
Transportation

AMTRAK REDUCED FARE PROGRAM

Program Description:

Amtrak rail service provides a 15% fare discount off of the best fare price for elderly and handicapped persons on a regular ticket. There are some holiday restrictions but no limits on length of stay. This service is not valid on the Auto train. It is valid for the Metro Liner on off peak times.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify for the discount a person must be 62 years of age or older. Proof of age may include any of the following: a driver's license, birth certificate or other document showing age.

For More Information Contact:

Amtrak Toll-Free: (800) 872-7245.

GRADUATED DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM

Program Description:

Operating a motor vehicle is a complicated task requiring skill, ability and a degree of tolerance for our fellow driver. While our skills and tolerance may increase with 'time on the road,' our abilities may be reduced by trauma, disease, or illness. A driver licensing system which is based on the assumption that we do not change physically is not consistent with common sense, nor does it reflect reality. The change may have been so subtle that the driver did not even notice it, or it may have been the result of an accident with very clear consequences.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, with the help of its Medical Advisory Board (a group of medical doctors who volunteer their time), has developed a Graduated Driver's License program. This licensing program is for the person whose abilities, for whatever reason, have changed since his or her initial licensing. It also allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a new license under this program to drivers who would not have previously qualified for a license.

The Graduated Driver's License program does not concern itself with the reason for change; instead, it focuses on the professional medical advice given to the driver. If a driver is told by his/her physician to drive only during daylight hours because of a medical condition, the Graduated Driver's License can be fashioned to state just that need.

The goal of the Graduated Driver's License is to support self-respect and dignity by ensuring the greatest possible mobility for the driver without jeopardizing safety.

The type of license issued is based on the advice of the driver's medical professional, who provides the Department of Motor Vehicles with diagnostic information. DMV personnel review the medical reports and may ask the driver to be evaluated by specially trained DMV staff. The license is then issued to the driver, at no additional charge if the driver has a current license. If a Graduated Driver's License is issued, it becomes the license that the driver carries and uses. It indicates with a code that it is a Graduated Driver's License. Any specific information that may be needed by law enforcement agencies can be obtained by calling DMV.

The advantage of the Graduated Driver's License is the assurance that the person is driving in a manner consistent with the best possible medical advice.

The Graduated Driver's License will assist many drivers to maintain their driving privileges without hardship, plus keep their self-respect, dignity, and mobility.

TYPES OF GRADUATED LICENSES AVAILABLE

A graduated license may contain one or more of the following limitations, which will be noted on the graduated license document.

Operation of a motor vehicle is permitted ONLY:

1. During the period of daylight beginning one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and ending one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
2. When the person is using corrective lenses, not including telescopic lenses, as prescribed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist.
3. On highways that are not limited access highways.
4. In a motor vehicle having an automatic transmission.
5. In a motor vehicle equipped with external mirrors located on both the left and right sides of the vehicle to reflect to the vehicle operator a view of the highway of at least two hundred (200) feet to the rear.
6. In a motor vehicle having special controls or equipment.

Eligibility Requirements:

Anyone who currently meets the residency and age requirements in Connecticut is eligible to apply for a Graduated License provided they meet the minimum medical standards. Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

 **For More Information Contact:**

Department of Motor Vehicles
Legal Services /Driver Qualifications Section
60 State Street - Room 327
Wethersfield, CT 06161-2510
Phone: (860) 263-5223

METRO NORTH DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Program Description:

Elderly and handicapped persons may travel on the Metro-North rail service for a reduced fare at all times, except on-peak morning hours. A 50% discount on the regular one-way fare is applicable for the elderly and handicapped who show proper identification. An individual's Medicare card, driver's license, or birth certificate are acceptable forms of identification.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, the person must be at least 65 years of age or disabled.

For More Information Contact:

Metro North for fare and schedule information: (800) 638-7646

SENIOR CITIZEN DRIVER INSURANCE PROGRAM

Program Description:

Drivers age 62 or older who complete an approved accident prevention course will receive a discount of at least 5% on their automobile liability or physical damage insurance. This discount shall apply to the premium charges for the automobile for at least twenty-four (24) months.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, the person must be 62 years of age or older.

For More Information Contact:

John DiBella, Coordinator of Mature Driver Services
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60 State Street
Wethersfield, CT 06161-3502
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SENIOR/DISABLED PHOTO REDUCED FARE CARD

Program Description:

Elderly and disabled persons may ride for a reduced fare, usually 50% or less of base fare, on all Connecticut Transit buses. A Medicare card **or** a special State I.D. card will allow a senior citizen to ride on state-subsidized buses for the discount rate.

The Department of Transportation provides this special Photo I.D. Card for those elderly persons *who do not have a Medicare card*. There is a \$5.00 application fee for new cards. A \$10.00 processing fee is charged for replacement cards. To obtain an application for this card, contact CTTRANSIT at the address below.

Eligibility Requirements:

To qualify, the person must be 65 years of age or older or disabled.

For More Information Contact:

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