

SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA)

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION FORM FOR RTA DISCOUNTED BUS PASS

Do not fill out this form if you are: **1.** age 65 years or over, or **2.** a disabled U.S. veteran, or have **3.** a valid DMV placard or a valid registration for a permanent disabled license plate or parking placard, or **4.** Medicare card, Social Security disability card, proof of disability from the California Dept. of Rehabilitation, ADA card, Braille Institute card, or a disability card issued by another transit agency. Read the directions carefully before completing this form. If you are in any of these categories, request the **Basic Application Form**. Fraud or a misstatement of fact will disqualify the applicant from receiving the benefits of the RTA Discount Pass Program.

SECTION 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	STATE: ZIP CODE:
PHONE NUMBER: ()	DATE OF BIRTH:
<i>RELEASE OF INFORMATION: I understand that I have the right to a copy of this form. I attest that all information in this application is true and correct. I permit the medical practitioner certifying this application to release the information requested in Section 2 of this form to RTA personnel for use in considering this application until 45 days from the date below, unless I revoke this permission sooner.</i>	
Signature of Applicant:	Date:

REMINDER TO APPLICANT

1. This application form will not be processed unless **applicant completes Section 1 and certifier completes Section 2** in full.
2. Please include a **copy of your valid photo ID** with this application.
3. Give this form to the medical practitioner to complete Section 2, and mail separately to the address below.

SECTION 2 MEDICAL PRACTITIONER USE ONLY

MEDICAL PRACTITIONER: After completion, please send in your office envelope to: SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY 179 CROSS STREET, SUITE A, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401			
Eligibility Category Number		If Section 17, provide DSM Code _____	
Length of disability: Months		Permanent	YES NO
Does this person require an attendant when using public transit?		YES	NO
Name (please print)			
State License Number:			
Address:		City & State:	ZIP:
Phone:	()	Fax No.	()
I hereby certify that I have read the requirements of eligibility for the Regional Transit Discount Pass on this form and in my professional judgment the above named applicant is eligible to receive discount passes because of a disability as noted above, that limits her/his ability to use fixed-route transit.			
Signature of Practitioner:		Date:	

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TO MEDICAL CERTIFIERS:

The RTA Discount Pass Program allows individuals to receive fare discounts, required by state and federal law, if they require special facilities, planning or design to use fixed route transit. It is very important that ineligible individuals not receive fare discounts, because transit operators are not reimbursed for them.

Please help us make sure that only qualified individuals become certified. Eligibility requirements are explained below and are included with the application form. Please review these materials carefully. RTA staff, at (805) 781-4472, will be happy to answer any questions.

You may certify eligibility only in the categories related to the field of practice *in which you are licensed in the State of California*:

- Licensed physicians with an M. D. or D.O. Degree, licensed physicians' assistants and nurse practitioners may certify in all categories in which they are licensed to diagnose;
- Licensed chiropractors, sections 1, 2, 3 and 4;
- Licensed podiatrists, disabilities involving the feet under sections 1, 2, 3 and 4;
- Licensed optometrists, section 9;
- Licensed audiologists, section 10;
- Licensed clinical psychologists and licensed educational psychologists, sections 12, 15, 16 and 17;
- Licensed marriage and family counselors (MFCC) and licensed clinical social workers (LCSW), section 17.

Your address and medical license information (required on each application form) will be verified with the State Medical License Board, and will be entered into our database.

Thank you for helping maintain the integrity of the RTA Discount Pass Program.

GUIDE TO MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DESCRIPTIONS

Federal and state law requires that transit operators must, at a minimum, offer reduced fare to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transit without special facilities, planning or design [49 US 131608 (c) (4), Section 99206.5, CA PUC)]. Individuals who meet one or more of the criteria below are eligible for certification by the RTA Discount Pass Program.

Eligibility Criteria Section Codes Summary: Persons are eligible under the following sections if they have conditions which:

SECTION 1 – Non-Ambulatory Disabilities. Make it necessary to use a wheelchair for mobility.

SECTION 2 – Mobility Aids. Make it so difficult to walk that they must use a mobility aid.

SECTION 3 – Musculo-Skeletal Impairment (Including Arthritis). Result in a musculo-skeletal impairment, e.g. muscular dystrophy, osteogenesis imperfecta or any type of arthritis; such as functional Class III or anatomical Stage III.

SECTION 4 – Amputation. Result in either amputation or major deformity/functional loss of: (a) both hands; or (b) one hand and one foot; or (c) one or both legs above the tarsal region.

