

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
REDUCED FARE PROGRAM 2/2016
Transportation Access Pass CharlieCard Application

Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Processed or Returned

PART A: To Be Completed by Applicant

Applicant Information: (Please Print) First time applicant Renewal

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ DOB ____/____/____

Emergency Contact Information: Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

Disability Information Release Authorization:

I authorize the health care professional completing this application to release information about my disability to the Lowell Regional Transit Authority.

Applicant Original Signature

Date

Application Submittal: Please return the completed application to the following address:

Lowell Regional Transit Authority, TAP APPLICATIONS,
113 Thorndike Street, Lowell, MA 01852

**You will receive an Application Status Letter in 6 – 8 weeks
with instructions how to obtain your Reduced Fare CharlieCard.
When visiting the LRTA Tap Pass office, please present original
documentation and valid Driver's License or ID with an expiration
date from the Registry of Motor Vehicles or Passport.**

PART B: TAP CharlieCard Eligibility Criteria

Automatically Eligible Applicants (Original Documents ONLY)

Applicants who meet one of the criteria below are automatically eligible for a Transportation Access Pass CharlieCard. Simply complete PART A, check off the category below that applies to you and present the required documentation.

Application may be subject to submission depending upon documentation presented

- Medicare Card Holder/Part A & B:** Please present your Red, Blue, and White Medicare Card at the time of visit. **(No Photocopies)**
- Current customer of THE RIDE:** RIDE ID #: _____.
- Veteran with a disability rating 70% or greater:** Present original Rating Decision Letter on Veterans Administration letterhead, signed by Veterans Services personnel, specifying disability rating.
- Reduced Fare card holder from MA or Out-of-State:** Present a current reduced fare card from your state or area with an expiration date.
- Client of DMH/Department of Mental Health** (including DMH vendors): Present original letter on agency letterhead, from authorized DMH representative (or vendor) verifying status as current client.
- Client of DDS/Department of Developmental Services:** Present original letter on agency letterhead, from authorized DDS representative verifying status as current client.

All Other Applicants

If you do not meet one of the above criteria, complete PART A and have your licensed health care professional complete PART C of this application.

IMPORTANT RULES AND CONDITIONS OF USE

- ▶ Your Transportation Access Pass CharlieCard is subject to inspection or review by LRTA personnel at any time to ensure use by only the authorized person.
- ▶ An unauthorized person using your Transportation Access Pass CharlieCard is subject to criminal/civil penalties under Chapter 161, Section 113A of the MA General Laws and/or any other applicable MA General Laws. Additionally, you may be disqualified or suspended from participating in the Transportation Access Pass CharlieCard program for allowing unauthorized use of your card.

PART C: Health Care Professional Certification

PART C must be completed by a licensed or certified health care professional, and must be received by the LRTA within 60 days of the health care professional's signature. Please **P-R-I-N-T**.

Name of Health Care Professional _____

Licensure Title _____ Specialty _____

License Number _____ State Issued _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTE: The LRTA issues the Transportation Access Pass CharlieCard based on the level of difficulty applicant's experience, and the extra planning and effort that may be required, to use public buses/trains/subway due to a physical, psychiatric, intellectual or sensory disability. The TAP CharlieCard is issued to applicants with disabilities who find it moderately/severely difficult to wait for a bus, hear announcements, read visual signs, understand and/or follow directions, board the correct train, maintain stamina, function well in crowds, walk certain distances to transfer between transit modes, etc. The TAP CharlieCard **IS NOT ISSUED** based on applicant's income level.

1. What is the applicant's disability?

Use *Guideline Number(s)* from back page _____

Specific Diagnosis: **(Must be completed by the Health Care Professional)**

2. How does the disability cause the applicant difficulty, as described in "Important Program Note" section above, when traveling on the LRTA?

