



BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

APPLY at www.illinois.gov/aging



The Benefit Access Program offers two benefits for seniors and persons with disabilities:

- A LICENSE PLATE FEE DISCOUNT
- FREE RIDES ON FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Eligibility is determined by income, residency, age and/or disability utilizing an online application.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Age Requirements:

- 65 years of age or older before January 1 of the current year; or
- You must become 65 years of age this year; or
- You must be 16 years of age or older before January 1 of the current year and qualify as disabled.

Residency Requirements:

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

Income Requirements:

Income limits are new for January 1, 2020 for License Plate discount and Ride Free Transit Card.

*Total income last year must be:

| | For Applications Submitted: | |
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| | Before Jan. 1, 2020 | On or After Jan. 1, 2020 |
| Household containing one person | less than \$27,610 | less than \$33,562 |
| Household containing 2 persons | less than \$36,635 | less than \$44,533 |
| Household containing 3 or more persons | less than \$45,657 | less than \$55,500 |

NOTE: *You must include your spouse's income if married and living together on December 31 of last year. If your spouse died last year, you would file as single and claim only your income.

Disability Requirements:

To qualify as disabled, you must be at least 16 years of age prior to January 1 of the current year and be determined **totally and permanently disabled** (as defined by program requirements) prior to January 1 of the current year.

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