

GENERAL RULES FOR CONCESSION

The detailed rules, procedures, entitlement, purposes, etc for grant of concession are contained under different serial numbers in IRCA Coaching Tariff, Part I (Vol. II) which can be purchased from the General Secretary, I.R.C.A., Chelmsford Road, New Delhi. For any complaints or clarifications, the General Manager or the Chief Commercial Superintendent of the concerned Zonal Railway Administration should be approached. The important general rules for concession, in reference to the above mentioned Tariff, are as under:

1. (a) All concessional fares shall be calculated on the basis of fares for Mail/Express trains irrespective of the type of train, i.e. Mail or Express or Passenger, by which the passenger travels.

(b) Concession shall not be granted for any journey the cost of which is borne by the Central or State Government or a local authority or a Statutory body or a Corporation or a Government Undertaking or a University. However, the students participating in the tournaments held or recognized by the schools or universities will be eligible to the concession.

(c) Concession shall be admissible only in respect of basic fares. No concession is admissible in respect of other charges, viz. super fast surcharge, reservation fee, etc. However, in cases where concession has been allowed in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains, the concession shall be admissible in the total charges (including catering) of these trains.

Ministry of Railways have decided that “concession wherever admissible and child fare in the case of Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi/Duronto express trains may be granted only in the basic fare like other mail/express trains and all other charges (catering charges, reservation charges, supplementary charges like superfast surcharge, enhanced reservation charges, taxes (if any) shall be collected in full” these changes will come into force for tickets purchased for the journey from 01-04-2013. (vide railway board circular no.tcii/2941/11/policy dated 26.10.2012)

(d) The concessions will be admissible subject to the minimum distance of 300 Kms, except in the case of students, blind, orthopaedically handicapped/paraplegic persons, TB and Cancer patients, Kidney patients, non-infectious leprosy patients, mentally retarded persons, thalassamia major disease patients, Heart, Hemophilia Patients, War Widows, Widows of IPKF, Widows of martyrs of operation Vijay 1999 (Kargil), Widows of defence personnel killed in action against terrorists & extremists, National Awardee Teachers, Shram Awardee Industrial Workers, Widows of Policemen killed in action against terrorists & extremists, Senior Citizens, Allopathic Doctors, parents accompanying the National Bravery Awardee child, Police Medal Awardees, Dronacharya Awardees Coaches, Sportsmen, Unemployed Youths for attending interviews for jobs, and their escorts, wherever admissible under the rules, in whose case the above mentioned distance restriction will not apply. However, the distance

restrictions otherwise applicable to general public for travel in each individual train will apply for issue of concessional tickets also.

2. Only one type of concession is admissible at a time at the choice of passenger and no person is allowed two or more concessions simultaneously.

3. (a) Break of journey en-route shall not be allowed on a concession ticket for a journey for a specific purpose viz. a student travelling to/from an examination Centre, a Cancer patient travelling to/from a hospital, a professor travelling to/from a Conference, etc. It is allowed only where a break of journey is a natural event.

(b) Passengers breaking their journey are required to have their ticket endorsed from the Station Master where journey is broken.

(c) Passengers terminating journey en route, must surrender their ticket at the station where the journey is terminated. Refund for the untravelled portion on such tickets will not be allowed.

4. Except Senior Citizens, concession on Indian Railway will be admissible on production of the requisite certificate from the concerned Person/Organization in India and the documents issued by persons/organizations in other countries shall not be valid for the purpose of concession.

5. In the case of Senior citizens, no proof of age is required at the time of purchasing tickets. Concession tickets are issued on demand made through the option in reservation form. However, they are required to carry some documentary proof showing their age or date of birth and produce it if demanded by some Railway Official during the journey. Any document issued by any Government Institution/ Agency/Local Body, like Identity Card, Ration Card, Driving Licence, Pass Port, Educational certificate, certificate from Panchayat/Corporation/ Municipality, or any other authentic & recognized document, is acceptable for this purpose. The Pass Port issued by foreign countries is also valid.

6. The holder of a concession ticket is not permitted to change the ticket to a higher class even by paying the difference of actual fares. However, the categories of persons eligible for concession in first class (and not in AC 2-tier) can purchase tickets for AC 2-tier sleeper also on payment of the first class concessional fare plus difference of actual fares of AC 2-tier sleeper & first class.

7. Save as otherwise specifically provided, concession is not admissible in season tickets, circular journey tickets and prestigious trains like Rajdhani Express, Shatabdi Express, etc. which have separate all inclusive fare structure. Concession is admissible to any one in Garib Rath Express trains.

