



The Ride Free permit allows seniors age 65 and over or individuals with disabilities under the age of 65 to ride at no cost on **CTA**, **Metra**, and **Pace bus and rail service**.

Seniors and people with disabilities must be enrolled in the Benefit Access Program (BAP) administered by the Illinois Department on Aging (DOA).

Apply online now at **fares.rtachicago.org** and get your permit faster!

By applying online, your application will be processed within 3 days for new, renewal, and replacement Ride Free permits. The online portal works on most PCs, laptops, smart phones, and tablets.

If you prefer to complete a paper application, please fill out the form on the back.



Who qualifies for the Ride Free Permit?

You must be a resident of the State of Illinois and enrolled in the Benefit Access Program (BAP) to apply for the Ride Free permit. For information on how to apply for the BAP program, please call 800-252-8966 for assistance.

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Under new legislation, customers are only required to be approved for BAP at the time of their first application for an RTA Ride Free Permit. Customers will then only need to renew their Ride Free permit with the RTA every 5 years by completing the Ride Free application and providing an ID indicating Illinois residency. For more information about renewing a Ride Free permit, visit rtachicago.org or call 312-913-3110.







First	Middle initial	Last	Date of birth	
Street address or PO Box number			Apartment/Unit	
		IL		
City		State	Zip code	
elephone number		Email		
			Senior	
Signature		Date	Person with Disability	
Include the following item	S	Sign this document and mail to		
1. 2" by 2" color photo		Regional Transportation Authority		

- (clearly shows face)
- 2. Copy of official photo ID with your address within the State of Illinois.

State of Illinois driver's license, State of Illinois ID card, or Chicago CityKey card.

PO Box 301150 Chicago, IL 60630

Terms and Conditions

Application must be signed: I understand that the purpose of this certification is to determine eligibility for the RTA Ride Free Permit Program and agree to release the information from the Illinois Department on Aging Benefit Access Program for that purpose. The information requested on this application is exempt from public disclosure to the extent permitted by paragraph 207 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 ET SEQ.). I understand that any information falsely presented on the application may result in my prosecution to the fullest extent allowable under the law. I understand that if I am issued a RTA Ride Free Permit that the permit is for my personal use only, and that if I allow another person to use my card, then the card could be revoked, I could be removed from the program, and I may be prosecuted to the fullest extent allowable under the law.

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