

Patient information factsheet

Discount cards for families of children with additional needs and foster families

If your child has a disability and/or additional needs, or if you are fostering a child, you may be eligible for a discount card to help make days out more affordable. This factsheet contains information about the discount cards available in your local area.

Discount cards in your local area

The table below contains information about the discount cards available in your local area:

Local authority	Discount cards
Southampton City Council (Southampton)	<p>Southampton Max Card</p> <p>The Southampton Max Card is available to any child or young person registered on the Buzz Network. If your child is not a member of the Buzz Network and you would like more information, please visit: sid.southampton.gov.uk/kb5/southampton/directory/service.page?id=0ovhp5ztIRo</p> <p>You are eligible to join the Buzz Network if your child or young person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is between 0 and 18 years old • lives at a Southampton address • has special educational needs and/or a disability (including cystic fibrosis) <p>For more information, please visit: sid.southampton.gov.uk/kb5/southampton/directory/advice.page?id=0hIPQQzxo5w</p>
Hampshire County Council (Portsmouth)	<p>No discount card currently available (correct as of November 2021).</p>

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<p>Hampshire County Council (Basingstoke and Winchester)</p>	<p>Gateway Card and Gateway Card+ The Gateway Card and Gateway Card+ are for children and young people who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a disability and/or additional needs (supporting evidence needed) • need support to take part in leisure activities • are between 0 and 17 years old • live in the Hampshire County Council authority area (excludes Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight, and neighbouring authorities) <p>For more information, please visit: www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/specialneeds/shortbreaks/gatewaycard</p>
<p>Isle of Wight Council (Isle of Wight)</p>	<p>Short Breaks membership card Short Breaks is a statutory service funded through children's services. It aims to increase activity opportunities for children and young people with disabilities. It provides a break for parents and carers while their child takes part in a safe, fun and enjoyable activity.</p> <p>You are eligible to receive Short Breaks if your child or young person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is between 0 and 18 years old • has a disability and/or additional needs and may need support to participate in leisure and recreational activities • lives on the Isle of Wight and/or attends school on the Isle of Wight <p>For more information, please visit: www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/care-and-Support/Short-Breaks</p>
<p>Dorset Council (Dorchester and Poole)</p>	<p>Dorset Max Card The Dorset Max Card is for children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with special educational needs and/or a disability • who live in the Dorset Council area <p>For more information, please visit: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/sen-and-disability-local-offer/activities-the-local-offer/xchange/dorset-max-card</p>
<p>Wiltshire Council (Swindon)</p>	<p>No discount card currently available (correct as of November 2021).</p>

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Somerset County Council (Yeovil)	Somerset Max Card The Somerset Max Card is available to any family with a child or young person: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• with a disability or additional need• who is between 0 and 25 years old• who lives in Somerset To apply for a Somerset Max Card, please phone the community inclusion and activity team on 01823 358117 . For more information, please visit: choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/preparing-for-adult-life/finding-things-to-do-in-your-spare-time/somerset-max-card

Max Card

A Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for foster families and families of children with additional needs. Families can use their Max Card at attractions and venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission. For more information about Max Card, including where it can be used, please visit their website: **www.mymaxcard.co.uk**

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