Please specify: **(Must be completed by the Health Care Professional)**

3. Expected duration of disability: Please select only one of the two options below.:

_____ Conditions with potential for improvement within 1 year

_____ Conditions with no expectation of improvement

4. I certify that the information I have provided above about this LRTA TAP CharlieCard applicant is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Original Signature of Health Care Professional

Date

Guidelines for Health Care Professionals

Please use the categories below to complete **Part C Health Care Professional Certification, Item #1: "What is applicant's disability?"**

<p>1. WHEELED MOBILITY DEVICE USERS: Those who, due to a disability, require the use of wheeled mobility, e.g. wheelchair, scooter, etc.</p>	<p>2. SEMI-AMBULATORY DISABILITIES: Those who, due to a disability, walk with difficulty or insecurity and may or may not use leg braces, walker, cane, crutches.</p>
<p>3. SEVERE MUSCULOSKELETAL CONDITIONS such as muscular dystrophy, osteogenesis imperfecta or arthritis where functional capacity is limited in ability to perform usual self care and/or vocational and avocational activities.</p>	<p>4. AMPUTATION OF AN EXTREMITY. Please specify which limb(s) are affected.</p>
<p>5. SEVERE EFFECTS FROM CVA (STROKE): Eligible conditions include functional motor deficit affecting any two limbs or ataxia 4 months post cva.</p>	<p>6. SEVERE PULMONARY CONDITIONS (obstructions/restrictions) that affect mobility. Those with PFT outcomes < 50% of predicted values (FEV1; FVC; %FEV1; FEF25%-75%). Dyspnea occurs during usual activities of daily living; climbing a flight of stairs or walking 100 yards; with the slightest exertion; or even at rest.</p>
<p>7. SEVERE CARDIAC CONDITIONS that result in moderate or marked restriction in ordinary physical activity; and may cause fatigue, palpitations, dyspnea or angina pain when walking one or more level blocks, climbing a flight of ordinary stairs, or even at rest. Classifications: Functional III or IV; Therapeutic C or D.</p>	<p>8. PERSONS REQUIRING KIDNEY DIALYSIS TREATMENT</p>
<p>10. HEARING-RELATED DISABILITIES: Deafness or hearing loss of 90 db or greater in the 500, 1,000, and 2,000 HZ ranges. Please specify the degree of response in each of these ranges.</p>	<p>9. VISION IMPAIRMENTS: Those who are legally blind, whose visual acuity in the better eye, after correction, is 20/200 or worse or visual field is contracted. [Applicant will be eligible for MBTA Blind Access CharlieCard with a current MA Commission for the Blind Card/Certificate or other Blindness Certification]</p>
<p>12. INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY: Those with I.Q. more than two standard deviations below the norm. Please specify I.Q.</p>	<p>11. COORDINATION DISABILITIES: Those with a functional motor deficit in any two limbs or who experience manifestations that significantly reduce mobility, coordination and/or perception.</p>
<p>14. EPILEPSY (CONVULSIVE DISORDER): Please include severity and frequency of seizure activity despite medication.</p>	<p>13. CEREBRAL PALSY: Please include extent of difficulty in motor function.</p>
<p>16. NEUROLOGICAL DISABILITIES affecting learning, perceptual and behavioral functioning. Please include nature of condition and etiology.</p>	<p>15. AUTISM: Please describe nature and severity of disability.</p>
<p>18. PROGRESSIVE ILLNESSES that impact the performance of the applicant's organic system so the symptoms produced fall within categories 1 – 17 above.</p> <p>Please indicate applicable categories above that best describe impact of illness on applicant's functional ability to use public transit buses, subway and trains.</p>	<p>17. PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES: This section applies to those who have a serious, long-term mental illness, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • includes a substantial disorder of thought, memory, perception, or orientation • grossly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or • greatly impacts ability to meet ordinary/independent life support needs of food, shelter, clothing, management of finances, and health care. <p>Please indicate description and duration of condition.</p>

For Internal Use Only: Staff initials _____ Date _____

Approved: _____ Auto Renew _____ Denied _____ Incomplete _____