

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF CALHOUN COUNTY
REDUCED FARE PROGRAM
ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION FORM**



Applicant's full name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: Area Code () _____

I hereby authorize the release of this information to the Transportation Authority of Calhoun County or its designee for the purpose of determining eligibility for Reduced Fare. This form is confidential and will be used by the Transportation Authority of Calhoun County (TACC) staff and Department of Transportation authorized officials for transportation purposes and compliance reviews only.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARTICIPATING AGENCY OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER You are being asked to determine if this applicant meets the definition of "Disabled Person" in 49 CFR, part 27 (see reverse) and should be eligible to use TACC's services at reduced fare rates.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Does the applicant have a disability as defined in 49 CFR, part 27 that would qualify them for reduced fare? (Please check one) YES ____ NO ____

2. In general terms, please describe the applicant's characteristics based on the definition of a disabled person (see reverse) which would qualify the applicant for reduced fares.

3. Is the disability (Please check one) _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY

4. If TEMPORARY, length of disability: _____ Months _____ Years

Participating Agency or Health Care Provider Information:

Name of Agency: (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Name: (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Phone number: Area Code () _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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The Transportation Authority of Calhoun County has a Reduced Fare Program for eligible disabled (as defined in 49 CFR, part 27) and elderly persons. To be eligible for reduced fare, an individual must present a Medicare Card issued pursuant to Sections II and XVII of the Social Security Act, an official State pictured ID showing you are the age of 60 or older, or a Ride Calhoun Reduced Fare ID Card to the driver upon request.

To be issued a Ride Calhoun Reduced Fare ID Card, this certification form must be turned in to TACC's Administrative Office located at 339 W. Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49037, Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM or may be faxed in at 269-966-3652. **Determination may take up to 10 working days. Applications must be signed and complete.**

49 CFR defines a "disabled person" as any person who (a) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, (b) has a record of such an impairment, or (c) is regarded as having such an impairment. As used in this definition, the phrase:

- a. *Physical or mental impairment means (i) any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory, including speech organs; cardiovascular, reproductive; digestive; genito-urinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or (ii) any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities. The term physical or mental impairment includes but is not limited to, such diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments; cerebral palsy; epilepsy; muscular dystrophy; multiple sclerosis; cancer; heart disease; mental retardation; emotional illness; drug addiction; and alcoholism.*
- b. *Major life activities means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.*
- c. *Has a record of such an impairment means has a history of, or has been classified, or misclassified, as having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.*
- d. *Is regarded as having an impairment means:*
 1. *Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is treated by a recipient as constituting such a limitation;*
 2. *Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activity only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such an impairment; or*
 3. *Has none of the impairments set forth in paragraph a. of this definition, but is treated by a recipient as having such impairment.*

Upon expiration of a Temporary Reduced Fare ID card, a new application must be turned in for review and a new ID card issued and paid for.

If you are determined to be eligible for reduced fare you will be called and asked to come in to TACC's Administrative Office to take a picture and be issued a Ride Calhoun Reduced Fare ID Card. There is a \$2.00 processing fee for the ID card. **ELIGIBILITY DOES NOT START UNTIL THE ID CARD IS ISSUED TO YOU.**

If you are determined to be ineligible, a letter stating the ineligible determination will be mailed to you.

Fraudulently obtaining, copying or using identification cards to utilize Ride Calhoun services at a reduced rate is a crime and may be prosecuted according to appropriate Federal and State laws.