

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
REDUCED FARE PROGRAM**

 Transportation Access Pass/TAP CharlieCard Application

PART A: To Be Completed By Applicant (Please print)

Applicant Information: First time applicant Renewal

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ DOB ____/____/____

E-Mail _____

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 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

Applicant Original Signature

Date

Application Submittal: Please return the completed application to the address below. No photocopies or faxes accepted. If approved, when picking up your card you must present a current photo ID (MA license, State ID, Passport).

You will receive an Application Status Letter in 4 – 6 weeks.

MBTA CharlieCard Store, Downtown Crossing Station
Chauncy Underground Concourse, 7 Chauncy St., Boston, MA 02111
617-222-3200, 617-222-5854/TTY

PART B: TAP CharlieCard Eligibility Criteria

Automatically Eligible Applicants

Applicants who meet one of the criteria below are automatically eligible for a TAP CharlieCard. Simply complete PART A, check off the category below that applies to you, and provide the required information/documents.

- Medicare Card holder/Part A & B:** Attach photocopy of Medicare Card or current Social Security Benefit Statement verifying Medicare status.
- Current customer of THE RIDE:** RIDE ID #: _____.
- Client of DMH/Department of Mental Health** (including DMH vendors): Attach original letter, on agency letterhead, from authorized DMH representative (or vendor) verifying status as current client.
- Client of DDS/Department of Developmental Services:** Attach original letter, on agency letterhead, from authorized DDS representative verifying status as current client.
- Veteran with a disability rating 70% or greater:** Attach original letter on Veterans Administration letterhead, signed by Veterans Services personnel, specifying disability rating.
- Out-of-State/Area reduced fare card holder:** Attach copy of your valid, current reduced fare card from your local state/area.
- Seniors (65+):** No application needed. Go to CharlieCard Store with ID proving age 65+ for a Senior CharlieCard with same reduced fare benefit.

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 participation in the reduced fare Transportation Access Pass (TAP) CharlieCard Program is administered in accordance with the MBTA's Privacy Policy. The policy can be found on the MBTA website (www.mbta.com).
- ▶ Your TAP CharlieCard is subject to inspection or review by MBTA personnel at any time to ensure use by only the authorized person.
- ▶ An unauthorized person using your TAP 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 TAP 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 MBTA 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 MBTA issues the TAP CharlieCard based on the level of difficulty applicants 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 _____

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

No Yes (Please specify) _____

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

_____ Temporary: Conditions with potential for improvement within 1 year

_____ Permanent: Conditions with no expectation of improvement

4. I certify that the information I have provided above about this MBTA 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>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 <i>MBTA Blind Access CharlieCard</i> with MA Commission for the Blind or other Blindness Certification]</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>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>12. INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY: Those with I.Q. more than two standard deviations below the norm. Please specify I.Q.</p>	<p>13. CEREBRAL PALSY: Please include extent of difficulty in motor function.</p>
<p>14. EPILEPSY (CONVULSIVE DISORDER): Please include severity and frequency of seizure activity despite medication.</p>	<p>15. AUTISM: Please describe nature and severity of disability.</p>
<p>16. NEUROLOGICAL DISABILITIES affecting learning, perceptual and behavioral functioning. Please include nature of condition and etiology.</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>
<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>	

For Internal Use Only: _____ Staff initials _____ Date

___ Approved: ___ 1 yr ___ 5 yr ___ Eligible for Auto Renew ___ Denied ___ Incomplete