection of fraud. Further information relating to your rights under Data Protection Act can be sent to you upon request.

Note to health care staff supporting this application:

You are asked to endorse that the applicant has mobility problems that prevent them from using local bus services.

It is expected that you will know the applicant and that you will be able to make a comprehensive assessment of their disability. If you feel that you do not know enough about this person, please refer this form to another health professional.

In the event that a person's eligibility is subsequently queried, the matter will be discussed with you further. Beyond this there is no on-going responsibility implied in supporting an application.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Profession: _____

Practice Stamp

Place of Work: _____

Date: _____

If no practice stamp is available please enclose a practice compliment slip or letterhead.

INFORMATION

If you do not receive any of the benefits mentioned, it may be beneficial to contact The Local Pensions Service, part of the Government's Department of Work and Pensions to check that you are receiving the correct support, by calling 01223 545374.

To check if you are entitled to Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit call Cambridge 457000 and ask for the Benefits Department.

If you have any questions about the application form or need any help filling it in, please ring Cambridge 457000 and ask for the Taxicard Administrator.

If you or someone you know would like this leaflet in large print, braille, on tape or translated into another language, please contact Cambridge City Council on 01223 457000.

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CHECKLIST

Date Received: _____ Photograph Received:

Proof checked: Comments: _____

Application Refused: Reason: _____

Application Approved:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this form and return it to:

Taxicard Administrator
The Taxicard Scheme
Cambridge City Council
PO Box 700
Cambridge
CBI 0JH

