

HONORED CITIZEN ID POLICY

General

The Honored Citizen ID authorizes a person to ride the ABQ RIDE regular fixed-route bus system at the established Honored Citizen fare, currently 35 cents one-way. The card is a picture ID, which must be obtained from ABQ RIDE, and for which there is a nominal charge of \$2.00. To qualify as an Honored Citizen, a person must be 62 years of age or older; certified as disabled; or the holder of a valid Medicare card. The Honored Citizen ID is issued from a period of three (3) months up to one (1) year. The “Medicare Half-fare Policy” established October 4, 1991, remains in effect.

A customer seeking an Honored Citizen ID by reason of physical or mental impairment must submit a completed application form signed by a physician. There is no charge for the form. The form is available at ABQ RIDE Customer Service, 100 First Street SW, 87102. A form for recertification may be requested by mail. A valid picture ID will be required of the customer as verification that the person submitting the application is the one for whom the physician certification was obtained.

Only one copy of a lost or stolen Honored Citizen ID will be issued per year, at a charge of \$5.00. The issuance of the copy will be recorded, and filed in the Customer Services Unit. ABQ RIDE personnel will be checking for unauthorized use of ABQ RIDE ID's.

A customer whose Honored Citizen has been subjected to extreme wear or unwittingly mutilated, should surrender the remnants of the original, and may be issued a replacement at no cost.

Medicare

Anyone applying for an Honored Citizen ID who has a duly issued and valid Medicare card may use that as proof of either:

- a) Age of 65 years or more.
- b) Proof of disability, regardless of age.

All persons applying for an Honored Citizen ID for reasons of disability shall be asked by the ABQ RIDE representative issuing ID's, for a Medicare card. Those who have one will not be required to present additional proof of medical eligibility, i.e., a doctor's form.

A Medicare card may be presented by anyone boarding a bus as proof of eligibility to pay the reduced or Honored Citizen fare.

A valid picture ID may be required at any time as verification that the person presenting a Medicare card is the person to whom the Medicare card was duly issued. Current ID's acceptable as valid include:

- a) An ABQ RIDE Honored Citizen ID.
- b) A New Mexico or Out of State Driver's License.
- c) A New Mexico or Out of State Identification Card
- d) A U.S. Military ID.

Definition of Disabled person:

“ ... Individuals who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, including those who are non-ambulatory wheelchair-bound and those with semi-ambulatory capabilities, are unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not affected. (UTMA-DOT; code of Federal Regulations; Part 609.3)