

# Regional Reduced Fare Permit for Senior and Disabled Persons

Medical Eligibility Criteria and Conditions and Application Forms



# Applicant Information

## 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:

- Clallam Transit
- Community Transit
- Everett Transit
- Grays Harbor Transit
- Intercity Transit
- Jefferson Transit
- King County Metro Transit
- King County Water Taxi
- Kitsap Transit
- Mason Transit
- Pierce County Ferries
- Pierce Transit
- Skagit Transit
- Sound Transi
- Washington State Ferries
- Whatcom Transportation Authority

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

## Who is eligible?

Any person who presents proof of one of more of the following conditions can obtain a Regional Reduced Fare Permit (the agencies reserve the right to contact your Health Care Provider for verification).

### Permanent Permit:

1. Is at least 65 years of age.
2. Is currently certified by the Veterans Health Administration at a 40% or greater disability level.

### Temporary Permit:

3. Is now eligible for Social Security Disability Benefits or now receives Supplemental Security Income Benefits

because of disability. (Applicant must show current award letter.)

4. Has a valid Medicare card issued by the Social Security Administration.
5. Has a valid ADA Paratransit card from outside the region.
6. Is currently participating in a vocational career program with the Washington State Individual Educational Program (IEP).
7. Has a Washington Department of Licensing issued disabled parking identification in conjunction with a government issued photo identification.

### Permanent or Temporary Permit (case-by-case):

8. Has a valid Regional ADA Paratransit card.
9. Has obvious physical impairments meeting one or more of the medical criteria listed to the right.
10. Is certified by a Washington state-licensed Physician (M.D.), Psychiatrist, Psychologist (Ph.D.), Physician's Assistant (P.A.), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (A.R.N.P.), Audiologist certified by the American Speech–Language–Hearing Association, or Osteopathic Physician (D.O.) as meeting one or more of the medical criteria listed to the right.

## Where is it issued?

Any eligible person may apply for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit at the customer service offices of any of the participating transit agencies. King County Water Taxi, Pierce County Ferries, Sound Transit and Washington State Ferries do not issue the permits but will honor those issued by any of the other systems.

## 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 up to

five years may receive temporary permits. If documentation does not include an expiration date, the RRFP will be valid for three years. 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 certification upon loss of a permit or at any other time.

## What does it cost?

For ORCA agencies, there is no fee to obtain a new permit. Replacement permits may be obtained from the issuing agency for \$3.00.

## 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, except in cases where ORCA was used to pay a fare. If using ORCA, standard ORCA transfer rules apply. 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.

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Title VI Notice: All participating agencies in the RRFP program fully comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form, please contact the appropriate agency.

# Medical Eligibility Criteria

## SECTION 1.

### Non-Ambulatory 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. Persons currently undergoing chemotherapy or radiation treatment are considered eligible for a reduced fare permit under this subsection.

#### 2. Arthritis

Persons who suffer from arthritis causing a function 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:

- Pseudobulbar palsy; or
- Functional motor defect in any two extremities; or
- Ataxia affecting two extremities substantiated by appropriate cerebellar signs or proprioceptive loss.

#### 5. Respiratory

Person suffering respiratory impairment (dyspnea) of Class 3 or greater as defined by "Guidelines 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. (6<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Fracture of vertebra, residuals or, with cord involvement with appropriate motor and sensory loss; or
- Generalized osteoporosis with pain, limitation of back motion, paravertebral muscle spasms, and compression fracture of vertebra; or
- 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:
  - Calcification of the anterior and alteral ligaments as shown by x-ray; or
  - 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:

- Pain and motion limitation in back of neck; and
- 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:

- Faulty coordination or palsy from brain, spinal, or peripheral nerve injury; or
- A functional motor deficit in any two limbs; or
- 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

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

# Medical Eligibility Criteria

## 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, 1,000, 2,000 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 who have suffered any seizure with loss of awareness within the last 6 months.
- b. Persons exhibiting seizure-free control for a continuous period of more than six 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 intellectual disability, autism or other conditions found to be closely associated with intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required by intellectually disabled 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 agency.

#### 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 agency.

# Participating Transit Agencies



## Clallam Transit

830 West Lauridsen Blvd  
Port Angeles, WA 98363  
360-452-1315  
Toll Free: 1-800-858-3747



## Community Transit

Community Transit Ride Store  
20110 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Lynnwood, WA 98036  
425-348-2350  
Toll Free: 1-800-562-1375  
TTY Relay: 711



## EVERETT TRANSIT

### Everett Transit

3201 Smith Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201  
425-257-7777  
TDD/TTY: 425-257-7778  
TTY Relay: 711



## Grays Harbor Transit

705 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hoquiam, WA 98550  
360-532-2770  
Toll Free: 1-800-562-9730



## Intercity Transit

222 State Avenue NE  
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

63 4 Corners Road  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
360-385-4777  
Toll Free: 1-800-371-0497  
TTY: Relay 711  
Dial-A-Ride: 360-385-4777



## King County Metro Transit

201 South Jackson Street  
Seattle, WA 98104-3856  
206-553-3000  
Toll Free: 1-800-542-7876  
TDD/TTY: 711



## King County Water Taxi

201 South Jackson Street  
Seattle, WA 98104-3856  
206-477-3979  
TTY: 711



## Kitsap Transit

60 Washington Avenue, #200  
Bremerton, WA 98337  
Bremerton Transportation  
Center: 360-373-BUSS  
Toll Free: 1-800-501-RIDE  
Kitsap Transit ACCESS (Toll  
Free): 1-800-422-BUSS  
TDD/TTY: 360-377-9874



