

Young Scot National Entitlement Card

The Young Scot National Entitlement Card gives you access to a wide range of benefits and entitlements. The information below explains how to get a card, how you can use it, and also request replacements.

The card is free for 11-25 year-olds in Scotland and offers:

- Free bus travel for under-22s (under-16s need parental consent).
- **Discounts** across the UK and Europe.
- Proof of age (accepted for ID in certain situations, like opening a bank account).
- **Discounted rail travel for 16-18 year-olds.**
- Voter ID for Scottish elections.
- Voting opportunities on the Young Scot Voting Platform, including how money is spent on young people locally, and the Scottish Youth Parliament elections.
- **Young Scot Membership**, which provides access to opportunities, information, and rewards for positive actions in your community and online.

How do I get a card?

Many pupils apply for the card in Primary 7 when we run an annual exercise. Other ways to apply include:

- **Getyournec.scot**: If you're under 16, your parent/guardian must apply online for you.
- **Local Renfrewshire library**: You'll need a passport-style photo or something similar printed and cut to size. If you're under 16, your parent/guardian must be with you. If you attend a Renfrewshire Council school, we can verify your details against your school record if you like so you don't need to bring any proof documents. If you aren't in school in Renfrewshire or have left, you should check the **list of proof documents needed to apply.**
- **Social Work or other Council support services**: Staff can assist if you're already directly supported by Social Work, Home Link, Family Wellbeing, Housing, Throughcare, or live in a Council-supported residential unit for young people. You can also speak with your contact worker if you use INVEST's employability services.
- **Youth Services**: Ask your Youth Services youth worker to help you apply.

How do I get a replacement card?

If your card is lost, damaged, or not working, email **nec@renfrewshire.gov.uk** with your name, date of birth, and address to request a replacement. You can also get in touch if you need to update your photograph. If you don't use email you can also call **0300 300 0300**. Please note, that only one card can be active at a time, so previous cards will stop working immediately once a replacement is issued. Cards

can take up to 10 working days maximum to arrive, though they usually arrive in a few days. Cards are not produced locally and cannot be collected.

What other card types are available?

- **Junior NEC:** For 5-10 year-olds, offering free bus travel under the Under 22s Free Bus Travel Scheme. It cannot be used for ID or discounts the same as a Young Scot Card. Parents can apply online at getournec.scot or through parentsportal.scot. Also, they can go the primary school office to complete a form (Renfrewshire primary schools only).
 - **Disabled National Entitlement Card:** Available to all ages receiving disability benefits, and may include a companion for travel support. Apply online at getournec.scot or visit the [Strathclyde Passenger Transport \(SPT\) website](https://www.strathclydepassengertransport.com).
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More information:

- <https://freebus.scot>
- <https://www.nec.scot>

Renfrewshire Council Youth Services manages the Junior and Young Scot NEC schemes in Renfrewshire. Contact us at nec@renfrewshire.gov.uk. You can access lots of local information including clubs and groups, help services and ways to use your voice and have a say in Renfrewshire by visiting the [Young Scot Renfrewshire pages](#).