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Chapter VIII TRAVEL CONCESSIONS

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240.— Travel concessions on journeys in and around Greater London.

(1) Subject to subsection (3) below, any local authority, or any two or more local authorities acting jointly, may enter into arrangements with Transport for London under which—

(a) Transport for London grants, or arranges with some other person for that other person to grant, such travel concessions as may be provided for by the arrangements to [such of the persons eligible to receive them in accordance with subsection (5) below as are specified in the arrangements] ¹

; and

(b) that local authority reimburses (or, as the case may be, those local authorities in such proportions respectively as they may agree amongst themselves reimburse) the cost incurred in granting those concessions.

(2) Subject to subsection (3) below, any London authority, or any two or more London authorities acting jointly, may enter into, with any independent transport service operator or with the [Secretary of State] ²

, arrangements under which—

(a) that operator or (as the case may be) the [Secretary of State] ²

grants such travel concessions as may be provided for by the arrangements to [such of the persons eligible to receive them in accordance with subsection (5) below as are specified in the arrangements] ¹

; and

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(b) that authority reimburses (or, as the case may be, those authorities in such proportions respectively as they may agree among themselves reimburse) the cost incurred in granting those concessions.

(3) The concessions that may be provided for by any arrangements under subsection (1) or (2) above are concessions on journeys—

(a) between places in Greater London;

(b) between such places and places outside but in the vicinity of Greater London; or

(c) between places outside but in the vicinity of Greater London.

(4) Any arrangements entered into by a local authority under subsection (1) or (2) above may include provision for the performance of functions in connection with the travel concessions in question by the local authority or local authorities concerned.

(5) The persons eligible to receive travel concessions under arrangements made under subsection (1) or (2) above [by an authority are] ³

[...] ⁴

[

(a) persons appearing to the authority to have their sole or principal residence in the authority's area and to be persons—

(i) who have attained the age of 60 years;

(ii) who are blind;

(iii) who are partially sighted;

(iv) who are profoundly or severely deaf;

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(v) who are without speech;

(vi) who have a disability, or have suffered an injury, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to walk;

(vii) who do not have arms or have long-term loss of the use of both arms;

(viii) who have a learning disability, that is, a state of arrested or incomplete development of mind which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning; or

(ix) who, if they applied for the grant of a licence to drive a motor vehicle under [Part III](#) of the [Road Traffic Act 1988](#), would have their applications refused pursuant to [section 92](#) of that Act (physical fitness) otherwise than on the ground of persistent misuse of drugs or alcohol; or

(b) persons to whom a current statutory travel concession permit has been issued under [section 145A\(4\)](#) of the [Transport Act 2000](#).

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[...] ⁴

[(5A) The Secretary of State may issue guidance to local authorities to which they must have regard in determining whether a person falls within subsection [(5)(a)(ii) to (ix)] ⁴

above.

(5B) Before issuing guidance under subsection (5A) above the Secretary of State shall consult—

(a) the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee;

(b) associations representative of local authorities; and

(c) such other persons as he thinks fit.

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[(5C) The Secretary of State may issue guidance to local authorities to which they must have regard in determining for the purposes of this Chapter whether a person has his sole or principal residence in an authority's area.

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(6) In subsection (2) above "*independent transport service operator*" means any person, other than a person to whom subsection (7) below applies, operating—

(a) a public service vehicle undertaking ("public service vehicle" for this purpose having the meaning given by [section 1](#) of the [Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981](#));

(b) a system using guided transport within the meaning of [subsection \(1\) of section 67](#) of the [Transport and Works Act 1992](#);

(c) a railway within the meaning of that subsection;

(d) a tramway within the meaning of that subsection;

(e) a trolley vehicle system within the meaning of that subsection; or

(f) an undertaking providing public passenger transport services on the river Thames or a tributary of the river Thames between places in Greater London or between places in Greater London and places outside Greater London.

(7) This subsection applies to—

(a) Transport for London or any of its subsidiaries;

(b) the [Secretary of State] ²

; and

(c) any person providing public passenger transport services in pursuance of an agreement entered into by Transport for London by virtue of [section 156\(2\)](#) or [\(3\)\(a\)](#) above or in pursuance of a transport subsidiary's agreement.

(8) In this Chapter—

[...] ⁶

"*local authority*" means the council of a county or district and any London authority;

"*London authority*" means any London borough council and the Common Council; and

"*travel concession*" means the reduction or waiver of a fare or charge either absolutely or subject to terms, limitations or conditions.

(9) For the purposes of this Chapter a reference to an agreement entered into by Transport for London under [section 156\(2\) or \(3\)](#) above includes a reference to an agreement—

(a) which was entered into by London Regional Transport under [section 3\(2\) or \(2A\)](#) of the [London Regional Transport Act 1984](#), and

(b) which by virtue of [section 300](#) or [415](#) below has effect as if made by Transport for London.

