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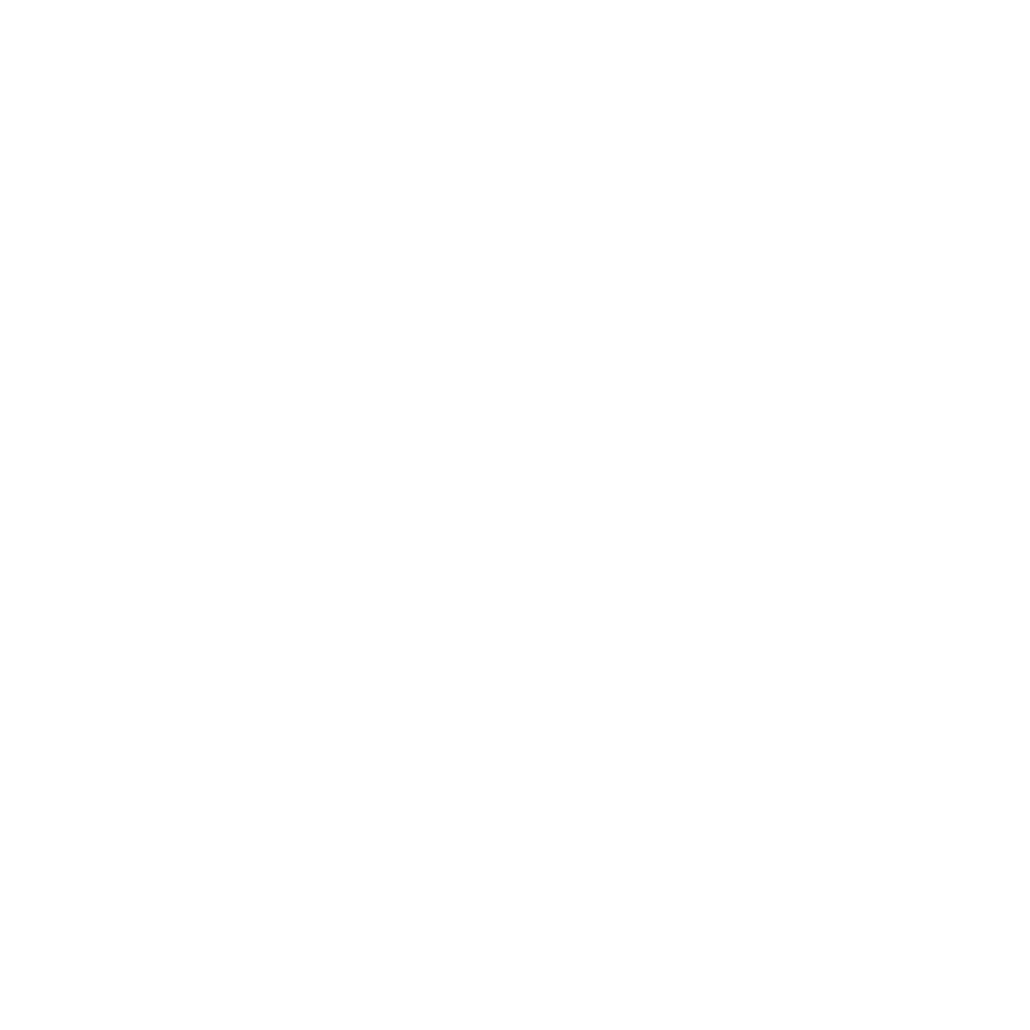
Consultation on free bus travel for people resident in Scotland aged under 19

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| Free bus travel for people resident in Scotland aged under 19 Consultation Easy Read  What is this easy read about? | |
| scottish-government-logo-small - The Wise Group | Transport Scotland wants to launch a new transport scheme  Transport Scotland is a part of the Scottish Government |
| Bus  Teens Posing 4 | The new transport scheme would give everyone under the age of 19 years old free bus travel |
| Teens Posing 4  Free (Money) | This means young people would not need to pay any money to go on the bus |
| Rules Yes 5A | The consultation says why the Scottish Government want to do it and how it might work |
| Improve | The consultation is trying to find out what people think so they can make the ideas better |
| Questions 2 | There are questions at the end of the easy read you can answer |
| List 3 | The first part of this read explains some things about the consultation |
| Questions 2 | The second part gives you the questions to answer |
| How can I send my answers back? | |
| Email Write | You can e-mail your answers to  [Under19Consultation@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Under19Consultation@transport.gov.scot) |
| Envelope write | You can post your answers to  Under 19 Consultation  Bus, Accessibility and Active Travel  Transport Scotland  Buchanan House  58 Port Dundas Road  Glasgow  G4 0HF |
| Website Link | You can use the consultation hub which can be found at  <https://consult.gov.scot/transport-scotland/consultation-free-bus-travel-for-people-under19> |
| Closed 1Date Dec 7 | You can send your answers back until the consultation closes on 7th December |
| Why do the Scottish Government want to make bus travel free for under 19s? | |
|  | This idea is part of Scotland’s national strategy for transport. |
| Plan-1 | A strategy is a big plan with lots of things to do |
| Personal Budget | They want transport to be affordable |
| Personal Budget | This means people should be able to pay for transport without it costing too much |
| Reasonable Adjustments | They want transport to be accessible |
| Reasonable Adjustments | This means transport should be able to be used by as many people as possible |
| Personal Budget | This will help people who do not have lots of money |
| Teens Posing 4  Free (Money) | They want to make bus travel free for people under 19 years old |
| Tell route | This will make it easier for them to travel if they go to college or university |
| Office Work | This will make it easier for them to travel if they have a job |
| Badminton 1 | This will make it easier to do to fun things like playing sport |
| Bus Travel | If people use the bus when they are younger they might use it more when they are older |
| Car | They hope it means people might use the bus instead of a car |
| Pollution Traffic | This would be good for the environment and make the air cleaner |
| Who would be able to use the free bus travel? | |
| Teens Posing 4 | There are 770,000 people under 19 years old who would be able to use the bus for free |
| Delilah harriet 1 | Children under the age of 5 years old are already able to use the bus for free |
| How would the free bus travel work? | |
| Bus pass | They want the scheme to work like free buses do for older and disabled people |
|  | Young people would get a smart card to let them use the bus for free |
|  | This is a special type of card that can have information and data on it |
| Data Analysis | Using smart cards means we can count how many people use the free bus travel scheme |
| Mother Child Forms | A parent or guardian might need to say it is ok for younger children to get a smart card |
| Bus | A company or organisation that controls how the buses work is called a bus operator |
| Bus ticket | Bus operators will have to get money for all the young people that use the scheme |
| What about the pandemic? | |
| Coronavirus 2  Bus | The coronavirus has meant less people are using the bus |
| Year 2021 | The free bus travel scheme should still happen in 2021 |
| Coronavirus 2 | The pandemic might mean changes in how free bus travel scheme works |
| What difference will free bus travel for young people? make | |
| scottish-government-logo-small - The Wise Group | The Scottish Government want to know if free bus travel for young people makes things better for people |
| Reasonable Adjustments | They want free bus travel for young people to make Scotland fairer and more equal |
| Reasonable Adjustments | There are certain things about people that we protect to stop them being treated unfairly |
| Reasonable Adjustments | We call these things protected characteristics. There are 9 of them. |
| Bus Travel | Age is a protected characteristic |
| Access Ramp | Disability is a protected characteristic |
| Reasonable Adjustments | They want free bus travel to make things better for people with protected characteristics |
| What are the questions that Transport Scotland are asking? | |
| Questions 2 | This is the part of the easy read with the questions to answer |