8. In case where concessional Single/Return Journey Tickets or Season tickets or Circular journey tickets are to be issued for two or more persons, the concessional fare shall be calculated separately for each person.

9. All the concessions are to be granted across the counters at Stations/ Reservation Offices/Booking Offices only. If some person enters the train without ticket or without proper ticket or extends journey on concession ticket or changes the concession to higher class, etc., he shall not be granted any concession in train, even if he is otherwise eligible for it under the rules.

Concession is admissible to the following categories of persons:-

S. No	CATEGORY OF PERSONS	PERCENTAGE ELEMENT OF CONCESSION
I	Disabled passengers	
1	Orthopaedically Handicapped/ Paraplegic persons alongwith an escort (cannot travel without escort) travelling for any purpose	-- 75% in 2nd class, SL, 1st class, 3AC, AC chair car -- 50% in 1AC and 2 AC
2	Blind persons travelling alone or with an escort for any purpose	-- 25% in 3AC & AC Chair Car of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains
3	Mentally retarded persons travelling with an escort for any purpose	-- 50% in MST & QST -- One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
4	Deaf & Dumb persons (both afflictions together in the same person) travelling alone or with an escort for any purpose.	-- 50% in 2nd class, SL, 1st class -- 50% in MST & QST -- One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
II	Patients	
5	Cancer patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodic check-up.	-- 75% in 2nd class, 1st class, AC chair car -- 100% in SL & 3AC -- 50% in 1AC & 2AC -- One escort eligible for same element of concession(except in SL and 3AC where escort gets 75%)
6	Thalassemia patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodic check-up	-- 75% in 2nd class, SL, 1st class, 3AC, AC chair car
7	Heart patients travelling alone or with an escort for heart surgery	-- 50% in 1AC & 2AC

8	Kidney patients travelling alone or with an escort for kidney transplant Operation/Dialysis	-- One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
9	Haemophilia Patients - severe & moderate form of disease - travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodical check up.	-- 75% in 2nd class, SL, 1st class, 3AC, AC chair car -- One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
10	T.B./Lupas Valgaris patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodic check-up	-- 75% in 2nd class, SL, 1st class -- One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
11	Non-infectious Leprosy patients - for treatment/periodic checkup.	
12	AIDS patients - for treatment/check-up at nominated ART Centres	-- 50% in 2nd class
13	Ostomy patients - travelling for any purpose.	-- 50% in MST & QST -- One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
14	Patients suffering from Aplastic Anaemia travelling for treatment/periodical check-up to recognized hospitals by Mail/Express Trains.	-- 50% in basic fares of SL, AC-2-tier, 3AC, AC chair car classes.
15	Patients suffering from Sickle Cell Anaemia travelling for treatment/periodical check-up to recognized hospitals by Mail/Express Trains.	-- 50% in basic fares of SL, AC-2-tier, 3AC, AC chair car classes.
III	Senior Citizens	
16	Men - 60 years and above Women - 58 years and above travelling for any purpose.	-- 40% in all classes -- 50% in all classes Also in Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/ Duronto trains
IV	Awardees	
17	Recipients of Presidents Police Medal for Distinguished Service and Indian Police Award for Meritorious services, after the age of 60 - travelling for any purpose.	-- 50% for men -- 60% for women in all classes and Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains also
18	Shram Awardees - Industrial Workers awarded the Prime Minister's Shram	-- 75% in 2nd and SL class

	Award for Productivity and Innovation - travelling for any purpose.	
19	National Awardee Teachers - honoured with National Award by the President of India for exemplary service in the field of education - travelling for any purpose.	-- 50% in 2nd and SL class
20	Either of parents accompanying the Child Recipients of National Bravery Award - travelling for any purpose.	-- 50% in 2nd and SL class
V	War Widows	
21	War Widows - travelling for any purpose.	-- 75% in 2nd and SL class
22	Widows of Policemen and Paramilitary personnel killed in action against Terrorists and Extremists - travelling for any purpose.	-- 75% in 2nd and SL class
23	Widows of I.P.K.F. Personnel killed in action in Sri Lanka - travelling for any purpose.	-- 75% in 2nd and SL class
24	Widows of defence personnel killed in action against terrorists & extremists Extremists - travelling for any purpose.	-- 75% in 2nd and SL class
25	Widows of Martyrs of Operation Vijay in Kargil in 1999 travelling for any purpose.	-- 75% in 2nd and SL class
VI	Students	
26	Students going to hometown and educational tours : - -- General Category - -- SC/ST Category - -- Girls upto Graduation and boys upto 12 th standard (including students of Madrasa) between home & school (MST)	-- 50% in 2nd and SL class -- 50% in MST and QST -- 75% in 2nd and SL class -- 75% in MST and QST -- Free second class MST
27	Students of Govt. schools in rural areas for study tour once in a year.	-- 75% in 2 nd class

