



# APPLICATION FOR DISABLED IDENTIFICATION CARD

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>		
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Issued By:	_____	
ID #:	_____	
Exp. Date:	_____	
<b>3 Doctor/MD</b>	<b>4 Social Service Agency</b>	
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## **PART I - APPLICANT** ( Please Print or Type)

- Mr.
- Mrs.
- Ms.

\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\* MUST PRESENT A CURRENT, VALID TEXAS PHOTO ID \*\*\***

**PART II** I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to the release and authorize the health care professional completing this application to release to Sun Metro Transit information about my disability in order to verify my eligibility for reduced-fare transportation. The information provided will allow Sun Metro to make an appropriate evaluation of this request and its application for reduced-fare transportation.

**PART III Must be completed by Doctor/MD only & accompanied by Doctor's certification – no exceptions**

## **PART III** PERMANENT (As Defined by Criteria Checked on Reverse Side)

This information certified true and correct.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PART IV Must be completed by Doctor/MD, Social Service Agency or Mobility Instructor**

## **PART IV** TEMPORARY (As Defined by Criteria Checked on Reverse Side)

This applicant has a temporary disability which can be expected to last \_\_\_\_\_ months. This information certified true and correct. **(no more than 12 months)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Social Service Worker Cert # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Definition of "DISABLED": A transportation disability is any incapacity which prevents an individual from using transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons not so affected. An individual will be considered transportation disabled, and eligible to receive all present and future benefits, if he/she meets one of the *below-stated criteria*, and obtains a doctor's certification that the disability relates to the below listed criteria and will last for more than twelve (12) months.

- Section 1.**  The person permanently employs a wheelchair.
- Section 2.**  The person who has any condition requiring the use of  
 a walker       crutches       leg or foot braces       other \_\_\_\_\_  
 wheelchair     cane               wheelchair stroller
- Section 3.**  The person who has one or more missing limbs or anatomical deformity of a limb: Use of prosthetic devices.
- Section 4.**  The person who is legally blind. Those persons whose vision in the better eye after best correction is 20/20 or less; and those persons whose visual field is contracted (commonly known as tunnel vision).
- or,**
- The person who has a severe hearing impairment. Deafness or hearing incapacity that may make an individual insecure in public areas because the individual is unable to communicate or hear warning signals, including only those persons whose hearing loss is 90 dba or greater in the 500, 1000, 2000 Hz. ranges.
- Section 5.**  The person who has a cardiovascular, cerebrovascular or respiratory condition which significantly interferes with coordination, endurance, or strength.
- Section 6.**  The person has neurological conditions which significantly interfere with coordination, strength, or endurance such as polio, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis or paralysis.
- Section 7.**  The person has a musculo-skeletal condition which significantly impairs motor skills, such as muscular dystrophy, severe rheumatism or severe arthritis affecting two or more limbs. American Rheumatism Association criteria may be used as a guideline for the determination of arthritic disability. Therapeutic Grade 11 or worse and Functional Class 111 or worse and Anatomical State 11 or worse are evidence of arthritic disability.
- Section 8.**  The person who has a disabling mental condition which results in a reduced capacity to perform actions necessary for use of transportation without receiving special training.  
 **Developmentally disabled.** Mental disability that originates before age 18.  
 **Adult mental retardation.**  
 **Epilepsy.** Grand mal or Psychomotor. Persons who are seizure-free for a continuous period of six months are disqualified.  
 **Autism.** Monotonously repetitive motor behavior, severe withdrawal, inappropriate response to stimuli and very inadequate social relationships.  
 **Neurological disabilities.** Neurological and physical impairments not controlled by medication (i.e. cerebral palsy or multiple sclerosis).  
 **Organic brain syndrome/emotionally disturbed.** Mental disturbances that require boarding or care home, funded work activity or workshop.
- Section 9.**  Needs Dialysis treatment (must use kidney machine).
- Section 10.**  The person who has Epilepsy. Clinical disorder involving impairment of consciousness, characterized by major motor seizures (grand mal or psychomotor) substantiated by EEG occurring within the past year in spite of prescribed treatment. With: a) Diurnal episodes or, b) Nocturnal episodes which show residuals interfering with activity during the day.



## DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A medical certification (letter) is required along with application to inform Sun Metro about the functional ability of the applicant to use regularly scheduled Sun Metro Bus Service. The criterion for eligibility is not the applicant's "medical status" per se; it is the *functional ability* of the applicant to use regularly scheduled Sun Metro transit service. If the applicant is able to use such service but experiences extreme difficulty in doing so due to his/her medical condition, he/she is eligible. If the functional limitation that results from the medical condition is presently corrected by medical treatment, such as medication, the applicant does not qualify.

Sun Metro will assess information and will make an appropriate evaluation of applicant's request to determine eligibility and duration for participation in the Reduced Fare Program. Information will remain on file and is not subject to public review. Sun Metro reserves the right to make a final determination of eligibility.

Conditions that do not qualify are; pregnancy, obesity, controlled epilepsy, contagious diseases that pose a danger to other passengers, and less severe mental illnesses. Low income or drug or alcohol addiction alone does not qualify an individual for reduced fare.

Certification must be completed and signed by one of the following licensed professionals:

- Licensed physicians with an M.D. or D.O. degree
- Licensed podiatrists, disabilities involving the feet under categories 1, 2, 3 and 4;
- Licensed optometrists, category 9;
- Licensed audiologists, category 10;
- Licensed clinical psychologists and licensed educational psychologists, categories (12, 15, 16 and 17).

Criteria for eligibility for a Reduced Fare ID Card:

- Significant difficulty in walking more than one block
- Significant difficulty in getting on or off a standard bus
- Significant difficulty in standing in a moving vehicle
- Significant difficulty in using stairs or escalators
- Significant difficulty in sitting down or standing up in moving vehicles
- Inability to read informational signs or symbols because of disability
- Inability to hear announcements by operators while in public transit vehicles

Doctor's certification/letter should contain the following:

- THE APPLICANT'S DISABILITY AND/OR IMPAIRMENT
- STATE IF DISABILITY IS PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
- STATE IF DIAGNOSIS IS CONTROLLED BY MEDICATION
- HOW DISABILITY RELATES to one of the 10 eligibility criteria listed on application, what substantially limits a major life activity, such as caring for one's self, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, etc. that further meets the legal standard for reduced-fare eligibility.