Notes

- ¹ . Words substituted by Transport Act 2000 c. 38 [Pt II s.151\(3\)](#) (April 1, 2001 subject to transitional provisions specified in SI 2000/3229 art.4)
- ² . Amended by Railways Act 2005 c. 14 [Sch.12 para.14](#) (June 8, 2005)
- ³ . Words substituted by Transport Act 2000 c. 38 [Pt II s.151\(4\)](#) (April 1, 2001 subject to transitional provisions specified in SI 2000/3229 art.4)
- ⁴ . Amended by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.4](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))

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5. Added by Transport Act 2000 c. 38 [Pt II s.151\(5\)](#) (April 1, 2001 subject to transitional provisions specified in SI 2000/3229 art.4)
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241.— Reserve free travel scheme [...] ¹

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(1) If immediately before 1st January in any financial year it appears to Transport for London that there are not for the time being in force arrangements under [section 240\(1\)](#) above for travel concessions [...]

which—

(a) meet the requirements of [section 242](#) below as to scope,

(b) meet the requirements of [section 243](#) below as to uniformity, and

(c) will apply throughout the next following financial year,

there shall have effect during that next following financial year a scheme (the “free travel scheme”) for the purpose of ensuring that travel concessions are provided for [all eligible England residents and that additional travel concessions are provided for]

[all]

eligible London residents.

(2) Where individual arrangements under [section 240\(1\)](#) above made between a particular local authority or local authorities and Transport for London apply to [certain eligible England residents or]

certain eligible London residents only, all arrangements so made shall be considered together for the purpose of determining whether the requirements of [sections 242 and 243](#) below are satisfied.

(3) In any financial year during which the free travel scheme has effect it shall be the duty of Transport for London to provide or secure the provision of the travel concessions for [eligible England residents and the additional travel concessions for] ⁵

eligible London residents required by the free travel scheme.

[(4) In this Chapter–

"eligible England residents" means–

(a) persons to whom a current statutory travel concession permit has been issued under [section 145A\(4\)](#) of the [Transport Act 2000](#), and

(b) eligible London residents;

"eligible London residents" means persons whose sole or principal residence is in Greater London and who are eligible in accordance with [section 240\(5\)\(a\)](#) above to receive travel concessions under arrangements under [subsection \(1\)](#) of that section.

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(5) [Schedule 16](#) to this Act (which makes further provision relating to the free travel scheme) shall have effect.

Notes

- 1 . Words repealed by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [Sch.3 para.1](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
- 2 . Words inserted by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.5\(2\)\(b\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
- 3 . Word inserted by Transport Act 2000 c. 38 [Pt II s.151\(6\)](#) (April 1, 2001 subject to transitional provisions specified in SI 2000/3229 art.4)
- 4 . Words inserted by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.5\(3\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
- 5 . Words inserted by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.5\(4\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
- 6 . Substituted by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.5\(5\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))

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242.— Requirements as to scope

(1) Arrangements under [section 240\(1\)](#) above for travel concessions [...] ¹
meet the requirements of this section as to scope if they provide [—] ²

[

(a) for the grant of travel concessions to all eligible London residents on journeys falling within subsection (2) below

[

(b) for the grant to all eligible England residents of the travel concession specified in subsection (8) below; and

(c) for the grant to all eligible London residents of the additional travel concession specified in subsection (8A) below.

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[(1A) Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) above are not to be taken as restricting the concessions that may be provided to eligible London residents on the London bus network by virtue of paragraph (a) of that subsection.

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(2) [The journeys referred to in subsection (1)(a) above] ⁵

are journeys of a description falling within [section 240\(3\)](#) above, on the London Local Transport Network.

(3) For the purposes of this Chapter, the London Local Transport Network consists of—

(a) bus services which together make up the London bus network within the meaning of [section 181](#) above;

(b) services using a system of guided transport which are provided by Transport for London or under an agreement entered into by Transport for London under [section 156\(2\)](#) or [\(3\)\(a\)](#) above or under a transport subsidiary's agreement;

(c) railway services which are so provided;

(d) tramway services which are so provided; and

(e) services on the river Thames or a tributary of the river Thames which are so provided.

(4) In subsection (3) above "*guided transport*", "*railway*" and "*tramway*" have the same meanings as in [section 240\(6\)](#) above.

(5) [Subsection (1)(a) above does] ⁶

not preclude the imposition of terms, limitations or conditions with respect to the particular journeys falling within subsection (2) above on which travel concessions are available.

(6) Such terms, limitations or conditions may make different provision for different categories of eligible London residents.

(7) In this Chapter a reference to a category of eligible London residents is a reference to [a category specified in any one of the [sub-paragraphs of [section 240\(5\)\(a\)](#)] ⁸

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above.

[(8) The travel concession which must be granted for all eligible England residents is a waiver of the fare for each journey beginning on the London bus network–

(a) at any time on a Saturday or Sunday or on any day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales under the [Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971](#); or

(b) in the period from 9.30 am to 11.00 pm on any other day,

(whether or not the journey ends on that network).

(8A) The additional travel concession which must be granted for all eligible London residents is a waiver of the fare for each journey which is on the London bus network and which begins–

(a) in the period from midnight to 4.30 am; or

(b) in the period from 11.00 pm to midnight,

on any day other than one mentioned in subsection (8)(a) above.

