

Access to Midlothian

Guidance Notes

The Access to Midlothian Card can be used to gain free or concessionary rate access to a range of Midlothian Council Sport & Leisure facilities and activities including:

- Swimming
- Gym
- Exercise classes
- Bowling

Midlothian Snowsports Centre is not included in the Access to Midlothian Card scheme.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants in receipt of the following would qualify for free access:

• Personal Independence Payment (PIP) at the enhanced rate for *both* the Daily Living *and* Mobility Component.

OR

• Employment & Support Allowance (ESA) at the severe rate *and* PIP at the enhanced rate for the Mobility Component.

OR

• Attendance Allowance at the higher rate

OR

 Adult Disability Payment (ADP) at the enhanced rate for *both* the Daily Living *and* Mobility Component.

OR

• Child Disability Payment (CDP) at the middle or highest rate for the Care component *and* at the lower or higher rate for the Mobility component.

Applicants in receipt of any of the payments at a lower rate than detailed above may qualify for concessionary rate access.

Non-Midlothian Council residents may qualify for concessionary rate access if in receipt of enhanced award payments as detailed above.



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Applicants in the following categories would qualify for concessionary rate access:

- Income Support/Universal Credit
- Standard Employment & Support Allowance
- Job Seekers Allowance
- Working Tax Credit
- War Widows/Bereavement Allowance

Applicants must include proof of eligibility at the time of application to qualify for an Access to Midlothian Card.

This can be a *copy* of a letter or email of award or acceptance which shows they are in one of the qualifying categories for either free or concessionary rate access.

The proof provided must show an applicant's home address otherwise additional proof of address must be provided by including a copy of a utility bill etc.

Please do not send original letters of award as they will not be returned.

Completed applications, including **copies** of proof of eligibility should be returned to:

Sport & Leisure Services Midlothian Council Fairfield House 8 Lothian Road Dalkeith EH22 3AA Or by email to <u>SLAccessCard@midlothian.gov.uk</u> If you require support in c<u>ompleting your application, please contact;</u>

07824 529 015 or <u>SLAccessCard@midlothian.gov.uk</u>