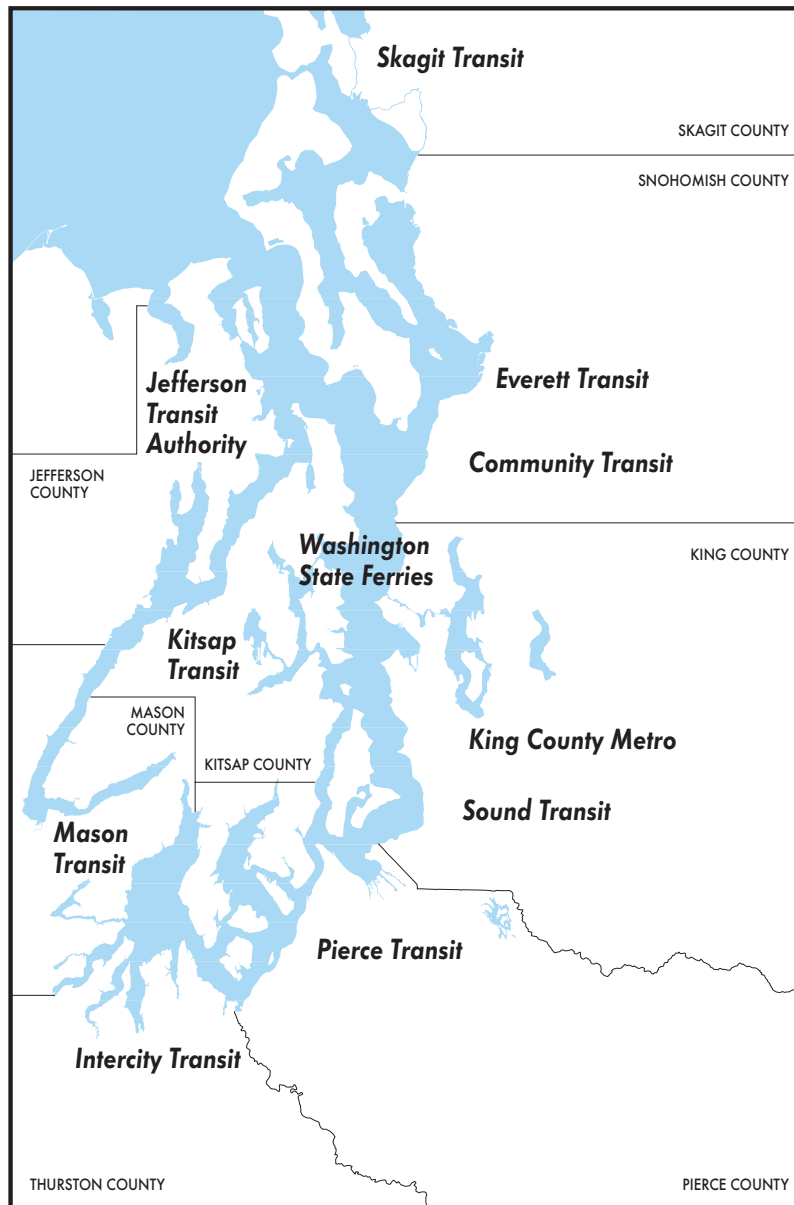


REGIONAL REDUCED FARE PERMIT

For Senior and Disabled Persons

Medical Eligibility Criteria and Conditions



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What is it?

The Regional Reduced Fare Permit simplifies travel for senior and disabled riders of public transportation around Puget Sound. The following public transportation systems in the Puget Sound region recognize this identification card:

- Community Transit
- Everett Transit
- Intercity Transit
- Jefferson Transit
- Kitsap Transit
- Mason Transit
- Metro Transit
- Pierce Transit
- Seattle Waterfront Streetcar
- Skagit Transit
- Sound Transit
- Washington State Ferries

With the Regional Reduced Fare Permit, eligible persons do not need to carry more than one permit to receive reduced-fare benefits of multiple systems within the region.

Who is Eligible?

