



NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT

Application for Voluntary Service Animal Identification Card For Individuals with Disabilities

- New Application
- Renewal
- Replacement Card
- Visitor

Attached is a voluntary application for a Service Animal identification card for individuals with disabilities. Service animals are defined as animals (usually dogs) which have been trained or are being trained to aid or guide a person with a disability and are accompanying persons with disabilities. All service animals must be harnessed or leashed.

Anyone traveling on the subway or bus system with a service animal may be asked to describe the task(s) that the animal performs upon request by NYC Transit personnel. Any individual who does not comply can be excluded from a NYC Transit facility or vehicle.

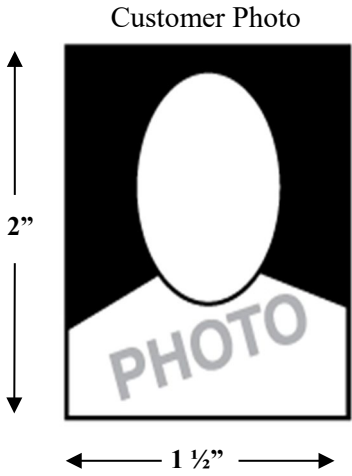
Identification is not required when a person with a disability travels the transit system with a service animal. However, persons living in the tri-state (NY, NJ, CT) service area who wish to apply for an MTA NYC Transit Service Animal Identification Card on a voluntary basis can complete and sign the attached application form - (visitors can apply for a temporary card). MTA NYC Transit encourages the use of the identification cards to avoid misunderstandings in communications between our personnel and our customers with disabilities as to whether the animal you are traveling with is a service animal or a pet. Customers are not permitted to travel with pets or therapy animals, unless they are in enclosed carriers. Federal regulations state that, animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

If you are unable to complete the form yourself, you can have someone assist you. Once the form is completed, please return it to:

**MTA New York City Transit
Office of ADA Compliance
2 Broadway - 5th Floor MB #508
New York, NY 10004**

SERVICE ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION

(Please Print Clearly)



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| | | |
| Last Name | First Name | M.I. |
| | | |
| Street Address | | Apt. No. |
| | | |
| City | State | Zip Code |
| | | |
| Telephone | | |

Breed of Animal: _____

If you do not have a Reduced-Fare MetroCard: All applicants must supply at their own expense one 2" x 1 1/2" photograph (passport type) with this application. Print your name on the back of your photograph and attach it where indicated above.

Certification of Individuals with Disabilities:

1. I certify that I am a person with a disability based upon the following documentation (check one and attach a copy):
 - Reduced-Fare Card/MetroCard
 - Physician statement
 - Letter verifying disability from:
 - a. Social Security Administration
 - b. Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID)
 - c. Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH)
 - d. Other Federal/State recognized agency for people with disabilities

2. Certification from physician that because of your disability you need to travel with a service animal. (attach original)

3. I certify that my service animal is properly trained to work or perform the following task(s): *(please specify below and attach any pertinent documentation)*

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I affirm that all statements made on this application are true and complete. I understand that all statements made in this application may be subject to verification. I understand that a material misstatement may disqualify me from traveling on the transit system with my service animal. I understand that this identification card is to be used for the purpose of riding on the MTA transit system only (New York City Transit, Metro-North Railroad, Long Island Railroad, Staten Island Railway and MTA Bus). I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of my service animal, while traveling on the transit system. I understand that if my service animal engages in threatening behavior while on the transit system, I can be asked to leave the bus, subway or station.

Signature _____

Date _____

If someone other than the applicant has completed this application, please provide the following information:

Name

Relationship to Applicant

Telephone Number

Date

For more information or additional copies of this form, please contact:

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