

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL DELAY A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.

WE WILL PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION ONLY WHEN IT IS COMPLETE.




Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)

Mobility Certification Office

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PART B: LICENSED PROFESSIONAL VERIFICATION

Dear Licensed/Certified Professional:

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires transit systems that operate fixed route service to offer complementary paratransit to people with disabilities who cannot use the regular MTA service. In accordance with the Act, the MTA offers a door-to-door bus service for those who cannot use the regular fixed-route buses.

To qualify for specialized MTA Mobility service, applicants must have a history of an impairment that substantially limits their ability to independently access, board, or ride other MTA services. A disability must prevent travel not merely make it more difficult to get to the bus stop, get on the bus, and ride independently.

MTA bases eligibility determinations on the information provided by the applicant. MTA also considers the information provided by the healthcare professional most able to describe the most limiting conditions of the applicant. Some applicants may be tested by our Occupation Therapist as well.

Passengers must be certified eligible in order to use the Mobility bus service. Applicants may be found eligible for this Mobility service for some or all of their trips. Be aware that all MTA fixed route and rail service are lift or ramp equipped.

In responding to the following questions, please focus on the applicants functional abilities. The information you provide, along with the applicant's information will enable us to make an appropriate determination. All information will be kept confidential.

If you have assisted an applicant completed Part A, you cannot also verify Part B. Persons completing Part B must be licensed or certified in one of the following specialties:

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
 Orientation and Mobility Instructor
 Respiratory Therapist
 Occupational or Physical Therapist
 Audiologist

Physician
 Physician's Assistant
 Nurse Practitioner
 Psychiatrist/ Psychiatric Social Worker
 Ophthalmologist

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ORIGINAL SIGNATURES REQUIRED

Applicant's Name _____

SECTION 2: Medical Certification

Section 2 is to be completed by a licensed or certified health care professional, including physicians, registered nurses, social workers, certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors, etc. Some agencies and organizations that provide assistance to individuals with disabilities may not have licensed staff available for completing the application. If you have any questions, please contact the Manager of the Reduced Fare Office at 410-767-3398.

Information on this form will remain on file with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and remain confidential to the fullest extent of the law.

Physicians and Healthcare Professionals

The standard for eligibility is located in the Code of Federal Regulations, 49 C.F.R. § 609.3. Individuals meeting the following definition are eligible for reduced fare:

“Individuals who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, including those who are nonambulatory wheelchair-bound and those with semi-ambulatory capabilities, are 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.”
49 C.F.R. § 609.3.

The criterion for eligibility is not the applicant's diagnosis per se; it is the functional ability of the applicant to use regularly scheduled MTA transit service. If the applicant is able to use such service but experiences extreme difficulty in doing so due to his/her medical condition, the individual is eligible. If the functional limitation that results from the medical condition is presently corrected by medical treatment, such as medication or prosthesis, the applicant does not qualify. If a temporary (greater than 90 days, but less than 1 year) qualifying condition exists, please describe the nature and expected duration. If the condition persists longer than the projected date, the applicant may re-apply.

Low income or substance use alone does not qualify an individual for reduced fare.

See last page of this document for further guidance.