

Benefits of registration – hearing impaired

Below is a summary of the main benefits of registration for Hard of Hearing, Deaf with Speech and Deaf without Speech.

1. **Travel Concessions** - you may be eligible for concessionary travel if you are registered profoundly or severely deaf, or without speech. To find out more, contact 0345 6789 088 or visit <http://shropshire.gov.uk/concessionary-travel-scheme/>
2. **Disabled Person's Rail Card** - entitles you to 1/3 off most rail fares throughout the UK. If you are travelling with an adult companion, they are also eligible for the same discount.
The card is available to those who are registered with a hearing impairment or use a hearing aid. The document necessary to prove entitlement is a copy of the front page of your NHS battery book or a copy of your dispensing prescription from a private hearing aid supplier. To apply contact 03456 050 525 or visit www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk
3. **Welfare Benefits** - If you are registered with a hearing impairment, you may be entitled to certain financial benefits. To find out more, contact 0345 6789 002 or visit <https://shropshire.gov.uk/benefits/>
4. **VAT Exemption** – If you are registered with a hearing impairment, you may be eligible to purchase products and services without paying VAT on them, if they are related to your hearing loss. To get an eligibility declaration form or for more guidance, call HMRC on 0300 200 3700 or visit <https://www.gov.uk/financial-help-disabled/vat-relief>
5. **Theatre Severn (Shrewsbury)** - If you are registered with a hearing impairment, you may be entitled to receive 50% discount off full price tickets. Access performances are available on selected productions. To find out more, contact 01743 281 281 or visit <http://www.theatresevern.co.uk/your-visit/bookinginfo/>
6. **Statistics** - Registering helps with planning, financial predictions, and development of both national and Local Authority services.

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