



LEWISTON TRANSIT SYSTEM

Paratransit Eligibility Application

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Lewiston Transit System (LTS) provides complimentary paratransit service, also known as “Dial-a-Ride”, to individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the available stops on our fixed route service.

The purpose of this application is to provide an opportunity for you to describe the effects of your disability and/or environmental barriers that prevent you from traveling independently and or getting to/from a bus stop. Disability alone does not determine eligibility. The decision is based on your functional ability to use the fixed route bus and is not based on a medical diagnosis.

PLEASE NOTE: Age, unfamiliarity with routes and/or distance to bus stops, an inability to drive, and time inconveniences are not determining factors that qualify for paratransit service.

The information that you provide will help LTS to understand your abilities and travel challenges. All information contained in this application will be kept confidential and shared only with the professionals involved in evaluating your eligibility.

All applicants must complete the application and provide written professional verification of disability. The ADA certification process helps us determine which mobility services are appropriate for you based on your abilities.

All questions must be answered. Incomplete forms will be returned and cause time delays in processing your application. If you have questions or need assistance completing this form, please call the Transit Operations Supervisor at (208) 298-1340.

Lewiston Transit System's ADA eligibility process includes:

1. Receipt of your completed application, including medical professional verification (pages 7-8 of this packet). ***(Incomplete applications will be sent back to you and cause delays in processing)***.
2. Once we have received your completed application, LTS will process it within 21 days and

notify you of our determination and provide you information on how to access our services.

3. If you have not heard from our office after 21 days, you will be granted Presumptive Eligibility. This will allow you to use dial-a-ride service until a final determination has been made.
4. Your notification will be sent to you in the form of a letter. If you disagree with the decision, you have 65 days from the date on your determination letter to file the Request to Appeal form. After we receive your form:

- Lewiston Transit System will review the additional information and make a final determination within thirty (30) days;

Or

- You may request to present your additional information in-person to the ADA Eligibility Appeals Committee, who will make a determination within thirty (30) days. You may have someone accompany you.

Applications and/or appeals may be submitted by:

Mail: Lewiston Transit System
ATTN: Transit Operations Supervisor
PO Box 617
Lewiston, ID 83501

Fax: (208) 298-1339

Delivered: Lewiston Transit System
215 D Street
Lewiston, ID 83501

If you have not heard from us within 21 days, please contact the Transit Operation Supervisor at (208) 298-1340

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Home Address: _____

Apt/Room # _____

Mailing Address (if different):

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ TTY: Yes No

Cell Phone: () _____ TTY: Yes No

Birth Date: _____/_____/_____

Gender: Male Female

Do you need future written information provided to you in an accessible format?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate your preferred format:

Electronic Copy Large Print

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____

Did anyone assist you with completing this application:

Yes

No

If yes, please provide the following information about the person:

Name: _____

Phone: () _____

Relationship: _____

Who is authorized to contact LTS on your behalf to schedule/cancel rides?

Name (individual or organization) _____

Phone () _____

Name (individual or organization) _____

Phone () _____

Your answers to questions in this section will help us better understand your functional ability in specific areas. Your answers should be based on your physical and mental ability to perform the tasks. Assume that you are using the mobility equipment that you usually use when traveling outside your home.

1. What type(s) of disabilities prevent you from using the fixed route service? Please check all that apply.

Physical Disability
Impairment/Blindness

Visual

Developmental Disability

Brain Injury

Mental Illness

Other _____

2. Does your disability prevent you from independently boarding, riding, or exiting from a bus?

Yes

No

If yes, please identify your disability and/or environmental barriers that prevent you from traveling independently.

3. Do you need the wheelchair lift to get on and off the bus? (This includes if you do not use a wheelchair/scooter, but will need the lift to board the bus).

Yes

No

If yes, please explain how your disability and/or environmental barriers prevent you from using a fixed route bus that has a wheelchair lift.

4. Do you have a disability that prevents you from traveling to or from a bus stop?

Yes No

If yes, please explain how your disability and/or environmental barriers prevent you from traveling to/from bus stops.

5. Is your disability or health condition temporary or permanent?

Temporary (I expect my disability to last ____ months)

Permanent

6. Please describe ALL the mobility aid(s) or equipment you use, or will use, when traveling outside your home.

7. If you use a wheelchair or scooter, what is the:

Width in inches: _____

Length in inches: _____

What is the make and model number of your wheelchair(s)/scooter(s)?

Make _____ **Model Number** _____

Make _____ **Model Number** _____

Make _____ **Model Number** _____

Do you have a wheelchair ramp at your home?

Yes

No

8. Do you, or will you, need the assistance of another person (PCA*) to travel when using Dial-a-Ride?

***A PCA is someone who provides assistance during your ride and/or at your destination, and has the same pickup and destination locations. The LTS driver will not provide the services of a PCA.**

Yes No

9. LTS offers FREE travel training that will help you become familiar with the routes. Would you be interested in this training?

Yes No

10. Please list three (3) trips you travel most frequently:

Starting point address / Ending point address

- (1) _____

- (2) _____

- (3) _____

11. If the weather is good and there are no environmental barriers, how far can you travel outside, independently?

12. Please tell us anything else you would like us to know that affects your ability to board, exit or ride the fixed route.

Privacy Statement

The information obtained in the application will only be used by the City of Lewiston and the Federal Transit Administration for the provision of public transit services. The information will be kept confidential and will not be provided to any other persons or agencies, unless authorized by the passenger and/or their legal guardian.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize my health care provider and those named in the application to provide Lewiston Transit System information regarding my need for ADA paratransit service. I further understand that falsification of information may result in a denial of service.

Signature

Date

Signature (if other than applicant)

Relationship

Date



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THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO BE COMPLETED BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL



MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL VERIFICATION

Dear Medical Professional,

Your patient is requesting qualification for paratransit service from Lewiston Transit System. To qualify, a person must be unable to use the fixed route due to a physical or mental disability. The information you provide about the noted disabilities will allow us to evaluate this request.

PLEASE NOTE: Age, unfamiliarity with routes and/or distance to bus stops, an inability to drive, and time inconveniences are not determining factors that qualify for paratransit service.

Please check your professional area of specialization:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Audiologist | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Living Specialist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Optometrist | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychologist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Name _____ Title _____

License # (if applicable) _____

Agency _____

Agency Address _____

Agency Phone () _____ Fax () _____

PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient Name _____

Patient Height _____ ft _____ in Patient Weight _____

Please provide the ICD-10 diagnosis code(s) that correspond to the disabilities that prevent the patient's ability to use fixed route service.

Is the applicant's disability:

Permanent Temporary

If the applicant's disability is temporary, how long is the expected duration?

Please describe what physical and/or mental conditions exist that limits the applicant's ability to use the fixed route.

How far can the applicant travel independently? If the applicant uses a mobility device, how far can they independently travel using their mobility device?

Please list current medications and describe the patient's medication plan.

Does the medication plan effectively control the conditions for which they are prescribed?

Please describe significant side effects of medication, if applicable.

I hereby certify that the above information is true.

Name (print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

This Medical Professional Verification document may be submitted to Lewiston Transit System by the patient or through:

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