

## **NEW YORK CITY HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION**

### **Notice of Adoption of Amendments to Chapter 12 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York Regarding the Fair Fares NYC Program**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED** in the Commissioner of the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) pursuant to Section 603 of the New York City Charter, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter, that HRA has adopted the above final rule.

A proposed rule was published in the City Record on July 23, 2025, and a public hearing was held on August 25, 2025.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose of Rule**

The Fair Fares NYC Program helps New York City residents with low incomes manage their transportation costs by providing them with a 50% discount on public transportation. Eligible New York City residents receive a 50% discount on subway and eligible bus fares. Fair Fares can also provide 50% off MTA Access-A-Ride paratransit trips.

Last year, the Fair Fares income level was raised from 120 percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 145 percent. This proposed rule will further raise the income level to 150 percent of the FPL. Expansion of the Fair Fares program discount will assist low-income New Yorkers by improving access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature and recreation and foster equitable development and restoration of NYC post pandemic. Additionally, improved access addresses income disparities and allows for favorable quality of life outcomes for the lowest income New Yorkers.

The Department's authority for these rules is found in Section 603 of the City Charter and Sections 34 and 77 of the New York Social Services Law.

New material is underlined. Deleted material is [bracketed].

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 12-03 of Title 68 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

- (a) To be eligible to receive a Fair Fares discount an applicant must:
  - (1) submit a completed application, including supporting documentation, in a format and manner established by the Program;
  - (2) submit a signed Fair Fares NYC Conditions of Use form pursuant to DSS/HRA's Memorandum with New York City Transit Authority; and
  - (3) meet the following eligibility requirements:
    - (A) The applicant must be a New York City resident;

- (B) The applicant must be between 18 and 64 years of age;
- (C) The applicant's gross income must not exceed [145] 150 percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL);
- (D) Except as provided in 68 RCNY § 12-02(a), the applicant must not currently be eligible for a duplicative discount or benefit from DSS/HRA, NYCT or any other entity or program;
- (E) The applicant must not be currently suspended or permanently disqualified from the Program under 68 RCNY § 12-05(b);