



Transit
Assistance

Reduced Fare



What is a Reduced Fare Permit?

The RTA Reduced Fare Permit allows individuals with disabilities under the age of 65 or people age 65 or over, to ride on Metra, Pace, and CTA fixed route bus and rail service at a reduced rate.

Who qualifies for a Reduced Fare Permit?

- People age 65 or over
- People with physical, hearing, mobility, mental, visual, or cognitive disabilities
- People with disabilities receiving SSI or SSDI benefits
- Veterans receiving service-connected disability benefits
- Medicare card holders
- Persons with a Disability Identification Card

How long does my Reduced Fare Permit last?

Your permit will be valid for **4 years**.

How do I renew my permit?

Complete an online application at fares.rtachicago.org or complete the form on the back of your renewal letter. You will receive a renewal letter near the expiration date of your current Reduced Fare Permit.

What do I need to apply for the Reduced Fare Permit?

- A color photo of yourself that is 2 inches square
- A copy of your State ID, driver's license, Chicago CityKey card, US Passport, or Consular ID
- Proof of disability and/or age

If applying online, you will be required to upload a picture of your ID and a separate color photo of yourself. If you prefer to mail in the application, you must include a copy of your ID and a separate color photo of yourself.

How do I use my Reduced Fare Permit?

Always bring your Reduced Fare Permit with you when traveling on transit. For CTA and Pace, tap your permit on the Ventra reader at either a rail turnstile or on a bus. A cash option is available by showing your permit and inserting your exact cash into the farebox. When riding Metra, you may purchase your fare using the Ventra app, at a Metra ticket vending machine, or on board the train with cash.

What's next?

You can obtain a Reduced Fare application by:

- Visiting **fares.rtachicago.org**
- Scanning the **QR code** on the other side of this brochure with your smart phone
- Downloading it from **rtachicago.org/riders/free-and-reduced-fare-programs** under 'Reduced Fare Permits'
- Find a location using our **Registration Site Locator** at **rtachicago.org/riders/free-and-reduced-fare-programs**

Once the RTA receives your application, you should receive your Reduced Fare Permit within **7-10 business days.**

By applying online, your application will be processed faster. The online portal works on most PCs, laptops, smart phones, and tablets.



For more information on the
RTA Reduced Fare Program,
call **312-913-3110**

For travel information,
call **312-836-7000**

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