



YOUNG PERSON'S NATIONAL ENTITLEMENT CARD (NEC) APPLICATION GUIDANCE

The Young Persons National Entitlement Card (NEC), also known as the **Young Scot card**, is available free of charge to everyone aged 11-25 living in Scotland. Cardholders under 22 can access free bus travel across Scotland (under 16s must have parental permission).

The card also provides young people with a proof of age card and discounts in stores and online. At age 16-18 years, young people get 4 free ferry vouchers per year.

Complete the attached form and return to your local council offices or to the address below (local validation points):

Young Scot Western Isles
c/o Comhairle nan Eilean Siar
Sandwick Road, Stornoway,
Isle of Lewis, HS2 OAG

Applications can also be made online at: getyournec.scot

For any queries please contact Community Learning and Development (CLD):
youngscot@cne-siar.gov.uk

If you attend school you do not need to provide proof of person, photograph or residence. Take your completed form, with photograph attached, to the school office and ask for it to be checked and stamped, then return to address above.

If you do not attend school we will need to see proof of ID – a list of the acceptable proof can be found overleaf.

DISCOUNTS

Local discounts include:
10% off at the Co-op

£1 discount at Back & Sides Barber Stornoway

10% off studio services or hire (excl. lessons) at Wee Studio

10% off footwear & clothing at Lewis Crofters

& there are many more discounts available at young.scot

WHY GET A YOUNG SCOT NEC?

FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR UNDER 22s

Young Scot cardholders can travel free on buses across Scotland (under 16s require parental permission).

REWARDS

Sign up for Young Scot Rewards and use your reward points to enter competitions on young.scot or save up for rewards.

INFORMATION

The Young Scot website is chock full of reliable, verified information on everything from moving schools to mental health: young.scot

PROOF OF AGE

The Young Scot NEC is a National Entitlement Card. This means the card is recognised across Scotland as proof of age - really useful for young people travelling by plane with Loganair or buying tickets for the HebCelt festival.



NATIONAL ENTITLEMENT CARD: ACCEPTABLE PROOFS

Proof of person, proof of photograph and proof of residence are all required to be verified at your local validation point.

All proofs provided must be originals.

These documents are acceptable as **proof of person**:

Birth Certificate, Current Passport, Photo Driving Licence, PASS Hologrammed Card

These documents (current or within last three months) are acceptable as **proof of residence**:

Letter from College/University, Driving licence, Utility bill, Bank Statement

These documents are acceptable as **proof of photograph**:

Current Passport, Photo Driving Licence, PASS Hologrammed Card

If you do not have one of the above photo verification proofs then please provide details for Photo Referee in the application form.

Example of acceptable Photo Referees (must work or have worked in one of the listed professions):

Accountant, Councillor, Dentist, Manager, Minister of religion, Social worker, Teacher

Photographs included with applications must be of passport quality and standard, which means the photograph must be:

- Passport photo sized – 45mm x 35mm
- Recent and resemble the applicant
- Be in colour, be clear and in sharp focus, with a clear difference between the applicant's face and the background
- Be taken with eyes open and clearly visible (no sunglasses or tinted glasses and no hair across the eyes)
- Show the applicant's full head, without any head covering, unless this is worn for religious beliefs or medical reasons
- Be taken with nothing covering the face
- Be a close-up of head and shoulders
- Have no filters applied

