

**Massachusetts Americans with Disabilities
Paratransit Application Form**

Please note that any information given on this application will be kept confidential and shared only with professionals involved in providing the paratransit service on an as needed basis.

**THIS APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITIES LISTED IN
ATTACHMENT A**

A. Personal Information			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Date of Birth:		Preferred Name:	
B. Current Residence			
Street Address (include building, apartment or room number information):			
City:		State:	Zip:
Is this residence:			
☐	Single Family House		☐ Multifamily House
☐	Apartment or Condominium Complex		Name:
☐	Nursing or Assisted Living Facility		Name:
☐	College or University		Name:
Other:			
Is this a temporary residence: Yes No			
C. Mailing Address (if different from residence)			
Street Address (include building, apartment, or room number information): _____ (check here if same as above)			
City:		State:	Zip:
D. Contact Information			
Primary Phone:		Alternate Phone:	
Email Address (optional):			
Preferred method of communication:			
☐ Phone	☐ Email	☐ Mail	☐ Text (if available at RTA)
Preferred Language:			
E. Emergency Contact			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Relationship:		Agency (if Applicable):	
Primary Phone:		Alternate Phone:	

F. If someone assisted you in completing this form, please give the following information:				
Last Name:			First Name:	
Relationship:		Agency (if Applicable):		
Primary Phone:		Alternate Phone:		
May we contact this person with questions regarding your application? Yes No				
G. General Information About Your Disability				
Please indicate below if you need ADA service information in the following accessible formats:				
Large Print	Audio	Braille	Email	Other:
Are you certified for ADA Paratransit services by another service provider or transit agency: Yes No				
If yes:	Name of Service Provider:			State:
Please list the diagnosis' that prevent you from using the fixed route bus service: 				
Explain how your diagnosis prevents you from independently using the fixed route bus service:				
Is the disability or health related condition you describe:				
Permanent	If permanent is level of ability expected to change Yes No			
Temporary	If temporary how long is it expected to last:			
Unsure				
Does your health condition or disability change from day to day in a way that affects your ability to use the fixed route bus service? Yes No Sometimes				
If "Yes" or "Sometimes", Please explain:				
Are there times when someone accompanies you when you travel? Yes No Sometimes				

Do you use any of the following devices when you travel?		
Manual Wheelchair*	Powered Wheelchair*	Scooter*
Walker	Cane	Long White Cane
Oxygen	Communication Device	Crutches
Service Animal	Respirator	Other:
*The term wheelchair refers to any three or more wheeled device which is usable indoors. We will be able to accommodate a wheelchair if (1) the lift and vehicle can physically accommodate it and (2) if it is consistent with legitimate safety requirements. Legitimate safety requirements include but are not limited to such circumstances as a wheelchair of such size that it would block an aisle or would interfere with safe evacuation of passengers in an emergency, and/or is overweight when occupied for the vehicle specifications.		
H. Fixed Route Bus Service Experience		
Have you ever ridden the fixed route bus?		
Yes	How often and to what locations?	
	If not currently riding, why?	
Some providers have Travel Training, which is a free service that teaches people how to use the fixed route bus. If this is available in your area, would you be interested in receiving more information? Yes No		
I. Functional Ability		
Can you find your way to a public bus stop if someone shows you once?		
Yes	No	Sometimes
How far can you safely walk (using a mobility aid if necessary)? _____ Feet _____ Blocks		
Can you walk up/down a gradual hill?		
Yes	No	Sometimes
Can you see/detect curbs, ramps, and other drop off areas?		
Yes	No	Sometimes
How long can you stand and wait at a fixed route bus stop? _____ minutes		
Can you recognize and request stops when on the bus?		
Yes	No	Sometimes
Can you physically get on and off a fixed route bus? All RTA vehicles have lifts, ramps, or the ability to kneel and are accessible.		
Yes	No	Sometimes
If "No" or "Sometimes", please explain:		
Can you ask for, understand, and follow travel directions?		
Yes	No	Sometimes
If "No" or "Sometimes", please explain:		

J. Barriers		
What environmental barriers make it difficult for you to use the fixed route bus service?		
Lack of curb cuts/ramps	Steep hills	No sidewalks
Busy street I must cross	No crosswalk light/vocal indicator	Sidewalks in poor condition
Snow/Ice on Ground	Other (describe):	
Explain why the conditions you indicated make it difficult:		
K. Applicant Acknowledgement		
By signing below, you certify that the information submitted on this application is true to the best of your knowledge.		
Applicant Signature:		Date:
If an applicant cannot sign their name, the legal guardian must sign on their behalf:		
Legal Guardian Signature:		Date:

MEDICAL INFORMATION RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

For an RTA to evaluate your request they will need to contact a medical/clinical professional to confirm the information you provided. Please complete the following information and authorization form.

The following Licensed Health Care Professional is familiar with my disability and is authorized to provide the RTA with all information required to complete this certification.

Licensed Professional's Information		
Name:		Agency/Facility:
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip
Professional Certification:		
Physician	Nurse Practitioner	Physician Assistant
Psychiatrist	Licensed Social Worker	Neurologist
Occupational Therapist	Physical Therapist	Physician Assistant
Other:		
I hereby authorize the professional listed above to release any information necessary to determine Paratransit eligibility to the: <i>(Enter Name of RTA)</i>		
Applicant Signature:		Date:
Printed Name:		

REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL VERIFICATION

The patient indicated that you could provide information regarding their disability and its impact upon their ability to utilize public transit services. Federal law requires that Regional Transit Authorities provide paratransit services to persons who cannot use available accessible fixed-route bus services. ***(Fixed-route services are transit services where vehicles run on regular, scheduled routes with fixed stops. For example, a city bus that always travels the same route is part of the fixed- route system.)*** Please keep in mind that any condition which makes traveling to or from a boarding/disembarking location or riding on a fixed-route system more difficult or less comfortable, are not reasons for paratransit eligibility. The information you provide will let us evaluate the request and its application to specific trip requests.

Applicant/Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Information Regarding Applicant's Functional Abilities			
Medical/clinical diagnosis of condition causing disability:			
Explain how the applicant's disabilities or health related conditions could prevent them independently using the fixed route bus service:			
Is the disability or health related condition:			
Permanent	If permanent is it expected to change	Yes	No
Temporary	Expected to last:		
Unsure			
Does the health condition or disability change from day to day in a way that affects their ability to use the public bus service?			
Yes	No	Sometimes	
If "Yes" or "Sometimes", Please explain (for example: extreme temperatures, medication side effects, etc.):			
Does the applicant require a Personal Care Attendant to complete daily tasks?			
Yes	No	Sometimes	
I certify that I have completed the questions in this Professional Verification Form and that the information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge			
Signature of Health Care Provider:			
Printed Name:		Date:	
License #		Date of Expiration:	