

# **REDUCED FARE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY**

**To be certified by a licensed physician only.**



# INSTRUCTIONS

## APPLICANT

Fill out the information in the "To be completed by Applicant" section and submit to a licensed physician for certification.

Eligible applicants will receive a Reduced Fare ID Card through the mail approximately four weeks after the physician has mailed in the application. A booklet of Reduced Fare Tickets may be obtained at participating banks, savings and loan associations, and authorized state and county agencies.

## PHYSICIAN

Please complete all items (Items 1-7) in section marked "Physician Certification" and mail directly to:

NJ TRANSIT  
Reduced Fare Program  
180 Boyden Avenue  
Maplewood, NJ 07040

Under "Ambulatory Disabled" (Item 6), check the subcategory that makes your client eligible and describe in detail the nature of the impairment or disability in the space provided.

Unless a category is specifically checked off and, in the case of "Ambulatory Disabled" more specifically categorized, we cannot accept this application. If there is no category that your patient fits into, he or she is not eligible for the program. These criteria have been set and are mandated by the law.

You are assured that you are not liable to NJ TRANSIT in any way as the result of furnishing your certification.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

General Provisions:

1. The Eligibility Criteria listed on page 2 of the application are the sole basis for the determination of a disability for the NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program.
  - a. An applicant 62 years of age or older who is not enrolled, may enroll in the Reduced Fare Program through the Senior Citizen Program. Senior Citizens applications are available at most banks, savings and loan associations and authorized state and county agencies.
2. Reduced Fare Identification Cards for persons with permanent disabilities are valid until expiration date shown on card.
3. NJ TRANSIT reserves the right to verify Certification Forms by contacting persons completing the forms.
4. Any fees charged for the completion of Certification Forms are not the responsibility of NJ TRANSIT.
5. Certification Forms will be confidential records and kept on file at NJ TRANSIT during the period of eligibility.
6. The criteria for eligibility on the application are in accordance with the following definition: "A person with a disability means any individual who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected."

## Exclusions

Persons whose sole incapacity is:

1. Pregnancy
2. Obesity
3. Acute or chronic alcoholism or drug addiction
4. Contagious diseases are specifically excluded from discount fare eligibility

For assistance in filling out this application, please call the NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Office Monday - Friday, 8:45 AM - 4:15 PM, at 1 (973) 378-6401.



**REDUCED FARE PROGRAM**  
**APPLICATION FOR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY**  
(complete both sides)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT**

- 1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first)
- 2. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (Apt.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (county) (state) (zip code)
- 3. Sex: ( ) Male  
( ) Female
- 4. Height \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Social Security Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION (to be completed by licensed physician only)**

- 1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Office Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip code)
- 3. Licensing Identification \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION (cont'd)

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The impairment or disability is considered:

5. Permanent ( )

Temporary ( )

Estimated Period of Disability

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(date) (date)

6. ( ) Non-Ambulatory Disabled

Any person whose incapacity or disability will not allow that person to walk, even with the assistance of devices, but with or without the assistance of a personal care attendant (PCA), has the personal mobility and independence in a wheelchair that use of appropriate public transportation services is a reasonable expectation.

( ) Semi-Ambulatory Disabled

Any person whose incapacity or disability will not allow that person to walk without the assistance of walkers, crutches, canes, braces, artificial legs, or other such adaptive device, and for whom use of appropriate public transportation services is a reasonable expectation.

( ) Ambulatory Disabled

Any person whose disability relates to a degree of visual, audio, physiological, mental or psychological disability or impairment as specified below, and for whom private personal transportation poses an unreasonable difficult or danger.

( ) Cerebrovascular accident (stroke)

( ) Pulmonary disability/Cardiac disability

( ) Sight disability - those persons whose vision in the better eye after correction is 20/200 or less; and those persons whose visual field is contracted (commonly known as tunnel vision) to 10 degrees or less from a point of fixation, or so the widest diameter subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees.

( ) Hearing - loss is 90 dba or greater in the 500, 1000, 2000 Hz ranges.

( ) Faulty coordination from brain, spinal, peripheral nerve injury or arthritic condition.

( ) Epilepsy - petit and grand mal

( ) Autism

( ) Cerebral palsy

( ) Mental Retardation or Mental Illness

Mental Retardation - is a state of significant subnormal intellectual development with reduction of social competence in a minor or adult person. Mental Illness - is a mental disease to such extent that a person so afflicted requires care and treatment for his/her own welfare or the welfare of others or the community.

( ) Other - please specify the disability that impairs mobility.

Details of ambulatory disability:

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7. Does this person's disability require that he or she use a personal care attendant (PCA) in order to use public transportation?

( ) yes ( ) no