

PARATRANSIT APPLICATION



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Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) provides fixed-route bus service in the City of Charlottesville and portions of urban Albemarle County. CAT buses are accessible to persons with disabilities and are wheelchair lift-equipped. For persons with disabilities who cannot use CAT for all trips, paratransit service is provided.

ADA Paratransit Eligibility Standards:

- Any individual with a disability who is unable, as a result of a physical or mental impairment (including vision impairment), and without the assistance of another individual (except the operator of a wheelchair lift or other boarding assistance device), to board, ride, or disembark from any vehicle on the system which is readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.
- Any individual with a disability who has a specific impairment-related condition which prevents such individual from traveling to a boarding location or from a disembarking location on such system.

After reviewing the above information, if you feel that your disability may fit into one of the above mentioned categories, please complete the Paratransit Application in full.

If you do not meet the above criteria, have questions or comments about paratransit service, or need this application in an accessible format, please contact Customer Service at (434) 970-3649.

Name of Applicant _____

Street Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone () - _____

Other Telephone () - _____

Date of Birth _____
Month Day Year

Emergency contact person

Name _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Telephone () - _____

Other Telephone () - _____

1. What is the disability that prevents you from using Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) bus routes? _____

Sometimes, CAT may ask an applicant to provide additional information regarding a disability in order to determine that applicant's eligibility to use paratransit service.

2. How does this disability prevent you from using CAT bus routes?

3. Please explain aspects of your disability that you believe CAT should know about.

4. Is your condition temporary?

Yes **No** *If "yes," on what date will your disability no longer prevent you from using CAT bus routes?*

Month _____ **Year** _____

5. Do you use any of these mobility aids? Check all that apply:

Manual Wheelchair	Power Wheelchair
Cane (s)	Crutches
Walker	Service Animal
Power Scooter (3 or 4 wheels)	Other
None	

6. Can you climb three 12 inch steps without assistance?

Yes **No** **Sometimes** **Don't Know**

If "No" or "Sometimes," please explain.

7. What is the farthest distance you can travel without the help of another person?

I CANNOT get to the curb outside where I live.	I CAN get to the curb outside where I live.
3 blocks (1/4 mile)	6 blocks (1/2 mile)
	9 blocks (3/4 miles)

8. Is your mobility affected by terrain?

For example, do steep hills, lack of sidewalks, or other local conditions affect your mobility? Please explain.

9. How long can you stand and wait at a bus stop? _____ Please explain.

10. Is your ability to travel outdoors severely affected by weather, such as:

Snow and ice	Yes	No
Extremely hot temperature	Yes	No
Extremely cold temperature	Yes	No
Other weather condition	Yes	No

Please explain “yes” answers.

11. Do you use a personal care attendant (PCA) when you travel?

Yes No *If “Yes,” please explain when you need a PCA and what needs a PCA meets when you travel.*

Is the PCA paid for these services? Yes No

12. CAT provides a travel training program that teaches persons with disabilities how to use CAT bus routes.

Would you like to receive travel training? Yes No

13. What three trips do you make most frequently around Charlottesville?

Please be specific, list street addresses and/or names of businesses.

From To

Name of Applicant _____

The responses provided in this application are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____

Because the applicant is unable to verify the information due to his/her disability,

I, _____
print name

verify that the responses provided in this application are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____

Phone _____

Please submit completed application in person or by mail to:



Charlottesville Area Transit

Downtown Transit Station

615 East Water Street

Charlottesville VA 22902

The CAT Paratransit Application is also available online. Visit www.catchthecat.org to download the application form (Adobe Acrobat PDF) to your computer.

The application must be completed (either on your computer and printed out, or printed out and filled in by hand), then signed, and submitted **in person or by mail** to:

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