Any person who presents proof of one or more of the following conditions can obtain a Regional Reduced Fare Permit:

1. Is at least 65 years of age.
2. Is now eligible for Social Security Disability Benefits or now receives Supplemental Security Income Benefits because of disability. (Temporary)
3. Is currently certified by the Veterans Administration at a 40 percent or greater disability level.
4. Has a valid Medicare card issued by the Social Security Administration. (Temporary)
5. Has a valid Regional ADA Paratransit card.
6. Has a valid ADA Paratransit card from outside the region. (Temporary)
7. Has obvious physical impairments meeting one or more of the medical criteria listed to the right.
8. Is certified by a Washington State-licensed physician (M.D.), psychiatrist, psychologist (Ph.D.), Physician Assistant (P.A.), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (A.R.N.P.), or audiologist (certified by the American Speech and Hearing Association) as meeting one or more of the medical criteria listed to the right.

Where is it issued?

Any eligible person may apply for Regional Reduced Fare Permit at the customer service offices of any of the participating transit agencies. Washington State Ferries and Seattle's Waterfront Streetcar do not issue the permits but will honor those issued by any of the other systems. Any applicant with a valid Regional ADA Paratransit card must apply to the transit agency where that person lives.

How long is it valid?

Permits issued to persons 65 or older and to persons permanently disabled will be valid indefinitely. No renewal is necessary. Persons with disabilities that will last between three months and one year may receive temporary permits. These permits, which carry an expiration date, may be renewed only if the disability continues beyond that date. Persons certified by approved health care providers as permanently disabled may receive permanent permits. Participating agencies retain the right to ask for recertification upon loss of a permit or at any other time.

What does it cost?

An individual must pay a fee of \$3 to obtain the permit. Replacement permits may be obtained from the issuing agency for \$3 or less.

How does it work?

The permit is an identification card used as proof of eligibility to pay a reduced fare. The permit has no cash value and may not be used as a transfer between systems. The permit holder must pay the amount of the reduced fare on each system used, and use of the permit is subject to any time restrictions in effect by each system.

Questions?

If you have comments or questions regarding the Regional Reduced Fare Permit, please contact your local agency. Participating agencies are listed on the last page of this brochure.

Medical Eligibility Criteria

Section 1. Non-Abulatory Disabilities

1. **Wheelchair-User.** Impairments which, regardless of cause, confine individuals to wheelchairs.

Section 2. Semi-Ambulatory Physical Disabilities

1. **Restricted Mobility.** Impairments which cause individuals to walk with difficulty including, but not limited to, individuals using a long leg brace, a walker or crutches to achieve mobility, or birth defects and other muscular/skeletal disabilities, including dwarfism, causing mobility restriction.
2. **Arthritis.** Persons who suffer from arthritis causing a functional motor defect in any two major limbs. (American Rheumatism Association criteria may be used as a guideline for the determination of arthritic handicap; Therapeutic Grade III, Functional Class III, or Anatomical State III or worse is evidence of arthritic handicap.)
3. **Loss of Extremities.** Persons who suffer anatomical deformity of or amputation of both hands, one hand and one foot, or lower extremity at or above the tarsal region. Loss of major function may be due to degenerative changes associated with vascular or neurological deficiencies, traumatic loss of muscle mass or tendons, bony or fibrous ankylosis at unfavorable angle, or joint subluxation or instability.
4. **Cerebrovascular Accident.** Persons displaying one of the following, four months post-CVA:
 - a. Pseudobulbar palsy or
 - b. Functional motor defect in any of two extremities, or
 - c. Ataxia affecting two extremities substantiated by appropriate cerebellar signs or proprioceptive loss.
5. **Respiratory.** Persons suffering respiratory impairment (dyspnea) of Class 3 or greater as defined by "Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment: The Respiratory System," Journal of the American Medical Association, 194:919 (1965).
6. **Cardiac.** Persons suffering functional classification III or IV and therapeutic classifications C, D, or E cardiac disease as defined by Diseases of the Heart and Blood Vessels – Nomenclature and Criteria for Diagnosis, New York Heart Assoc. (6th Edition).
7. **Dialysis.** Persons who must use a kidney dialysis machine in order to live.
8. **Disorders of Spine.** Persons disabled by one or more of the following:
 - a. Fracture of vertebra, residuals or, with cord involvement with appropriate motor and sensory loss; or
 - b. Generalized osteoporosis with pain, limitation of back motion, paravertebral muscle spasms, and compression fracture of vertebra; or
 - c. Ankylosis or fixation of cervical or dorsolumbar spine at 30 degrees or more of flexion measured from the neutral position and one of the following:
 - 1) Calcification of the anterior and lateral ligaments as shown by x-ray; or
 - 2) Dilateral ankylosis of sacroiliac joints and abnormal apophyseal articulation as shown by x-ray.
9. **Nerve Root Compression Syndrome.** A person disabled due to any cause by:
 - a. Pain and motion limitation in back of neck; and
 - b. Cervical or lumbar nerve root compression as evidenced by appropriate radicular distribution of sensory, motor and reflex abnormalities.
10. **Motor.** Persons disabled by one or more of the following:
 - a. Faulty coordination or palsy from brain, spinal or peripheral nerve injury; or
 - b. A functional motor deficit in any two limbs; or
 - c. Manifestations significantly reducing mobility, coordination and perceptiveness not accounted for in prior categories.
11. **HIV Disease.** A person disabled by HIV disease who meets Social Security eligibility criteria or who meets Washington State (GAU/Welfare) medical criteria.

