

North County Transit District Resource Guide

If you are disabled or a senior citizen (60+) you are eligible for discounts on the Sprinter/ Breeze for as low as \$18 dollars a month. To see a breakdown of fares please click here:

<http://www.gonctd.com/sprinter-fares-and-passes>

Disabled Individuals for Reduced Fair Include:

1. **Non-Ambulatory Disabilities:** Make it necessary to use a wheelchair for mobility.
2. **Mobility Aids:** Make it so difficult to walk unaided that they must use a mobility aid.
3. **Musculo-Skeletal Impairment (inc. Arthritis):** Result in a musculo-skeletal impairment, e.g. muscular dystrophy, osteogenesis imperfecta or any type of arthritis (functional Class III or anatomical Stage III).
4. **Amputation:** Result in either amputation or major deformity/functional loss of: a) both hands; or b) one hand and one foot; or c) one or both legs above the tarsal region.
5. **Cerebrovascular Accident (Stroke):** Are caused by or result in: a) pseudobulbar palsy; or b) functional motor deficit in any of two extremities; or ataxia affecting two extremities substantiated by appropriate cerebellar signs or proprioceptive loss longer than 4 months.
6. **Pulmonary Ills:** Are described as respiratory impairments of Class III and IV. (Class III - FVC between 51 percent and 59 percent of predicted; or FEV between 41 and 59 percent of predicted. Class IV - FVC less than or equal to 50 percent of predicted; or FEV less than or equal to 40 percent of predicted.)
7. **Cardiac Ills:** A result of cardiovascular disease and cause persons to exhibit marked limitation of physical activity at functional Class III or IV.
8. **Dialysis:** Require the use of a kidney dialysis machine.
9. **Sight Disabilities:** Result in vision in the better eye, after best correction, which is 20/200 or less; or those individuals whose visual field is contracted (commonly known as tunnel vision): a) to 10 degrees or less from a point of fixation; or b) so the widest diameter subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees; and c) who are unable to read information signs or symbols for other than language reasons.
10. **Hearing Disabilities:** Are due to deafness or hearing incapacity that makes it impossible to communicate or hear warning signals where the hearing loss is 70 dba or greater in the 500, 1000, 2000 Hz. ranges.

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11. **Disabilities of Incoordination:** Causes faulty coordination or palsy from brain, spinal or peripheral nerve injury, including functional nerve injury and/or functional motor deficit in any two limbs or which significantly reduce mobility, coordination or perceptiveness not accounted for in previous categories.
12. **Mental Retardation:** Result in subaverage general intellectual functioning originating during the developmental period or from illness or accident later in life, associated with impaired adaptive behavior.
13. **Cerebral Palsy:** Date from birth or early infancy or result from later illness or accident and are non-progressive. They display marked regression or aberrations of motor functions (paralysis, weakness, in coordination) and/or organic brain damage such as sensory disorders, seizures, mental retardation, learning difficulty and behavioral disorders.
14. **Epilepsy (Convulsive Disorder):** A clinical disorder involving impairment of consciousness, characterized by seizures. Persons who are seizure-free for a continuous period of six months are disqualified.
15. **Infantile Autism:** When present in a child, consists of withdrawal, very inadequate social relationships, language disturbance and monotonously repetitive motor behavior. Impaired general intellectual functioning, severe withdrawal and inappropriate response to external stimuli also may be present.
16. **Neurological Impairment:** Are characterized by learning, perception and/or behavioral disorders in an individual whose IQ is not less than two standard deviations below the norm, and result from brain dysfunctions (any disorder in learning using the senses), neurologic disorder or any damage to the central nervous system, regardless of cause. This category includes applicants with severe gait problems who are restricted in mobility.
17. **Mental Disorders:** Individuals whose mental impairment substantially limits one or more of their major life activities. This includes inability to learn, work or care for oneself. A principal diagnosis from the DSM IV classification in one of the following areas is required for eligibility: Organic Mental Disorders, Schizophrenic Disorders, Paranoid Disorders, Psychotic Disorders not elsewhere classified, Affective Disorders, Somata Form Disorder, Dissociative Disorders, Adjustment Disorders, Psychological Factors affecting physical condition, and Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome. These

diagnoses must be at Class III to V levels, as follows: Class 3 - Moderate Impairment. Levels compatible with some, but not all, useful functions. Class 4 - Marked Impairment. Levels significantly impede useful functioning. Class 5 - Extreme Impairment. Levels preclude useful functioning.

