



Department of Social and Family Affairs

Free LUAS Travel Is Just The Ticket – Mary Coughlan Minister For Social And Family Affairs

Over 600,000 free travel passholders will be entitled to use LUAS services free of charge at all times, without restriction, Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Coughlan TD, announced today.

“Passholders will be entitled to travel on the LUAS without any time restriction under the terms of a deal brokered between LUAS and my Department,” said Minister Coughlan.

“The extension of this scheme to the LUAS will be of great benefit to passholders – it’s just the ticket,” added Minister Coughlan.

Free Travel is one of a package of household schemes provided by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. The free travel scheme is funded by the taxpayer and will cost approximately €52m in 2004. This covers CIE services and about 80 private operator services around the country, and now LUAS.

In addition to the passholder themselves, accompanying spouses are also entitled to travel free where clients have the appropriate pass. Companions accompanying passholders can travel free where clients have special ‘companion’ passes.

Passholders do not need to get a ticket for LUAS but must produce their pass on the tram if requested to do so by a LUAS Customer Service Officer or Inspector. Inspectors are entitled to check to make sure that the pass is valid and may seek supporting documentation and/or check with the Department to make sure the pass is being used by the correct person.

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