

Your wheelchair's size matters

Wheelchair accessibility regulations for access to public transport use a specific 'reference wheelchair'. The reference wheelchair has:

- total length of 1200mm, including extra-long footplates
- total width of 700mm
- sitting height (from ground to top of head) of 1350mm
- height of footrest above floor of 150mm

The reference wheelchair is bigger than most wheelchairs to ensure that enough room is provided for most wheelchair users. However, many mobility scooters and some powered wheelchairs are bigger than the reference wheelchair and may not necessarily fit.

If your wheelchair is no bigger than the reference wheelchair, you should, in theory, be able to use all new public-transport vehicles.