## Mason Transit

Transit-Community Center  
601 West Franklin Street  
Shelton, WA 98584  
360-427-5033  
Toll Free: 1-800-374-3747  
TDD/TTY: 711 or  
1-800-833-6388



## Pierce County Ferries

Steilacoom Ferry Landing  
56 Union Avenue  
Steilacoom, WA 98388  
253-588-1950



## Pierce Transit

Tacoma Dome Station Bus  
Shop:  
505 East 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98421  
253-581-8000  
Toll Free: 1-800-562-8109  
TTY Relay: 711



## Skagit Transit

600 County Shop Lane  
Burlington, WA 98233  
Burlington Business Office:  
360-757-8801  
Customer Service:  
360-757-4433  
Toll Free: 1-877-584-7528  
TTY: 1-360-757-1938



## Sound Transit

401 South Jackson Street  
Seattle, WA 98104  
206-398-5000  
Toll Free: 1-888-889-6368  
TDD/TTY: 711



## WSDOT Ferries Division (WSF)

Customer Information:  
2901 Third Avenue, #500  
Seattle, WA 98121-3014  
206-464-6400  
Toll Free WA & BC:  
1-888-808-7977 or 511  
Persons who are deaf or hard  
of hearing may access Relay  
Services by dialing 711 (WA)  
and ask to be connected to  
206-464-6400.



## Whatcom Transportation Authority

4011 Bakerview Spur  
Bellingham, WA 98226-8066  
360-676-7433  
Toll Free: 1-866-989-4BUS  
TDD/TTY: 360-676-6844

## Application for Regional Reduced Fare Permit for Senior and Disabled Persons

This application is available in accessible format

**Note:** Applicants must be at least 6 years old to be eligible for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit.

**Please Print**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Please read applicant section of the Medical Eligibility Criteria and Conditions brochure before completing this application.

I am applying for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit on the following basis. *Please check only one.*

### Permanent Permit:

- I am 65 years of age or older and attaching proof of age documentation.
- I am providing proof of current eligibility by the Veterans Health Administration as having a disability of at least 40%.

### Temporary Permit:

- I am providing proof of eligibility and am receiving Social Security Disability Benefits or Supplemental Security Income Benefits due to disability.
- I am presenting a valid Medicare card issued by the Social Security Administration.
- I am currently participating in a vocational career program with the Washington State Individual Educational Program (IEP).
- I am providing a Washington Department of Licensing-issued disabled parking identification in conjunction with a government-issued photo identification.

### Permanent or Temporary Permit (case-by-case):

- I am providing a valid Regional ADA paratransit card or other supporting materials issued by (insert Agency) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADA paratransit card/supporting materials expire(s) on \_\_\_\_\_
- I have an obvious physical impairment(s) meeting one or more of the medical criteria listed in the Medical Eligibility Criteria and Conditions.
- I am medically disabled as certified by a Physician (M.D.), Psychiatrist, Psychologist (Ph.D.), Physician's Assistant (P.A.), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (A.R.N.P.), Audiologist certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Osteopathic Physician (D.O.) licensed in the State of Washington. See Health Care Provider's Certification form on the back side of this application. This agency reserves the right to contact your Health Care Provider for verification.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only	
ID#	_____
PCA	_____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent
Date	_____

## Regional Reduced Fare Permit – Certification of Eligibility

### Applicant's Release – Please Print

I hereby authorize the physician to release any information necessary to complete this certification. I understand that this information is confidential and shall not be released without my approval or a court order. I understand that the transit agency issuing this permit shall have the right and opportunity to verify my eligibility for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit. I understand that if any of the statements made on this application form are false or inaccurate, I will lose the privileges granted by the Regional Reduced Fare Permit and be subject to criminal prosecution in accordance with Washington State Law for fraud (RCW #9A.56.020).

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### This section to be completed by the following approved health care provider.

**Washington State Licensed:** • Physician (M.D.) • Psychiatrist • Psychologist (Ph.D.) • Physician's Assistant (P.A.)  
 • Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (A.R.N.P.) • Audiologist certified by the American Speech–Language–Hearing Association • Osteopathic Physician (D.O.) — **Signatures of Health Care Providers other than these are not acceptable.**

1. This applicant must meet at least one of the criteria and conditions listed in the Medical Eligibility Criteria and Conditions brochure.
2. The specific Medical Eligibility Criteria number must be noted in the space provided.
3. If section 6.4 is used, this person must be diagnosed by you as being "Acute-at-risk." The appropriate subsection (a, b, c, or d) must be included along with the name and phone number of the work activity center, training, or rehabilitation program in which this patient is currently a patient. **Note:** An applicant's enrollment in a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program does not, in and of itself, meet eligibility requirements.
4. An applicant's financial situation has no bearing on eligibility.

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ meets the Medical Eligibility Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Section, Subsection

If section 6.4 (a, b, c, or d) enter name of qualifying program: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check the appropriate boxes:

Yes  No The disability is temporary. Specify length of disability: \_\_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
 A temporary disability must be expected to last no longer than 5 years.

Yes  No The disability is permanent.

Yes  No This applicant requires a Personal Care Attendant. If yes:  Temporary  Permanent

### Verification of Approved Health Care Provider – Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Provider or Agency Address \_\_\_\_\_

Washington State License No. \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that if any of the statements made on this application form are false or inaccurate, I will be subject to criminal prosecution if accordance with Washington State Law for fraud (RCW #9A.56.020).*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Signature Only – No Photocopies or FAX Accepted**

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