28	Entrance exam - Girls of Govt. schools in rural areas for national level for medical, engineering, etc. entrance exam	-- 75% in 2 nd class
29	Concession to students appearing in main written examination conducted by UPSC & Central Staff Selection Commissions.	-- 50% in 2 nd class
30	Foreign students studying in India - travelling to attend camps/seminars organised by Govt. of India and also visit to places of historical & other importance during vacations.	-- 50% in 2 nd and SL class
31	Research scholars upto the age of 35 years - for journeys in connection with research work.	-- 50% in 2 nd and SL class
32	Students and non-students participating in Work Camps	-- 25% in 2 nd and SL class
33	Cadets and Marine Engineers apprentices undergoing Navigational/Engineering training for Mercantile Marine - for travel between home and training ship.	-- 50% in 2 nd and SL class
VII	Youths	
34	<p>Youths attending National Integration Camps of :-</p> <p>(a) National Youth Project</p> <p>(b) Manav Uththan Sewa Samiti</p>	<p>-- 50% in 2nd and SL class</p> <p>-- 40% in 2nd and SL class<</p>
35	<p>Unemployed youths :</p> <p>(i) To attend interview for job in Public Sector Organisations (i.e. Central/ State Govt offices, Statutory Bodies, Municipal Corporation, Govt Undertaking, University or Public Sector Body.)</p> <p>(ii) To attend interviews for jobs in Central & State Govt.</p>	<p>-- 50% in 2nd and SL class</p> <p>-- 100% in 2nd class</p> <p>-- 50% in SL class</p>

36	Bharat Scouts & Guides - for scouting duty.	-- 50% in 2 nd and SL class
VIII	Kisans	
37	Kisans and Industrial Labourers - for visit to agricultural/industrial exhibitions.	-- 25% in 2 nd and SL class
38	Kisans travelling by Govt. sponsored Special trains.	-- 33% in 2 nd and SL class
39	Kisans & Milk Producers - visit to National level Institutes for learning/raining better farming/ dairy	-- 50% in 2 nd and SL class
40	Delegates for attending Annual Conferences of : (i) Bharat Krishak Samaj and (ii) Sarvodaya Samaj, Wardha.	-- 50% in 2 nd and SL class
IX	Artists and Sportspersons	
41	Artistes - for performance.	-- 75% in 2nd class, SL class -- 50% in 1st & AC chair car, 3AC, 2AC -- 50% in of Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi AC Chair car, 3AC & 2AC trains
42	Film Technicians - Travelling for film production related work	-- 75% in SL class -- 50% in 1st & AC chair car, 3AC, 2AC including Rajdhani/Shatabdi
43	Sportsmen participating in : (i) All India and State tournaments (ii) National tournaments	-- 75% in 2nd and SL class -- 50% in 1st class -- 75% in 2nd, SL class -- 50% in 1st class
44	Persons taking part in Mountaineering Expeditions organised by IMF	-- 75% in 2nd and SL class -- 50% in 1st class
45	Press Correspondents accredited to Headquarters of Central & State Governments/Union Territories/ Districts - for press work. Spouse/Companion/Dependent children (upto 18 yrs)	-- 50% in all classes and in all inclusive fares of Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains. -- 50% concession twice every financial year.
X	Medical Professionals	

46	Doctors Allopathic - travelling for any purpose.	-- 10% in all classes and Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains
47	Nurses & Midwives - for leave and duty.	-- 25% in 2nd and SL class
XI	Others (Conference, Camps, Tours etc)	
48	Delegates for attending Annual Conferences certain All India bodies of social/cultural/educational importance.	-- 25% in 2nd and SL class
49	Bharat Sewa Dal, Bangalore - for attending camps/meetings/rallies/ trekking programmes.	-- 25% in 2nd and SL class
50	Volunteers of Service Civil International - for social service.	-- 25% in 2nd and SL class
51	Teachers of Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools - for educational tours.	-- 25% in 2nd and SL class
52	Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade and Relief Welfare Ambulance Corps, Calcutta - for ambulance camps/ competitions.	-- 25% in 2nd and SL class
XII	Izzat MST	
53	Izzat MST to persons with monthly income not exceeding 1500/-, working in unorganised sectors - for journeys upto maximum 100 Kms.	-- Rs. 25/-

* All concessions applicable in Basic Mail/Express fares, unless otherwise stated.