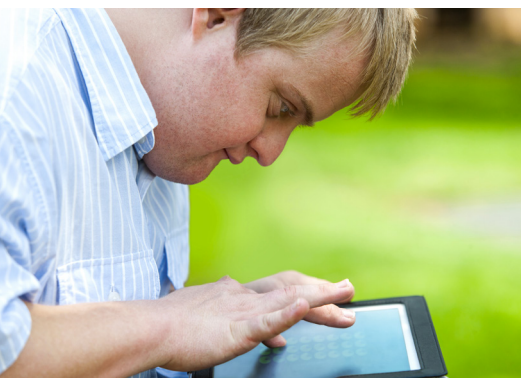


Disabled Person's and Blind Person's Travel Pass



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Travel Passes for Disabled and Blind People

If you are a West Yorkshire resident and have a disability, you may be able to get a Blind or Disabled Person's Travel Pass.



Disabled Person's Pass

You are entitled to a Disabled Person's Pass if you live in West Yorkshire and you are:

- Partially sighted.
- Profoundly or severely deaf.
- Without speech.
- Someone who has a disability or injury, which has substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to walk.
- Someone who does not have arms, or has a long-term loss of the use of both arms.
- Someone who has a learning disability which includes significant impairment of intelligence and social functioning.
- Someone who has been, or would be refused a driving license on certain medical grounds (other than because of the misuse of alcohol or drugs).

Mental health problems are not a qualifying disability. However if mental health problems are so severe that you would be refused a driving licence, then you may be able to apply under that category.

Blind Person's Pass

You are entitled to a Blind Person's Pass if you live in West Yorkshire and you are registered, or entitled to be registered, as blind (severely sight impaired).

Evidence of Your Disability

You may qualify for a Blind or Disabled Person's Pass if you receive any of the following:

- Blue Badge (Disabled Person's Parking Permit) issued by your local council
- Higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP) with an award of at least 8 points for 'Moving Around' or 'Communicating Verbally' activities
- War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS)
- Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) award Tariff Level 1-8

You need to be awarded these benefits for at least 12 months and you need to provide your Blue Badge serial number or a copy of your full benefits award letter as proof.

If you are not in receipt of any of the benefits detailed above, you will need to provide other evidence of your disability. For more information on what evidence is required, visit Tickets and Passes at wymetro.com



Companion Pass

If you qualify for a Blind or Disabled Person's Pass **and** you are unable to travel alone, you may be entitled to a Companion Pass.

A Companion Pass entitles you and a companion to free off-peak travel on local bus services when you travel within West Yorkshire, and for journeys which start in West Yorkshire. You can also use your Companion Pass to travel on return cross-boundary journeys to York, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire the East Riding of Yorkshire and Hull. For return travel to areas not listed, the companion will be required to pay the fare to return to West Yorkshire. For example, your companion can travel free between Leeds and Manchester, but will be required to pay for the return journey from Manchester to West Yorkshire.

Companions are not entitled to free travel for journeys made wholly outside West Yorkshire. This means, for example, your companion can travel free between Leeds and York, but not on local journeys within York.

Your companion does not need to be the same person for every journey, but your companion cannot use the Pass when travelling without you.

You may qualify for a Companion Pass if you are unable to travel alone and:

- Have or are eligible for a Blind Person's Pass
- or if you**
- Have or are eligible for a Disabled Person's Pass **and** are in receipt of one of the following benefits:
 - Higher rate care disability living allowance
 - Higher rate attendance allowance
 - PIP - enhanced rate daily living
 - PIP – at least 10 points on the 'Planning and following a journey' activity

You need to be awarded these benefits for at least 12 months and you need to provide a copy of your full benefits award letter as proof.

