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DART is piloting an expansion of its Half Fare Program

Individuals participating in food assistance programs, job training programs or receiving unemployment can apply for a Half Fare ID

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is piloting an expansion of its Half Fare Program for 6 months, beginning Jan. 1, 2021. Eligible individuals can apply for a temporary Half Fare ID card, allowing them to purchase individual bus fares, bus tokens, and day, weekly and monthly bus passes for half the price.

"By expanding the reach of our Half-Fare Program, we hope to remove transportation barriers for even more central Iowans, giving them access to work, shopping, medical appointments, school and more. In times of economic uncertainty, access to our region remains critical. We hope by expanding the reach of this program, we are able to also expand the number of central Iowans we serve, helping us fulfill our mission to Enrich Lives, Connect Communities and Expand Opportunities," states DART CEO Elizabeth Presutti.

Who is eligible under the Half Fare Pilot Program?

- People receiving food assistance (Effective Jan. 1 – June 30, 2021)
- Participants in workforce training programs (Effective Jan. 1 – June 30, 2021)
- Individuals applying for unemployment benefits (Effective Jan. 1 – June 30, 2021)

Individuals currently eligible to participate in DART's Half Fare Program will continue to receive benefits during and after the six-month pilot program.

- Adults 65 and older
- Persons with disabilities
- Refugees
- Students

How to Apply

Individuals can apply in-person beginning Dec. 15, 2020 at the DART Customer Service Window, located in DART Central Station (620 Cherry St., Des Moines). Riders eligible for the program under the expansion are asked to bring the following when they apply:

- **Individuals receiving food assistance**
 - Bring a photo ID or other form of identification

- Bring the Notice of Decision or Determination for Food Assistance mailed to you by the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- **Participants in workforce training programs**
 - Bring a photo ID or other form of identification
 - Bring a letter on official letterhead from participating organization showing proof that you are participating in a job training program.
- **Individuals receiving unemployment**
 - Bring a photo ID or other form of identification
 - Bring the Unemployment Claim letter that Iowa Workforce Development sent you when you completed your unemployment application. This letter is printed on green paper and is otherwise known as your “green sheet.”

For more information on DART's Reduced Fare Programs, please visit [ridedart.com/reducedfare](https://www.ridedart.com/reducedfare) or call DART Customer Service at 515-283-8100.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is the public transportation provider in and around Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that connects thousands of people every day to jobs, school, medical appointments, entertainment and more. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at [ridedart.com](https://www.ridedart.com) or call 515-283-8100.