



# Taxi Access Program

User Guide



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# Getting to Know TAP

The Taxi Access Program (TAP), administered by Pace, is mandated by a City of Chicago ordinance. All Chicago taxi providers are required to accept TAP cards. TAP provides ADA Paratransit-eligible riders have the option of using taxis at reduced rates for same-day trips that begin within the City of Chicago.

Once you have your TAP card, you can buy TAP trip fares, which get loaded to your account. TAP trip fares cost only **\$3.25 each** and are worth up to **\$30** per ride. Pace will subsidize up to 30 one-way trips per month.

## How do I qualify for TAP?

To qualify for TAP, you must be certified by the RTA as being eligible for ADA Paratransit service. Individuals with temporary eligibility are not eligible for TAP. Note: when your eligibility expires, your TAP card expires. For more information about ADA Paratransit eligibility, contact the RTA at (312) 663-4357.

## How do I get a TAP card?

It's easy! Once you have been certified, simply **apply at <https://www.PaceBus.com/tap>** or call us at **(833) 722-3827 (PACE-TAP)**. Your card will be mailed to the address on file with the RTA and will need to be activated before you can add trip fares to your card. *Only you can use your card—it is not transferable.*

## How do I buy TAP trip fares?

Once you have activated your TAP card, you can load trip fares online, by mail or in person. A minimum of 8 trip fares can be loaded onto your TAP card. The maximum number of TAP trip fares that can be loaded is 30 per month.

**TAP trip fares are good for one year from the date of purchase and are non-refundable and non-transferable!**

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**Online: Go to [www.PaceBus.com/TAP](http://www.PaceBus.com/TAP) and follow the directions to create an account. Once you have an account, you will be able to buy TAP trip fares using Visa, Discover, AMEX or MasterCard. You will also be able to view your TAP card balance and trip history.**

**By Mail:** Use the attached *TAP order form*. Additional trip fares will be credited to your card within a week of receiving the order and a receipt will be mailed to you. You may pay by money order, cashier's check, Visa, Discover, AMEX or MasterCard. **Cash or personal checks are not accepted.**

**In Person:** You may add trip fares to your TAP card using cash or credit/debit card. Customers must present their own TAP card at the time of purchase at:

*Kedzie & Irving Currency Exchange  
3158 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago*

*79th & Vincennes Currency Exchange  
353 W. 79th Street, Chicago*

Credit/debit card purchases will show on your statement as TAP Program - Pace Bus. *If you dispute a charge and the charge is determined to be valid, you will have to pay Pace the fee Pace is charged by the bank (currently \$15). If you are not sure about a Pace charge on your statement, please check your TAP account at [PaceBus.com/TAP](http://PaceBus.com/TAP) then click on the TAP LOGIN PAGE. Call (800) 606-1282 (option 4) before calling your bank!*

## How do I get a TAP ride?

*All TAP trips must begin in the City of Chicago.* You can travel any time (24 hours a day) by hailing a taxi or by calling any Chicago taxi company in advance.

**For an accessible taxi, call:** (888) 928-2227 (WAV-CABS). If you use a wheelchair, scooter, or other mobility device, please tell the dispatcher. If you have an issue with the accessibility of a taxi, please call 311.

## How do I check my TAP card balance?

You can call (877) 722-3827 (automated) or visit the website [www.PaceBus.com/TAP](http://www.PaceBus.com/TAP) and then visit the TAP log-in page.

## How do I use my TAP card?

At the end of the trip, swipe your card in the card reader in the back of the taxi to deduct a trip fare. If that doesn't work, the driver should call dispatch. *If your card does not have a trip fare loaded, you will have to pay the whole taxi fare yourself.* Note:

- **You cannot chain TAP trips; you must wait at least 10 minutes between TAP trips.**
- **Drivers cannot wait and then resume travel on the same TAP trip fare credit.**
- **TAP will not pay for tips, wait time during/between trips, or surcharges.**
- **You must pay any meter rate above \$30 using cash or credit/debit card.**

## Can someone travel with me?

Yes, but you cannot use your TAP card to pay any taxi surcharge for extra riders; you will have to pay that amount yourself.

## What if I lose my TAP card?

If your card is lost or stolen, call Pace at (800) 606-1282 (option 4) or email Passenger.Services@PaceBus.com right away. Your card will be deactivated.

*Customers who request a replacement TAP card will be charged two trip fares (or \$6.50 in value). Upon Pace's receipt of your request for a replacement card, the two trip fares will be deducted from your TAP account.*

Once you receive your replacement TAP card, please call (800) 606-1282 (option 4) to activate it and transfer any unused TAP trip fares to your new card. Pace is not responsible for replacing unauthorized trip fares that were deducted before the card was reported missing.

## How do I reset my TAP password?

For password assistance, please call Pace at (800) 606-1282 (option 4) or email us at Passenger.Services@PaceBus.com. or visit the website [www.PaceBus.com/TAP](http://www.PaceBus.com/TAP) and then visit the TAP log-in page.

