

**PART C**

**TO BE COMPLETED IN ALL CASES**

- I do not hold a Council Concessionary Travel Pass, or
- I return my Council Concessionary Travel Pass with this application, or
- I am registered blind and retain my Concessionary Travel Pass.

I apply for a **TAXICARD** and confirm that **I am registered blind** OR that **I am unable to use buses** due to long-term disability which seriously impairs my ability to walk. I understand that the Council may wish me to undergo an assessment by an Physiotherapist. I understand 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 am permanently resident in the Falkirk Council area.

I enclose -  2 passport-type photos  Proof of eligibility (where applicable)  
 Existing Travel Pass (where applicable)

Signed  Date

**PART D**

**This part, which must be completed by a Medical Practitioner, is only required if you have answered NO to the question in Part B.**

What is the applicant's disability?

How does this prevent the applicant 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 his/her ability to walk.

Doctor's Stamp

Signed

**Please return this form to: Falkirk Council  
 Abbotsford House, David's Loan, FALKIRK FK2 7YZ**



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# TAXICARD

for people with disabilities  
 who cannot use buses

Application form and Information about **TAXICARD**



**Falkirk Council Development Services  
 Transport Planning Unit  
 Abbotsford House  
 David's Loan  
 FALKIRK FK2 7YZ  
 (01324) 504725**

## What is TAXICARD?

**TAXICARD** allows people with disabilities who cannot 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.

## Am I eligible?

You can apply for a **TAXICARD** if you are registered blind **OR** unable to use ordinary buses because your ability to walk is seriously impaired. You must also live in the Falkirk Council area and be able to use taxis. You must provide a contact telephone number where we can contact you in an emergency. If you already have a Falkirk Council Concessionary Travel Pass you will have to give it up if you apply for **TAXICARD** (unless you are registered blind). **TAXICARDS** are valid for a maximum period of 5 years.

## When can I use it and where can I go?

You can use it anytime, but you must book your journey in advance. You can go anywhere, provided your journey starts and/or finishes in the Falkirk Council area.

## What does it cost?

At present there is no charge for the **TAXICARD** itself. On journeys where the fare is up to £4.00, as a **TAXICARD** holder you will pay half fare. For fares in excess of £4.00 you will pay the fare less £2.00. No **TAXICARD** holder may make more than 12 subsidised journeys per week.

## Can friends travel with me?

Yes. Up to 3 people may accompany you for 20p each per single journey.

## How do I book?

Just phone the **TAXICARD** office in Stirling (local call rate), normally one day in advance. You will be picked up at the booked time and taken to your destination. On completion of the journey simply pay your portion of the fare to the driver.

## How do I apply?

Simply complete the application form opposite and return it to us with the necessary enclosures and relevant parts completed. If you would like any further information on **TAXICARD**, or any other scheme, simply phone us on (01324) 504725 or (01324) 506420.



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# TAXICARD Application Form

❖ Please  as appropriate

### PART A

Title Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other (please state)

Full Name

Address

Postcode

Tel.  Date of Birth

Do you use a wheelchair? Yes  No

Do you use a walking stick? Yes  No

Do you use another walking aid e.g. zimmer? Yes  No

### PART B

Are you a registered blind person? Yes  No

If **Yes**, please attach evidence of registration (if available), then complete **Part C**.

If **No**, complete **Part C** then ask your doctor to complete **Part D** overleaf.

✂ Detachable guide line

### FOR COUNCIL USE ONLY

TAXICARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ISSUED BY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ISSUE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF EXPIRY \_\_\_\_\_