18. **Chronic Progressive Debilitating Disorders:** Result from chronic and progressive debilitating diseases that are characterized by constitutional symptoms such as fatigue, weakness, weight loss, pain and changes in mental status that, taken together, interfere in the activities of daily living and significantly impair mobility.

19. **Multiple Impairments:** This category may include, but not be limited to, persons disabled by the combined effects of more than one impairment, including those related to age. The individual impairments themselves may not be severe enough to qualify the applicant for a reduced transit fare; however, the combined effects of the disabilities may qualify the individual for the program.

How to Apply for Reduced Fair Card

1. Passengers ages 60 and older get a discounted fare when they show a valid proof of eligibility, such as any one of the following:

- Valid Driver's License
- Medicare Card
- Metropolitan Transit Service (MTS) Photo I.D.
- California Identification Card
- Other government issued I.D. that shows proof of age and a picture

2. Persons with Disabilities:

Passengers get a discounted fare when they show a valid proof of eligibility, such as any one of the following:

- NCTD Reduced Fare I.D. Card
- MTS Senior/Disabled I.D. Card
- Medicare Card

3. Medicare Recipients:

Passengers must show Medicare Card for reduced fare.

4. Personal Care Attendants (PCA) :

PCAs ride free on [LIFT](#) paratransit, [BREEZE](#) buses, and [SPRINTER](#) trains when accompanying a person ADA certified to use paratransit LIFT services. ADA certified passengers who use the assistance of a [PCA](#) need to show NCTD Paratransit Reduced Fare I.D. Card with the “PCA-Yes” symbol on it. PCAs only ride free on LIFT, BREEZE, and SPRINTER, but not San Diego MTS buses.

How to Obtain or Renew an NCTD Reduced Fare I.D. Card

If you are a person with a disability you can:

- Obtain an application online:

[English Application](#)

[Spanish Application \(Espanol\)](#)

- Call Customer Service for an application at (760) 966-6500 (M-F, 7 am – 7 pm).
- Visit one of these locations to pick up an application:

Oceanside Transit Store

at the Oceanside Transit Center

205 South Tremont Street

Oceanside, CA 92054

Escondido Transit Center

700 W. Valley Parkway

Escondido, CA 92025

- Have an authorized agency or qualified/certified health care professional complete their part of the form. (If you have a DMV placard I.D. card, VA letter that states you are 50% or more disabled or current SSI award letter, you only need to bring it with you.)

After completing the steps above, bring the completed form and picture ID to one of the two customer service locations:

Oceanside Transit Center (weekdays, 8 am – 5 pm)

Phone: (760) 966-6500

205 South Tremont Street, Oceanside, CA 92054

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Escondido Transit Center (weekdays, 8 am – 5 pm)

Phone: (760) 967-2875

700 W. Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92025

Note: Please call before coming and confirm we are able to take your photo and issue you a card.

When eligibility has been established, we will issue an NCTD Reduced Fare I.D. Card. These cards are initially free, but there is a fee for replacements.

Show your NCTD Reduced Fare I.D. Card to the driver as you board the bus and you will be entitled to pay the reduced cash fare.

You may also use the Reduce Fare I.D. Card to purchase discounted:

BREEZE Bus Regional Senior/Disabled/Medicare Monthly Pass

COASTER Train Senior/Disabled/Medicare Monthly Pass

Sprinter Routes

For Sprinter Routes please click here: <http://www.gonctd.com/sprinter>

Breeze Routes

For Breeze bus routes please click here: <http://www.gonctd.com/breeze>

Trip Planner

To help plan your trip please click here: <http://www.gonctd.com/trip-planner>