Blind and Disabled Person's Travel Pass Benefits

For bus travel

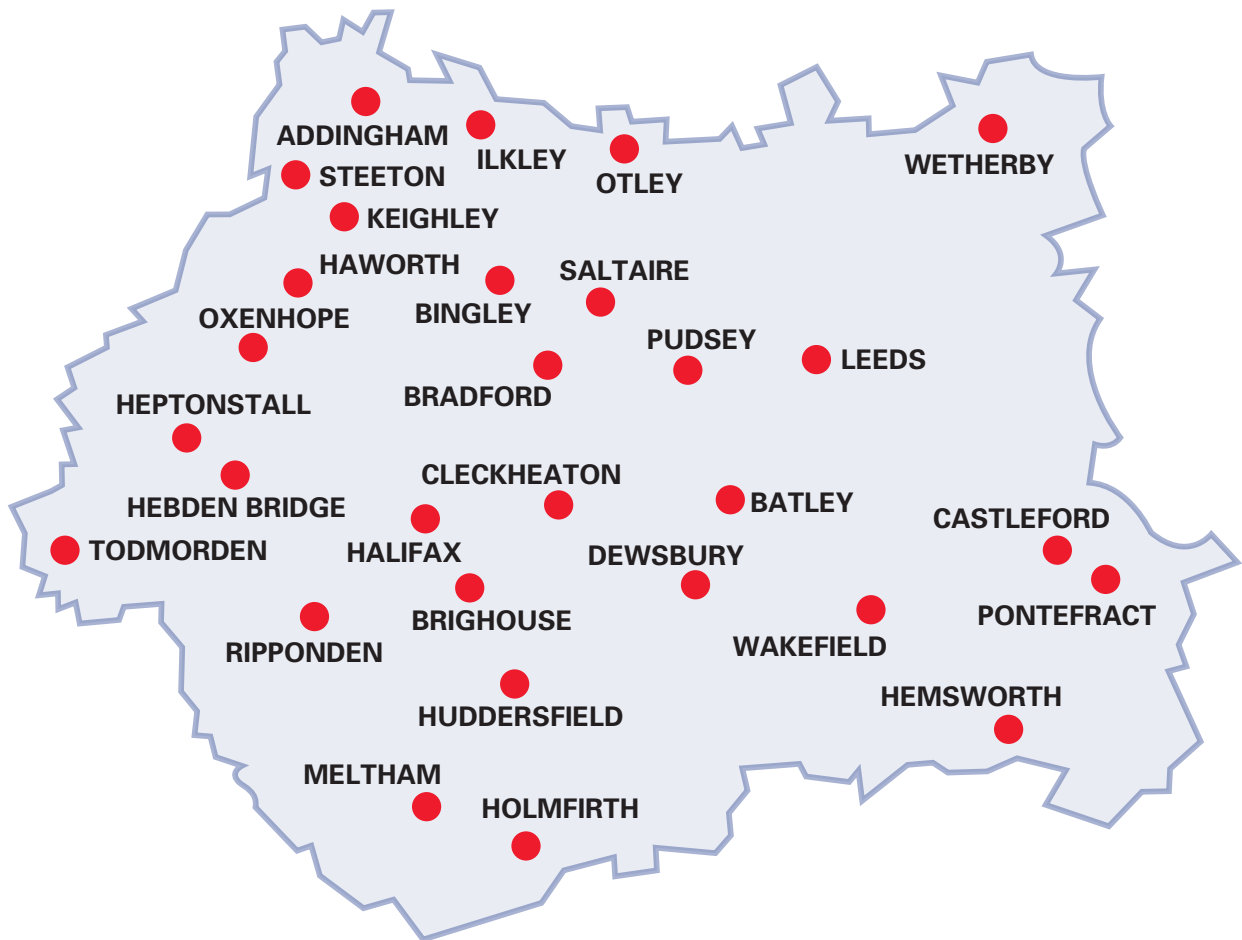
The Disabled Person's Pass entitles you to free off-peak travel on local bus services in West Yorkshire from 0930 to midnight, Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays. You can also travel free on local bus services throughout England between 0930 and 2300, Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays.

The Blind Person's Pass entitles you to free travel on local bus services at any time of day in West Yorkshire. You can travel on local bus services throughout England between 0930 and 2300, Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on public holidays.

Blind and Disabled Person's Travel Passes do not entitle you to free travel on certain special services, excursions, tours, private hire vehicles, school and works contract services and certain express bus services.

For further information on what bus services your Pass is valid on please contact MetroLine on **0113 245 7676** or visit **wymetro.com**

