

IL 2017 - Benefit Access applications may now be filed on-line.

File your application on line with the State of IL. This means easier filing and less wait time for approval. You will receive a confirmation number the day you file and you may track the status of your application on=line.



Once approved for the Benefit Access program you can file your new application for the RTA Ride FREE program or the People with Disabilities Ride FREE program.



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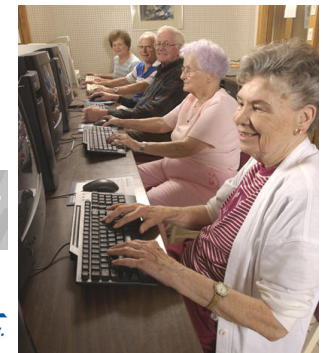


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**2018
Benefit Access Application**

**On-line Filing
NOW !**

**Already Approved:
We can take your picture for
your application to RTA**



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No appointment needed for photos
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00 AM to 2:00 PM

ANNOUNCING 2013 BENEFIT CHANGES

Effective July 1, 2012, Illinois Cares Rx was terminated and the Circuit Breaker Property Tax Relief Grant was eliminated due to the lack of funding.

The benefits now available are:

- Seniors Free Transit Ride
- The Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride
- Secretary of State License Plate Discount

To be determined eligible for these benefits, you must submit a Benefit Access Application on the Internet. **Paper applications are not available.**

Once your application is approved you may print a note of eligibility to take to your local transit authority or Secretary of State Office.

If you have a transit card that is good through December 31, 2013, you may continue to use it until it expires.

Please check the website at anytime to determine your application status.

If you have questions or would like more information on the requirements for application filing call:

1-847-214-6254



Do I qualify ?

Apply using the Benefit Access Application if you meet the following requirements:

Age

You must be 65 years of age or older by December 31st. of the current year. **(benefits become available after you turn 65)**; or you must be 16 years of age or older and be totally disabled before January 1st. of this year.

Residency

You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application

Income Limit for License Plate discount and Ride Free Transit Card:

Your total income for last year must be less than:

\$27,610 if filing an application for yourself only; or

\$36,635 if filing an application for yourself and your spouse, or yourself and one Qualified Additional Resident; or

\$45,657 if filing an application for yourself, your spouse and at least one Qualified Additional Resident, or yourself and at least two Qualified Additional Residents.

Expiration

Benefits are good for two years under the Benefit Access Program. The two-year period starts at the time you are approved for benefits. You may file again up to 90 days before your benefits expire.

What to bring when you file:

- State issued ID (showing IL residency)
- ALL Income information for last tax year
- Proof of Disability (if needed)

Who qualifies as disabled?

To qualify as disabled, you must be at least 16 years of age and **receive disability benefits from one of the following:**

- Social Security Administration, or
- Veterans Administration, or
- Civil Service, or Railroad Retirement

or have one of the following:

- a Class 2 disability card from the Illinois Secretary of State's office, or a completed Attachment A: Physician's Statement if you are not yet age 65 and do not have other proof of disability as listed above.



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