Section 3. Visual Disabilities

1. Persons disabled because of:
 - a. Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses; or
 - b. Contraction of visual field:
 - 1) So the widest diameter of visual field subtending an angular distance is no greater than 20 degrees; or
 - 2) To 10 degrees or less from the point of fixation; or
 - 3) To 20 percent or less visual field efficiency.
2. Persons who, by reason of a visual impairment, do not qualify for a Driver's License under regulations of the Washington State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Section 4. Hearing Disabilities

1. Persons disabled because of hearing impairments manifested by one or more of the following:
 - a. Better ear pure tone average of 90 dB HL (unaided) for tones at 500, 1000, 2000 Hz; or
 - b. Best speech discrimination score at or below 40% (unaided) as measured with standardized testing materials.
2. Eligibility may be certified by a physician licensed by the State of Washington or by an audiologist certified by the American Speech, Language, Hearing Association.

Section 5. Neurological Disabilities

1. **Epilepsy**
 - a. Persons disabled by reason of:
 - 1) A clinical disorder involving impairment of consciousness, characterized by uncontrolled seizures (grand mal or psychomotor) substantiated by EEG occurring more frequently than once per week in spite of prescribed treatment with:
 - a) Diurnal episodes (loss of consciousness and convulsive seizure); or
 - b) Nocturnal episodes which show residuals interfering with activity during the day; or
 - c) A disorder involving petit mal or mild psychomotor seizures substantiated by EEG occurring more frequently than once per week in spite of prescribed treatment with:
 - i. Alteration of awareness or loss of consciousness; and
 - ii. Transient postictal manifestations of conventional or antisocial behavior.
 - b. Persons exhibiting seizure-free control for a continuous period of more than six (6) months duration are not included in the statement of epilepsy defined in this section.
 2. **Neurological Handicap.** A person disabled by cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, or other neurological and physical impairments not controlled by medication.