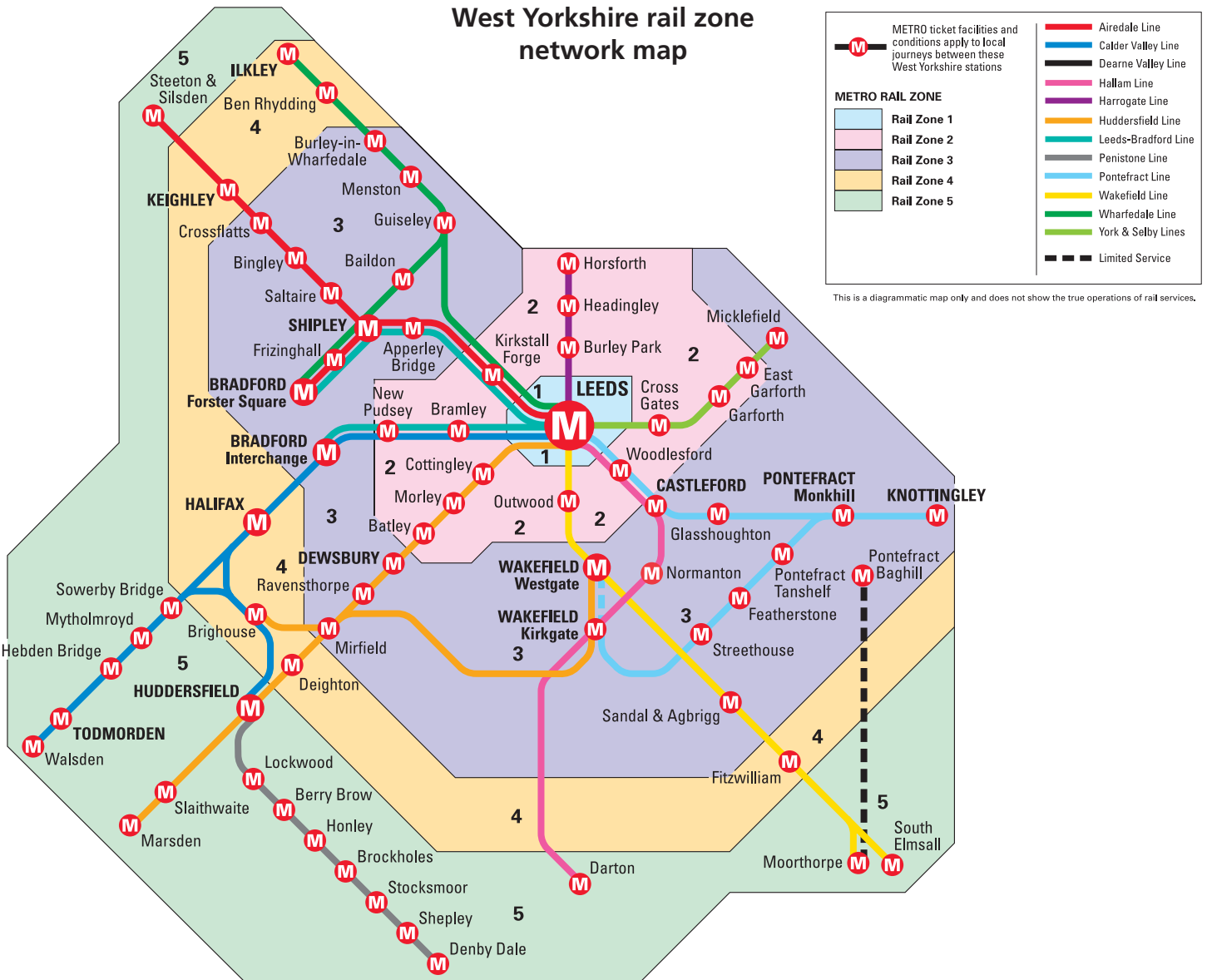
West Yorkshire boundary map



For train travel

The Disabled Person's Pass entitles you to half-fare off peak train travel within West Yorkshire. Off peak train travel is Monday to Friday after 0930 until 1600, then from 1830 and all day on weekends and public holidays. If you are travelling by train during the weekday evening peak - 1601 to 1829 - you will need to buy an Anytime Day Single or Anytime Day Return ticket.

Blind Person's Pass holders are entitled to free train travel at all times in West Yorkshire.



Cross boundary train travel

If you want to travel to or from stations outside West Yorkshire by train, you must pay the additional fare at the start of the journey. This will normally be the full adult fare for the non-West Yorkshire section of your journey. If you do not you may be charged the full adult fare for the entire journey.

Please note that fares may be combined only to and from a station at which your train makes a scheduled stop.

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Applying for or renewing your Blind or Disabled Person's Pass

You can apply or renew online at wymetro.com

If you are not able to apply online, contact your local council for information about other ways to apply. For more information visit wymetro.com or your local council's website:

Bradford District	bradford.gov.uk
Calderdale District	calderdale.gov.uk
Kirklees District	kirklees.gov.uk
Leeds District	leeds.gov.uk
Wakefield District	wakefield.gov.uk

After you have applied

Your local council will assess your application, and if it is approved, your new Pass will be posted to your home address. Please allow 7-10 working days for delivery to your home address from the approval date of your application.

If you are renewing a Pass, you can re-apply up to 90 days before your current Pass expires.

Lost Passes

There is a £5 fee for replacing a lost Disabled Person's Pass. There is no charge for replacing a Blind Person's Pass.

You can order replacement Passes online at wymetro.com or by visiting a Bus Station Travel Centre. To order a replacement at a Travel Centre, you will need to take proof of your identity e.g. your birth certificate, passport or driving licence.

Stolen Passes

If your Pass has been stolen, report it to the Police and they will give you a Crime Reference Number. You can order a replacement Pass at a Bus Station Travel Centre free of charge if you provide your Crime Reference Number. There is a £5 fee to replace a stolen Pass online.

Damaged Passes

It is your responsibility to ensure that your Pass is in good condition so that it can be scanned by bus ticket machines and rail station gates. If you can no longer be identified by the photograph because your appearance has changed or the photograph is damaged, then you must order a replacement Pass.

Terms and Conditions

Please visit wymetro.com for terms and conditions.

Passes must be returned to The West Yorkshire Combined Authority if no longer required.

If you move out of West Yorkshire you must return your Pass to The Combined Authority when you have applied for and received a Pass from your local council.

The Combined Authority reserves the right to alter conditions and concessions at any time.

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