| Questions 2 | You do not have to answer all of the questions. You can answer just the ones you want to |
| **1.**  Do you think extending national concessionary travel to include free bus travel for under 19s in Scotland will contribute towards our objectives to increase opportunities and reduce inequalities?   * Yes * No   Please Explain | |
| Reasonable Adjustments | This question is asking if free bus travel for young people will make it easier for people who have problems using transport |
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| **2.**  Do you think there are any disadvantages to introducing free bus travel for under 19s in Scotland?  Yes  No  If yes, please explain | |
| Michelle 8 | This question is asking if free bus travel for young people would mean any bad things |
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| **3.**  Should a smart card, such as the widely used Young Scot card, be used to establish eligibility for free bus access?   * Yes * No   Please explain | |
|  | This question is asking if young people should need to use a smart card for free bus travel |
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| 4. | Should children under a certain age need to have their application for a travel card approved by a parent or guardian?   * Yes * No   Please explain |
| Mother Child Forms | This question is asking if a parent or guardian would need to say it is ok before a young person can go on the bus for free |
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| 5. | If you answered ‘yes’ to question 4, at what age should parental or guardian approval be required? |
| Mother Child Forms | If you said yes what age should a young person be when they still need to ask their parent to get free bus travel? |
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| 6 | Are there any likely impacts the proposals contained within this Consultation may have on particular groups of people, with reference to the ‘protected characteristics’ listed above? Please be as specific as possible. |
| Reasonable Adjustments | Protected characteristics include things like age and disability. Do you think free bus travel under 19s will make a difference to these people? |
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| 7.  Do you think the proposals contained within this Consultation may have any additional implications on the rights, wellbeing and safety of children and young people that is not picked up above? | |
| Teens Posing 4 | This question is asking if it will make any differences to young people being safe and well |
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| 8. | Do you think the proposals contained in this Consultation are likely to increase or reduce the costs and burdens for bus companies, public bodies, third sector organisations or businesses? Please be as specific as possible. |
| Bus | This is about whether it will make it cost more money and be more difficult for bus companies |
| **9.**  Are there any other issues you wish to raise which are not covered in the points or questions above? | |
| Advocacy Self 1 | This question means you can write down anything else you think is important |
| **What information does the Scottish Government need about you?** | |
| Form Fill Out | You need to fill in some information when you send back your answers |
| Website Link | You can click here to find out how they keep your information private  <https://beta.gov.scot/privacy/> |
| Any Other BusinessClipboard Good | Are you answering these questions as an individual person or are you representing an organisation?  Tick the box that best suits you.  **Individual**  **Organisation** |
| Any Other Business | You should tick organisation if you are filling in the form for another group that you work with |
|  | What is your phone number? |
| Phone number friend |  |
|  | What is your e-mail address? |
| What is your email address?  Write it in here: |  |
|  | What is your postal address? |
| Address Post Code |  |
|  | The Scottish Government would like to know something about. So they know how the change will impact on you. Tick the box that describes you |
| Tick Yes | I am under 19 years old  I am the parent or carer of someone under 19 years old  I work or volunteer with people under 19 years old. This could be like a teacher or social worker |
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| The Scottish Government would like to know how often you normally use buses. They mean how much you used buses before the pandemic.  Tick a box to say how much you use buses | |
| Tick Yes | I use buses every week  I use buses around once a month  I use buses once or twice a year  I never use buses |
| The Scottish Government would like to show your name and your answers.  Tick a box to say what you want | |
| Form Print Name | Show my name and my answers |
| Form Print Name | Show my answers but not my name |
|  | Do not show my answers or my name |
| The Scottish Government might like to contact you to ask you some other questions about this. Would this be ok? | |
| Tick Yes | Yes |
|  | No |





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