SECTION 5 – Cerebrovascular Accident (Stroke). Are caused by or result in: (a) pseudobulbar palsy; or (b) functional motor deficit in any of two extremities; or (c) ataxia affecting two extremities substantiated by appropriate cerebellar signs or proprioceptive loss longer than 4 months.

SECTION 6 – Pulmonary Ills. Are described as respiratory impairments of Class 3 and 4. Class 3: FVC between 51 percent of predicted; or FEV between 41 percent and 59 percent of predicted. Class 4: FVC less than or equal to 50 percent of predicted; or FEV less than or equal to 40 percent of predicted.

SECTION 7 – Cardiac Ills. Are results of Cardiovascular disease and cause persons to exhibit marked limitation of physical activity at functional Class III or IV.

SECTION 8 – Dialysis. Require the use of a kidney dialysis machine.

SECTION 9 – Sight Disabilities. Result in vision in the better eye, after best correction, which is 20/200 or less; or those individuals whose visual field is contracted (commonly known as tunnel vision); (a) to 10 degrees or less from a point of fixation; or (b) so the widest diameter subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees; and (c) who are unable to read information signs or symbols for other than language reasons.

SECTION 10 – Hearing Disabilities. Are due to deafness or hearing incapacity that makes it impossible to communicate or hear warning signals where the hearing loss is 70 dba or greater in the 500, 1000, 2000 Hz. Ranges.

SECTION 11 – Disabilities of Incoordination. Causes faulty coordination or palsy from brain, spinal or peripheral nerve injury, including functional nerve injury and/or functional motor deficit in any two limbs or which significantly reduce mobility, coordination or perceptiveness not accounted for in previous categories.

SECTION 12 – Mental Retardation. Result in subaverage general intellectual functioning originating during the developmental period or from illness or accident later in life, associated with impaired adaptive behavior.

SECTION 13 – Cerebral Palsy. Date from birth or early infancy or result from later illness or accident and are nonprogressive. They display marked regression or aberrations of motor functions (paralysis, weakness, incoordination) and/or organic brain damage such as sensory disorders, seizures, mental retardation, learning difficulty and behavioral disorders.

SECTION 14 – Epilepsy (Convulsive Disorder). A clinical disorder involving impairment of consciousness, characterized by seizures.

SECTION 15 – Infantile Autism. When present in a child consists of withdrawal, very inadequate social relationships, language disturbance and monotonously repetitive motor behavior. Impaired general intellectual functioning, severe withdrawal and inappropriate response to external stimuli may also be present.

SECTION 16 – Neurological Impairment. Are characterized by learning, perception and/or behavioral disorders in an individual whose IQ is not less than two standard deviations below the norm, and result from brain dysfunctions (any disorder in learning using the senses), neurological disorder or any damage to the central nervous system, regardless of cause. This section includes people with severe gait problems who are restricted in mobility.

SECTION 17 – Mental Disorders. Individuals whose mental impairment substantially limits one or more of their major life activities. This includes inability to learn, work or care for oneself. A principal diagnosis from the DSM IV classification in one of the following areas is required for eligibility: Organic Mental Disorders, Schizophrenic Disorders, Paranoid Disorders, Psychotic Disorders not elsewhere classified, Affective Disorders, Somata Form Disorder, Dissociative Disorders, Adjustment Disorders, Psychological Factors Affecting Physical Condition, and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. These diagnoses must be at Class 3 to 5 levels:

- Class 3 – Moderate Impairment. Levels compatible with some, but not all, useful functions.
- Class 4 – Marked Impairment. Levels significantly impede useful functioning.
- Class 5 – Extreme Impairment. Levels preclude useful functioning.

(NOTE: If a person's disorder is in remission or primary incapacity is acute or chronic alcoholism or drug addiction, they will be specifically excluded from discount fare eligibility.

SECTION 18 – Chronic Progressive Debilitating Disorders. Result from chronic and progressive debilitating diseases that are characterized by constitutional symptoms such as fatigue, weakness, weight loss, pain and changes in mental status that, taken together, interfere in the activities of daily living and significantly impair mobility.

SECTION 19 – Multiple Impairments. This category may include, but not be limited to, persons disabled by the combined effects of more than one impairment, including those related to age. The individual impairments themselves may not be severe enough to qualify as a Transit Dysfunction; however, the combined effects of the disabilities may qualify the individual for the program.