

# Is your child entitled to free bus travel?

Visit [freebus.scot](https://www.freebus.scot) to find out more



## Aged 5-15?

**You'll need to apply on behalf of your child.**

You can do this online or apply via alternative routes through your local council.

## Aged 16-21?

**They will need to apply themselves.**

If they already have a valid NEC or Young Scot NEC, they can use the app to collect free travel on their current card. Otherwise, they can apply for a new card online or offline through your local council.



# How to apply online...

## Ways to apply online



You can apply online at [getyournec.scot](https://getyournec.scot) or [parentsportal.scot](https://parentsportal.scot) (if your school uses it).

You can use a smartphone, tablet or a computer, and if you don't have scanned copies of your documents, you can take photos of them during the application process using a smartphone or tablet.

If you cannot apply online, there are other ways to apply. Please see the following pages for more information.

## Tips for applying online



- Remember, if your child is 5-15 you'll should apply on their behalf. If they're 16-21, they should apply themselves.
- You might find it useful to download/look out the documents you'll need (see [getyournec.scot](https://getyournec.scot)) before starting your application
- Once you've applied on [getyournec.scot](https://getyournec.scot), you can log in to check the status of your application.
- You can watch step-by-step videos of the online application process on [getyournec.scot](https://getyournec.scot).



# How to apply through your council...

## Applying through your local council



If you cannot apply online, there are other ways to apply provided by your local council, such as face-to-face or email applications or, in some cases, through schools.

In some local council areas, schools are coordinating applications on behalf of their pupils. Schools will contact parents or guardians and pupils directly if this arrangement is in place.

Please contact your local council for more information about available application methods in your area.

## Tips for applying offline



- Remember, if your child is 5-15 you'll should apply on their behalf. If they're 16-21, they should apply themselves.
- If you don't have the proofs required to apply online, you can apply directly to your local council who can accept a wider range of proofs.
- Some local councils may not be able to offer in-person applications at all times so please do check their website or call before setting off.



# How to use our app...

## Download the app

- If the young person is aged between 16 and 21 and already has an active NEC or Young Scot NEC, they can download their free bus travel using the Transport Scot Pass Collect app.
- Search for the Transport Scot Pass Collect app on the App Store or Google Play to download the app.
- Read more about the app on [freebus.scot](https://www.freebus.scot).



## Collect free bus travel on your card

- The app is simple and easy to use. Just follow the instructions. Click 'Collect a bus pass', select 'Yes', hit 'Start collection' and then place your card at the back of your phone. If you have an Apple device, hold your card at the top, or if you have an Android hold it in the middle. Remember to hold your card still until the app tells you it's completed.
- You can also use the app to 'read' an NEC or Young Scot NEC to check what smart travel concession products are stored on the card.

