

Veterans' Concessionary Travel Scheme for London (VCTS). This scheme has appeared before in the ABN newsletters, but the significance may well have been missed by many. It is not often the Mayor of London does something so tangible and meaningful.

The scheme is run by Transport for London (TfL) to enable veterans who are in receipt of an ongoing war disablement pension, or a guaranteed income payment under the War Pensions Scheme or Armed Forces Compensation Scheme. This gives you FREE TRAVEL AT ALL TIMES on TfL Bus, Tube, Tram DLR, London Overground and also on a limited number of Nation Rail services, and on National Rail services in Greater London EXCEPT between 0430-0930 hrs Mon-Fri, excluding public holidays).

You cannot apply on line, but you can get more information on www.tfl.gov.uk/veterans . You will be invited to call them on 0845 331 9872 (0900-1700 hrs Mon-Fri) and check eligibility. If they are happy, they will send you the necessary documentation for application. All you need to apply is:

- a recent passport type photo
- a COPY of your Awards Notification or latest Annual Up-rating letter from the Service Personnel and Veterans' Agency
- a completed application form

In return, you will receive a VCTS Oystercard with an expiry date...currently some time in 2012. Even for occasional visitors to London, it is well worth applying for this concession; you can save a great deal of cash! If you are a London resident living in a London Borough, you apply for a Freedom Pass...see the tfl web site again.