

Transferable A-V Equipment on Rail Replacement Coaches

Outline of Grant Scheme

Scheme level parameters

- Overall cap of £1.85 million
- Open for 6 months
- Reimburses the cost of purchased equipment (not paid in advance)

Includes

- Coach operators, with differentiated terms for operators recently providing RR
- Transferrable equipment that enables AIR compliance
- Peripheral equipment (e.g. screens and induction loops) sold alongside or to support transferrable equipment that enables AIR¹ compliance²

Excludes

- Buses
- Permanent refits, or equipment requiring wiring in
- Peripheral equipment (e.g. screens and induction loops) sold on it's own that is not to support equipment that enables AIR¹ compliance, or that are permanently fixed

Reimbursement rates

For operators that can demonstrate they have provided RR services in the last 12 months, limits will be set based on the highest number of vehicles they supplied on any given day:

- 75% of the cost to equip peak vehicles provided, or 5, whichever is greater
- Additional equipment at the same rate as operators not providing RR

For operators that cannot demonstrate providing RR services in the previous 12 months:

- 75% of the cost to equip 5 vehicles
- 50% of the cost to equip up to an additional 5 vehicles
- 25% of the cost to equip up to an additional 5 vehicles

Exclusions: All payments will be capped at a maximum of £2,000 per vehicle being equipped; Transferrable peripherals (such as screens, speakers, or portable induction loops) are ineligible unless they are capable of generating AIR compliant journey information themselves, or are supplied as part of or to support a complete system that does so.

¹ Public Service Vehicle Accessible Information Regulations 2023 (AIR): <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2023/9780348246872>

² For example, if you already own transferrable equipment that enables AIR compliance, or have purchased it from a different supplier, but need additional screens or portable induction loops to support it, this will likely qualify. If you are purchasing screens or induction loops, but have no way of generating journey information, or the equipment for generating journey information is permanently affixed to your coach, it likely will not qualify.