



Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority

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APPLICATION FOR HART DISCOUNT PERMIT

APPLICATION NOT REQUIRED if you have one of the following:

- Red, white and blue striped *Medicare* card;
- State of Florida Division of Blind Services card; OR
- Veterans Administration Disabled ID card with “Service Connected”

Go to a HART Customer Service outlet (Marion Transit Center or University Area Transit Center) and present one of the above to receive a HART discount permit. There will be a **\$3.00** fee for your permit. Recertification is required every five years (sooner for temporary conditions). All replacement discount permits will cost **\$3.00**.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PHYSICIAN/MEDICAL PROVIDER:

HART provides a discount fare to disabled persons. In order to qualify for a discount fare, a person must meet the definition of a disabled person as defined by the United States Department of Transportation. HART requires a certified physician or medical provider to determine that the applicant does indeed meet the definition. Please read the “Information to State of Florida Certified Physicians and Medical Professionals” and determine the eligibility of the applicant on page three.

APPLICANT:

Please take this application to a certified physician or medical provider who will certify that you are eligible for a HART discount permit. Return the completed original application to any HART Customer Service outlet (Marion Transit Center or University Area Transit Center) along with a current picture ID. There will be a **\$3.00** application fee. Recertification is required every five years (sooner for temporary conditions). All replacement discount permits will cost **\$3.00**.

When presenting a *completed* application at a HART Customer Service outlet you must also:

- 1) Provide a valid ID
- 2) Have the original copy; no mailing or faxing
- 3) Application must be filled out completely by the physician or medical provider (including their signature)
- 4) All applications are subject to verification. The determination of whether a person is “Disabled,” by definition, will be made on the basis of submitted evidence. HART discount permits will not be issued until *all* the information on this application is

verified. Please follow the HART representative's instructions.



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INFORMATION TO STATE OF FLORIDA CERTIFIED PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

HART provides a discounted fare on all its routes to people with disabilities. To qualify for a discounted fare, a person must meet the definition of a disabled person as defined by the United States Department of Transportation (Federal Register Volume 56, No. 173 as of September 6, 1991/Rules and Regulations, 37.3 Definitions).

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.

(1) The phrase “physical or mental impairment” means (i) any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, enitor-urinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin and endocrine; (ii) any mental or psychosocial disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities; (iii) the term physical or mental impairment includes, but is not limited to, such contagious or noncontagious diseases and conditions as orthopedic, visual, speech and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction and alcoholism.

(2) The phrase “major life activities” means functions such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and work.

(3) The phrase “has a record of such impairment” means has a history of, or has been misclassified as having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

(4) The phrase “is regarded as having such an impairment” means (i) has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities, but which is treated by a public or private entity as constituting such a limitation; (ii) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity only as a result of the attitudes of others toward such an impairment; or (iii) has none of the impairments defined in paragraph (1) of this definition but is treated by a public or private entity as having such an impairment.