



**Eligibility and Registration Form**  
**Rural Transportation for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Project**



- ◆ Reduced fare transportation service may be available to you if you are:
  1. A person with a disability and
  2. **Between the ages of 18 - 64** and
  3. Need accessible public transit beyond ADA complementary paratransit services.
  
- ◆ If you would like to participate in this project, please complete this form and send it with a copy of one of the documents listed in Part 2 below to:
 

*BARTA PwD Program  
 1700 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Reading, PA 19604*
  
- ◆ Once your application is received and reviewed you will be notified of your eligibility to participate.
  
- ◆ If you have questions about this project, this form or need this form in an alternate format please call:  
 610-921-2361, 1-800-383-2278 or 610-921-1018 (TDD)

Note: The information provided in this application regarding your disability will be used to determine your eligibility for reduced fare transportation services under the PwD project. Other information within the form will be used for data collection purposes, to determine your eligibility for any additional transportation programs, and to provide you with the appropriate type of service. This information will be kept confidential and used only by professionals involved in evaluating your eligibility and in analyzing the project for future recommendations.  
**Please print clearly.**

**PART 1: GENERAL**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street & No.): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a disability according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) definition below?  
 Yes     No

**Definition of Disability**

Eligibility for this program is based on disability as defined by the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). According to the ADA, "*Disability* means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment". "...*major life activities* means functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and work."

## **PART 2: WRITTEN VERIFICATION THAT YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY**

Written verification by a knowledgeable organization or qualified individual that you are a person with a disability is required to participate in the PwD project.

### **1. If you have written verification of a disability:**

You may already have written verification that you are a person with a disability from a service organization by having an identification card, a written assessment of your disability, etc. If so, send a copy of this information to BARTA. If not, you will need to ask an organization or individual listed below to verify, in writing, that you are a person with a disability according to the ADA definition and then send it to BARTA.

**Please check the organization or individual whose written verification you are submitting with your application form.**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Insurance (SSI) and Disability Insurance (SSDI) | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services                         | <input type="checkbox"/> PA Attendant Care Program   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Independent Living (CIL)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services Program for Persons with Physical Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United Disabilities Services                                    | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Physical/Occupational Therapist                      | _____  |

### **2. If you do not have written verification of a disability:**

Please fill out **Attachment A - Certification of Disability Form** at the end of this form. It provides verification of a disability according to the definition in the Americans with Disabilities Act. This form can be used to acquire the necessary information for verifying a disability from a qualified health professional.

## **PART 3: INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD RELATED DATA**

Passenger income related data is being collected for further decision-making regarding the project. The information is required by PennDOT and is used to assist BARTA staff in determining your eligibility for other transportation funding sources. **THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR DISCOUNTED FARES UNDER THE PwD PROGRAM.**

Please check the appropriate space in each column:

Annual Income

Household Size

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,001-\$15,000
- \$15,001-\$20,000
- \$20,001-\$25,000
- \$25,001-\$30,000
- \$30,000-\$35,000
- \$35,001-\$40,000
- \$40,001-\$45,000
- \$45,001-\$50,000
- \$50,001-\$55,000
- \$55,001-\$60,000
- \$60,001+

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8 +

**PART 4: AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Transportation services provided under the PwD project are not to be provided in place of any current transportation services that you already receive.

1. Do you now receive any transportation services or are any of your transportation costs paid for by another program or organization? Please complete all that apply from the following list.

- Senior Citizens Shared-Ride Transportation Program
- Area Agency on the Aging
- Medical Assistance Transportation Program - MA Number \_\_\_\_\_
- Americans with Disabilities Act Complementary Paratransit
- Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MH/MR)
- Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)
- The training program I am in at \_\_\_\_\_
- The employment program I am in at \_\_\_\_\_
- The group home where I live.
- Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you are not registered for Medical Assistance (MA), you may qualify. If appropriate, you will be referred to the County Assistance Office (CAO) for a determination of eligibility for MA and other programs.

- I have been informed of *pending referral* to the County Assistance Office (CAO)
- I was referred to the CAO for MA eligibility determination on date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of staff person faxing the referral to the CAO \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 5: INFORMATION SO WE MAY SERVE YOU BETTER**

1. Is your disability permanent?      \_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_ No  
(A standard definition of a permanent disability is one that lasts for 12 months or longer.)

2. If not, how long is it expected to last? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is the nature of your disability? Check those that apply.

- \_\_\_ Mobility disability (**please see question 4 below**)
- \_\_\_ Vision disability
- \_\_\_ Hearing disability
- \_\_\_ Cognitive disability
- \_\_\_ Mental disability
- \_\_\_ Other - Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please check all mobility aids that apply.

- Manual wheelchair     Crutches                     Service Animal
- Power Wheelchair     Cane
- Motorized Scooter     Walker

5. Do you require the services of a personal care attendant or escort when you travel? (A personal care attendant or escort is a person that you need to assist you during the trip or at your origin or destination)

Yes

No

Sometimes

Please describe when you need assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Emergency Contact (Optional)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is there anything else you want us to know so we can serve you better? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If "Yes," please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

PART 6: RELEASE OF INFORMATION and YOUR CERTIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION FORM

Release of Information

I give my permission to BARTA to contact a health care or other professional that I designate for additional information to verify that I am a person with a disability. Yes  No

I understand that the purpose of this application is to determine if I am eligible to participate in the PwD project. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature or that of the person who completed this form

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the person who completed this form

Relationship

Telephone number

**Attachment A**

**Certification of Disability Form**  
**Reduced Fare Transportation Services**  
**Rural Transportation for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Program**

The purpose of this form is to provide written, independent verification that the applicant named below has a disability according to the definition in the Americans with Disabilities Act. This form is to be completed by a professional who is familiar with the applicant's disability. A professional is someone who has medical training, provides rehabilitative or therapeutic services, does cognitive assessments, or provides independent living and counseling services to people with disabilities. The applicant has applied for transportation services under the Rural Transportation for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) program, which is being administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with services provided by BARTA. If you have any questions about the form, please call 610-921-2361.

Applicant Information (to be completed by applicant):

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street & No.): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant signature or that of the person who completed this form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Please answer the following questions **(to be completed by the agency or person providing verification of eligibility information)**

Is the applicant's disability permanent? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
(A standard definition of a permanent disability is one that lasts for 12 months or longer.)

If not, how long is it expected to last? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the nature of the applicant's disability?

Check those that apply.

- Mobility disability (please see question to the right)
- Vision disability                       Hearing disability
- Cognitive disability                       Mental disability
- Other - Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all mobility aids that apply.

- Manual wheelchair                       Crutches
- Power Wheelchair                       Cane
- Motorized Scooter                       Walker
- Service Animal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Professional

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Agency or Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

Please send completed form to: BARTA PwD Program ♦ 1700 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street ♦ Reading, PA 19604