Section 6. Mental Disabilities

1. **Developmental Disabilities:** Permanent Permit. Persons disabled due to mental retardation, autism or other conditions found to be closely associated with mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required by mentally retarded individuals and:
 - a. The disability originates before such individual attains age 18,
 - b. The condition has continued, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely,
 - c. The condition substantially limits one or more major life activities on an ongoing basis.
2. **Adult Cognition Impairments:** Permanent Permit. Persons whom by reason of traumatic brain injury, illness or other accident occurring after age 18 experience ongoing impairment(s) in cognition that substantially limit(s) one or more major life activities, including individuals who meet SSA, SSI or SSDI eligibility criteria.
3. **Serious Persistent (Chronic) Mental Illness:** Permanent Permit. Individuals with a mental illness with symptoms chronic in nature who experience a significant limitation in their ability to take part in major life activities AND who meet one of the following:
 - a. Having a mental disorder diagnosis based on criteria in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM);
 - b. Living in a group/boarding home setting, receiving state or federal financial assistance and participating in a state or federally funded work activity center or workshop;
 - c. Permanently placed in a supervised or supported living arrangement;
 - d. Addressing mental health needs by participating in any training/rehabilitation program or therapy established under federal, state, county, Regional Support Network (RSN) or city government agencies.
4. **Serious Mental Illness (Acute at-risk):** Temporary Permit. Individuals with a mental illness who are currently experiencing a significant limitation in their ability to take part in major life activities AND who meet one of the following:
 - a. Having a mental disorder diagnosis based on criteria in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM);
 - b. Living in a group/boarding home setting, receiving state or federal financial assistance and participating in a state or federally funded work activity center or workshop;
 - c. Living at home under supervision and participating in a state or federally funded state or federal work activity center or workshop;
 - d. Addressing mental health needs by participating in any training/rehabilitation program or therapy established under federal, state, county, Regional Support Network (RSN) or city government agencies.



Community Transit

Community Transit Ride Store (Albertson's Plaza)
520 128th Street S.W., Suite B-1 • Everett, WA 98204
(425) 348-2350 • (425) 348-2350
Toll Free 1-800-562-11375 • TDD/TTY (425) 778-2188



Everett Transit

2823 Hoyt Avenue • Everett, WA 98201 • (425) 257-8730
TDD/TTY (425) 778-2188 • Everett Para Transit (425) 257-8801



Intercity Transit

222 State Avenue N.E. • Olympia, WA 98501
(360) 786-1881 • Toll Free 1-800-287-6348 • TDD/TTY (360) 943-5211
Dial A Lift (360) 754-9393 • Toll Free 1-800-244-6846



Jefferson Transit

1615 W. Sims Way • Port Townsend, WA 98369
(360) 385-4777 • TDD/TTY 1-800-833-6388
Dial-A-Ride (360) 385-4777



Kitsap Transit

234 S. Wycoff • Bremerton, WA 98312
(360) 373-BUSS • From Seattle: (206) 242-8355 • Toll Free 1-800-501-RIDE
Kitsap Transit ACCESS (toll free) 1-800-422-BUSS • TDD/TTY (360) 377-9874



Mason Transit

2505 Olympic Hwy N., Suite 140 • Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 427-5033 • Toll Free 1-800-374-3747 • TDD/TTY (360) 427-0268



Metro Transit

201 S. Jackson Street • Seattle, WA 98104-3856
(206) 553-3000 • Toll Free 1-800-542-7876 • TDD/TTY (206) 684-1739



Pierce Transit

The Bus Shop • 930 Commerce • Tacoma, WA 98402
The Bus Shop • Lakewood Mall, Suite 9 • Lakewood, WA 98499
(253) 581-8000 • Toll Free 1-800-562-8109 • TDD/TTY (253) 582-7951
SHUTTLE (253) 581-8100 • (toll free) 1-800-841-1118 • TDD/TTY (253) 582-7963



Skagit Transit

600 County Shop Lane • Burlington, WA 98233
Burlington: (360) 757-4433 • Anacortes: (360) 299-2424 • Toll Free 1-800-???



Sound Transit

401 S. Jackson Street • Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 398-5000 • Toll Free 1-800-201-4900 • TDD/TTY 1-888-713-6030



Washington State Ferries

Customer Information • 2911 Second Avenue • Seattle, WA 98121-1012
(206) 464-6400 • (toll free WA only) 1-888-808-7977
(toll free WA only automated line) 1-800-84-FERRY
TDD/TTY 1-800-833-6388 • (Braille) 1-800-833-6385

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