

WHAT IS ACCESS?

ACCESS is a transportation service operated by ValleyRide through the tax support of local citizens.

The service is **designed to complement ValleyRide's regular fixed-line bus system**. The service is available to people who are unable to utilize the regular bus system because of a disability. Eligibility may be limited on a conditional basis and each trip will be reviewed.

SERVICE OVERVIEW

ACCESS is an **origin-to-destination** transit service with the same hours as the regular fixed line bus system.

Service is by reservation only. Trips may be booked up to 14 days in advance, but no later than 3:45 p.m. for service the next operating day

All ACCESS passengers **MUST** keep their certification current and are required to re-apply at least every three years .

AFFORDABLE SERVICE

Once approved, ACCESS fares are \$2.00 per one-way trip (\$4.00 round trip) for each passenger and for each guest. A personal care attendant may ride free.

ACCESS

208-345-RIDE (7433)

or

1-800-377-1363

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700 N. East 2nd Street, Suite 100
Meridian, Idaho 83642

QUALIFICATIONS & INFORMATION ABOUT

ACCESS

**Transportation
for Persons
with Disabilities**



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility for ACCESS is determined on a trip-by-trip basis in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The service is for those eligible under the ADA. Service is limited to ¾-mile perimeter around the existing fixed route system.

Passengers may be certified "ADA paratransit eligible" for certain trips and may be required to ride the regular bus system for others.

Eligibility standards are established by the ADA.

TO APPLY

ACCESS applications are available at:

700 N. East 2nd St., Suite 100, Meridian
4788 S. Orchard St., Boise
1616 Industrial Rd., Nampa

<http://valleyride.com/special-services/paratransit>

Or by calling 345-RIDE (7433)

Notification of eligibility will be within 21 days after receiving a properly completed application.



ELIGIBILITY

ADA paratransit eligibility is based on a functional rather than a medical model. Persons are not qualified or disqualified on the basis of a specific diagnosis or disability.



REQUIREMENTS

Origin-to-Destination paratransit service and ADA requirements make ACCESS very costly to operate. ValleyRide is proud to provide this service, but to assure the proper use of taxpayer funds, specific eligibility criteria have been developed.

- ➔ Does the disability prevent the individual from getting to and from a bus stop or transit center at the point of origin or destination?
- ➔ Can the individual board and utilize the vehicle at a bus stop or a transit center?
- ➔ Can the individual independently recognize the destination and disembark?
- ➔ If a trip involves transfers and connections, are the paths of travel between lines or modes accessible and navigable by the individual?

According to ADA guidelines, eligibility may be limited on a conditional basis and each trip will be reviewed. Professional verification of the disability is REQUIRED.

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