(8B) In subsections (8) and (8A) above "*journey*" means a journey on one public service vehicle (in one direction); and for this purpose "*public service vehicle*" has the meaning given by [section 1](#) of the [Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981](#).

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[...] [10](#)

[...] [11](#)

Notes

1. Words repealed by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [Sch.3 para.1](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
2. Substituted by Transport Act 2000 c. 38 [Pt II s.151\(8\)](#) (April 1, 2001 subject to transitional provisions specified in SI 2000/3229 art.4)
3. S.242(1)(b) and (c) substituted for s.242(1)(b) by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.6\(2\)\(b\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
4. Added by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.6\(3\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
5. Words substituted by Transport Act 2000 c. 38 [Pt II s.151\(9\)](#) (April 1, 2001 subject to transitional provisions specified in SI 2000/3229 art.4)
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243.— Requirements as to uniformity.

(1) Arrangements under [section 240\(1\)](#) above for travel concessions [...] ¹
meet the requirements of this section as to uniformity if they—

(a) make the same provision, for all eligible London residents of the same category, with respect to the benefit of any travel concession granted to those residents under the arrangements and the periods during which it is available;

(b) make the enjoyment of the benefit of any travel concession granted under the arrangements conditional on the production, by any person seeking to travel under that concession, of a travel concession permit [...] ²
; and

[(i) issued to the person in accordance with the arrangements by the London authority in whose area the person has his sole or principal residence (in the case of an eligible London resident), or

(ii) issued to the person pursuant to [section 145A\(4\)](#) of the [Transport Act 2000](#) (in the case of any other eligible England resident).

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(c) make the same provision with respect to the period of validity of all travel concession permits issued in accordance with the arrangements to eligible London residents of the same category,

whether or not, in any other respects, the arrangements make different provision for different cases to which they apply.

(2) References in subsection (1) above to the benefit of a travel concession are references to the waiver or reduction of any fare or charge to which the arrangements in question apply, as distinct from any terms, limitations or conditions applicable to that waiver or reduction in accordance with the arrangements.

(3) For the requirements of this section as to uniformity to be met it is sufficient that those requirements are met in relation to each description of services comprising the London Local Transport Network individually.

(4) The reference in subsection (3) above to a description of services is a reference to the descriptions mentioned in [paragraphs \(a\) to \(e\) of section 242\(3\)](#) above.

(5) In this Chapter "*travel concession permit*" means , in relation to a travel concession granted under or by virtue of this Chapter, a [permit in any form (subject to any regulations under subsection (7) below)] ³

indicating that the person to whom it is issued is a person entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter to receive the concession in question .

[(6) No charge may be made for the issue to an eligible London resident of a travel concession permit relating to the travel concession specified in [[section 242\(8\) and \(8A\)](#)] ⁵

above.

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[(7) Subject to subsection (1)(c) above, the Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the form and period of validity of travel concession permits issued by a London authority relating to the travel concession specified in [section 242\(8\) and \(8A\)](#) above.

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Notes

1. Words repealed by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [Sch.3 para.1](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
2. S.243(1)(b)(i) and (ii) substituted for words by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.7\(2\)\(b\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
3. Words substituted by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.7\(3\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))
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6. Added by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [s.7\(5\)](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))

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244.— Exercise of functions by a joint committee.

(1) If all the London authorities enter into arrangements under [section 101\(5\)](#) of the [Local Government Act 1972](#) for the joint discharge of their functions under—

(a) [subsection \(1\) of section 240](#) above, or

(b) [subsection \(2\)](#) of that section, [or] ¹

[

(c) [sections 148 to 150](#) of the [Transport Act 2000](#) (enforcement and reimbursement of mandatory concession for journeys not beginning on the London bus network),

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and the arrangements so provide, then this section shall apply.

(2) The arrangements shall have effect for such period as may be specified in the arrangements or until otherwise terminated by the unanimous decision of the London authorities.

(3) The arrangements must provide for the function to be discharged only by a joint committee under [section 101\(5\)\(a\)](#) of the [Local Government Act 1972](#).

(4) The joint committee must consist of one member of each London authority.

(5) Decisions of the joint committee must be unanimous decisions of those present and voting.

(6) Subsection (5) above is subject to a resolution of the joint committee, passed unanimously by those present and voting, that—

(a) decisions of a kind specified in the resolution, or

(b) decisions generally,

may be made by such majority of those present and voting as may be specified in the resolution.

(7) The majority specified in a resolution under subsection (6) above must be not less than two-thirds of the members of the joint committee.

(8) In consequence of the preceding provisions of this section—

(a) [section 102](#) of the [Local Government Act 1972](#) (appointment of committees) has effect in relation to the joint committee subject to those provisions; and

(b) [paragraph 39\(1\) of Schedule 12](#) to that Act (questions to be decided by simple majority), as applied to a joint committee by [paragraph 44\(1\)](#) of that Schedule, does not have effect in relation to the joint committee.

Notes

- [1](#). Added by Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 c. 13 [Sch.2 para.8](#) (October 17, 2007 for purposes specified in SI 2007/2799 art.2; April 1, 2008 otherwise, subject to transitional provisions as specified in SI 2007/2799 art.4(1))

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