

CHAPTER 73

REDUCED FARE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Authority

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Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 73, Reduced Fare Transportation Program for the Elderly and Handicapped, was originally adopted as N.J.A.C. 16:51-4, Delegation of Powers for Senior Citizens Half-Fare Bus Program, by R.1975 d.113, effective April 30, 1975. See: 7 N.J.R. 63(b), 7 N.J.R. 280(b). N.J.A.C. 16:51, Reduced Fare Transportation Program, was adopted as R.1977 d.224, effective June 23, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 97(a), 9 N.J.R. 349(a). N.J.A.C. 16:51, Reduced Fare Transportation Program, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 16:73, and N.J.A.C. 16:51-4 was repealed by R.1982 d.40, effective February 16, 1982. See: 13 N.J.R. 881(a), 14 N.J.R. 209(a).

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Chapter 73, Reduced Fare Transportation Program for the Elderly and Handicapped, was adopted as R.1992 d.217, effective May 18, 1992. See: 24 N.J.R. 556 (b), 24 N.J.R. 1905(b). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 73 expired on May 18, 1997.

Chapter 73, Reduced Fare Transportation Program for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities, was adopted as R.1998 d.54, effective January 20, 1998. See: 29 N.J.R. 1683(a), 30 N.J.R. 377(a). Chapter 73, Reduced Fare Transportation Program for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities, expired on January 20, 2003.

Chapter 73, Reduced Fare Transportation Program for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities, was adopted as new rules by R.2006 d.180, effective May 15, 2006. See: Source and Effective Date.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

16:73-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Carrier” means any individual, partnership, association, corporation, joint stock company, public agency or public authority, trustee or receiver operating or controlling motor buses or rail/light rail passenger service on established routes within the State of New Jersey (State) or between points in the State and points in adjacent states.

“Commissioner” means the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation, or his or her designee.

“Demand responsive” means surface transportation that is not operated on a fixed route system.

“Established routes” means all regular intrastate routes of the participating carriers authorized by the Office of Regulatory Affairs of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, municipality, or any other regulatory agency, and interstate routes authorized by the Surface Transportation Board (or its predecessor, the Interstate Commerce Commission), or any other regulatory agency. “Established routes” does not include those trips to and from Atlantic City locations when the passenger receives from any source, money or other gratuities in addition to the transportation purchased.

“Interstate” means between points in the State and points in adjacent states.

“Intrastate” means points within the State.

“Motor bus” means “autobus” as defined in N.J.S.A. 48:4-1, and includes those autobuses, commonly called jitneys, as described in N.J.S.A. 48:16-23.

“NJ TRANSIT” means the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

“NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Identification Card (NJ TRANSIT ID Card)” means an identification card issued by NJ TRANSIT that can be used as proof of eligibility for participation in NJ TRANSIT’s Reduced Fare Transportation Program for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities.

“NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program” means NJ TRANSIT’s Reduced Fare Transportation Program for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities.

“Person with a disability” or “people with disabilities” is an individual(s) who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a person who has a history or record of such impairment, or a person who is perceived by others as having such an impairment and is/are unable to utilize mass transportation services as effectively as persons without disabilities.

“Reduced fare” means no more than one half, rounded down to the nearest nickel, of the regular adult one way fare as set forth in the carrier’s tariffs.

“Senior citizen” means any individual 62 years of age or over regardless of residence.

“Tariff” means the document setting forth the fares, rates, charges, and other provisions pertaining to the public transportation services furnished by the carrier. Tariff includes the documents maintained by NJ TRANSIT setting forth the fares for the public transportation services operated directly by NJ TRANSIT or operated for NJ TRANSIT by third party contractors.

16:73-1.2 Purpose

The NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program is designed to provide intrastate and interstate autobus and commuter rail and light rail passenger service for senior citizens and people with disabilities on regular routes of the participating carriers at no more than one half of the regular adult one way fare as set forth in the carrier’s tariffs.

16:73-1.3 Exclusions

Senior citizens and people with disabilities are not permitted to ride at a reduced fare on intrastate and interstate school, charter, demand responsive or special motor bus and commuter rail and light rail passenger service, and trips to or from Atlantic City locations when the user receives, from any source, money or other gratuities in addition to the transportation purchased.

SUBCHAPTER 2. IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

16:73-2.1 Registration of senior citizens for NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Identification Card

(a) Individuals may obtain an NJ TRANSIT ID Card application by writing or calling the NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program at:

NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program
180 Boyden Avenue
Maplewood, NJ 07040
Phone: 973-378-6401
973-378-6327

Applications for the NJ TRANSIT ID Card are available at some banks, savings and loan associations, County Offices on Aging and State offices providing services for senior citizens. The applicant should bring proof of age to these application centers. Any valid legal document will serve as proof of age. Examples are: driver’s license, birth certificate, passport, military discharge papers (DD214), etc.

(b) Authorized personnel of the application centers will examine the required documents and application. The application centers will then forward the completed application to NJ TRANSIT for processing.

(c) NJ TRANSIT shall issue an NJ TRANSIT ID Card to each qualified applicant. The NJ TRANSIT ID Card shall be valid until age 65, at which time most individuals receive a Medicare Card. NJ TRANSIT will not establish an automatic renewal procedure. If a senior citizen does not hold a Medicare Card and wishes to renew the NJ TRANSIT ID Card, he or she may contact the NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program or complete a new application at one of the locations listed in (a) above.

16:73-2.2 Registration of people with disabilities for NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Identification Card

(a) Individuals may obtain an application for an NJ TRANSIT ID Card by writing or calling the NJ TRANSIT Reduced Fare Program at:

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(b) Applicants will complete the first part of the application form and give it to a registered physician or other designee of NJ TRANSIT who will complete and mail the application to NJ TRANSIT.

(c) NJ TRANSIT may request additional information regarding an application from the certifying physician or agency. Incomplete or denied applications will be returned to the applicant with a letter explaining the reason(s) therefore.

(d) An applicant may appeal NJ TRANSIT’s decision to return or deny an application by submitting a written request for reconsideration of eligibility for an NJ TRANSIT ID Card to:

NJ TRANSIT
Deputy Treasurer
One Penn Plaza East
Newark, NJ 07105

(e) The final decision on eligibility will be made by NJ TRANSIT.