## What if I have a complaint about my taxi ride?

If a driver refuses to accept your TAP card or you have any other concerns with the driver or taxi service, you should file a formal complaint with the Chicago Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection:

- **Call 311**
- Email: [bacppv@cityofchicago.org](mailto:bacppv@cityofchicago.org)
- Visit [www.cityofchicago.org/bacp](http://www.cityofchicago.org/bacp)



Age Group	Percentage
18-24	100%
25-34	90%
35-44	80%
45-54	70%
55-64	60%
65-74	50%
75-84	40%
85-94	30%
95-104	20%

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18-24	10%
25-34	20%
35-44	30%
45-54	25%
55-64	15%
65-74	10%
75-84	5%
85+	5%

## Request a TAP Ride

## Request an Accessible Taxi

## Request a TAP Card

## Activate a Card, Check Balance

## Access Your Online TAP Account

**Buy TAP Trip Fares In Person at these  
Currency Exchanges:**

353 W. 79th Street, Chicago, IL  
(79th & Vincennes)

(312) 663-4357

(800) 606-1282 (option 4) or email [Passenger.Services@PaceBus.com](mailto:Passenger.Services@PaceBus.com).

Pace may suspend or terminate your TAP participation if you or your companion(s) violate the terms of TAP, abuse TAP privileges, or engage in conduct that is violent, seriously disruptive, fraudulent, or illegal or that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. If Pace suspends or terminates your TAP participation, Pace will send written notification of the suspension or termination to you. You may appeal the suspension or termination in accordance with Pace's Suspension or Termination of Taxi Access Program (TAP) Participation Appeal Procedure, a copy of which will be included with the notification. If you appeal, your suspension will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the appeal hearing, unless Pace, in its sole discretion, determines that the conduct giving rise to the suspension is violent, seriously disruptive, fraudulent, or illegal or poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, thereby warranting an immediate suspension of your TAP participation. All fraudulent or illegal conduct will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.



# Program Enrollment/Card Request Form

**OR**

**Use this form first to request a TAP card!  
Do not use this form to order trip fares!**

RTA-certified ADA Paratransit-eligible riders interested in obtaining a TAP card should submit their information to Pace using this form. **Applicants with Temporary ADA Paratransit certification are not eligible for a TAP card.**

**Your card will be mailed to the address on file with the RTA.** TAP riders should keep their mailing address information current by contacting the RTA at (312) 663-4357 (HELP). Please allow three weeks to receive your card.

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

**Pace Paratransit Operations  
Taxi Access Program  
547 W. Jackson Blvd., 8th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60661**

If you have questions about TAP or need to order a replacement card, please call Pace at (800) 606-1282 (option 4).

By signing below, I am stating that I have read, and I agree with the rules, regulations and policies outlined in the Taxi Access Program User Guide; I am aware Pace reserves the right to make changes without advance notice.

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_



TAP ORDER FORM

Please Note

You must be certified for ADA Paratransit by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and have an **active** Taxi Access Program (TAP) card to purchase TAP trip fares using this form.

TAP Trip Fare Purchase

TAP trip fares are \$3.25 each. A minimum of 8 trip fares must be purchased per mail order. You may purchase up to 30 trip fares per month. **Trip fares expire 1 year from purchase date.**

Please complete all information below to purchase trip fares

TAP Card #		Daytime phone #	( )
Paratransit ID #	P	Email Address	
First Name:		Last Name	
# OF TRIP FARES	FARE PER TRIP	TOTAL	PAYMENT TYPE (Check one)
	X \$3.25 = \$		___ Money Order
(min. 8 trip fares)			___ Cashier's Check
			___ Credit/Debit Card

Money orders and cashier's checks should be made payable to **Pace**.  
Print your Paratransit ID# on money orders and cashier's checks.  
**Personal checks & cash are not accepted via mail order.**

Credit Card:	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> AmEx
Credit/Debit Card #:				
Zip Code:		CVV*:		Expires (MM/YYYY):
Cardholder Name:				
Cardholder Signature:				

\*CVV code is the 3-digit number on the back of the card or the 4-digit number on the front of AmEx.

Please complete BOTH sides of the form.



TAP ORDER FORM (side 2)

A receipt will be mailed to the mailing address on file with the RTA within seven business days of receipt of this order. Riders can update their mailing address by calling the RTA at (312) 663-4357 (HELP).

I understand that:

- Pace will subsidize up to thirty (30) rides per month.
- My TAP card must be swiped upon exiting the taxi.
- There are no refunds for TAP trip fares.
- TAP trip fares are not transferable to other customers.
- I am responsible for paying the taxi driver any amount over \$30 and any surcharges.

If you are paying with a Credit/Debit Card

- Credit/debit card purchases will show on your statement as TAP Program - Pace Bus. If you dispute a charge and the charge is determined to be valid, you will have to pay the fee Pace is charged by the bank, currently \$15. If you are not sure about a Pace charge on your statement, please check your TAP account by clicking the [TAP LOGIN PAGE](#) link on the web portal. If you are still unsure, please call (800) 606-1282 (option 4) before calling your bank!

Other ways to load trip fares on your TAP card

- On the rider web portal click the link [TAP LOGIN PAGE](#). This requires a credit/debit card but is the **fastest and easiest method**.
- Visit either of the two participating Currency Exchanges at 3158 W. Irving Park Rd. (IrvingPark/Kedzie) and 353 W. 79th St. (79th & Vincennes) using a credit card, cash or cashier's check.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, call Pace at (800) 606-1282 (option 4)

SEND THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Pace Suburban Bus  
Attention: Treasury Department  
550 W. Algonquin Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

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NO WALK-IN SERVICE

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