

CharmCard® College Pass – www.MTACharmCard.com

Starting January 2017, the MTA will offer a CharmCard® (smart card) alternative to the paper magnetic monthly All Access College Transit Pass. The CharmCard® College Pass will be issued to students to use for fare payment. The CharmCard® College Pass will allow the same student riding privileges with additional flexibility. Load the CharmCard® with stored value or a 31 Day Pass to ride MTA's Local Transit Services.

Unlike the paper monthly pass valid for one calendar month, the CharmCard® 31 Day College Pass may be activated at any time of the month and used for 31 consecutive days on MTA Local Transit Services and Express Bus (no upcharge required). In addition, stored value may be used to take single trips for the \$1.20 student fare with 90 minutes of unlimited free transfers to MTA Local Services and Express Bus (no upcharge required). And the CharmCard® College Pass is reusable until it expires August 31, 2017.

How It Works:

Full Time Students should visit the location where they currently purchase a College Pass. Students must provide proof of enrollment and sign to receive a CharmCard® College Pass.

- There is no value on the card
- Student must load the card with Stored Value (pay as you go) or a 31-Day Pass
- Do not throw the card away, it is reusable
- Card must be added to an online account (registered) for balance protection
- All rules and regulations of the All Access College Transit Pass apply to the CharmCard® College Pass
- The card and any remaining pass or stored value expires August 31, 2017 - plan accordingly

Where to load Stored Value or 31-Day Pass:

	Bus <i>Cash</i>	Ticket Vending Machine <i>Cash & Credit</i>	Online <i>Credit</i>	Walk In Vendor <i>Cash & Credit</i>
Stored Value (\$1.20 per trip)	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>
31 Day Pass (\$50.00)	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Important Links:

- Set up account & add card to account (register) <https://smartrip.wmata.com/Account/Create>
- Online purchase <https://smartrip.wmata.com/Account/AccountLogin.aspx>
- Walk in vendor locations <https://mta.maryland.gov/walk-vendors>
- Information about CharmCard www.MTACharmCard.com

31-Day Pass:

- Cost \$50
- Allows unlimited rides for 31 consecutive days
- Valid on all MTA Local Services and Express Bus (no upcharge fee)

Stored Value (Pay as you go):

- \$1.20 for single trip
- 90 minutes of transfers included
- Transfer valid on all MTA Local Services and Express Bus (no upcharge fee)

Tips:

- To pay fare on Bus or Metro, tap card to the CharmCard® target on a Bus farebox or Metro faregate
- To pay fare on Light Rail, visit a ticket vending machine to pay single trip or activate 31 Day Pass
- Setup an online account, log on, and add your card to your account for balance protection
- Credit or debit card must be used for online purchase
- Online purchases may take 3 days to reach your card (plan ahead)
- Take a photo of the card serial number for future reference
- The card contains sensitive electronics, do not bend or puncture
- 'Check Value' at a Bus farebox or Ticket Vending Machine to view card balance
- To avoid problems with your card, do not walk through an open Metro faregate
- Card expires August 31, 2017 – use all the card value prior to the 31st
- If you set up Auto-reload for your account, remember to stop the Auto-reload in time to use all remaining funds prior to August 31, 2017

Lost, Damaged or Stolen Card

- Card must be added to your account (registered) for balance protection, no exceptions
- From the time the CharmCard® College Pass is reported lost/stolen/damaged,
 - A prorated dollar amount of the unused days remaining on a 31 Day Pass can be transferred to a new card
 - The amount of stored value can be transferred to a new card
- If the card needs to be replaced and/or balance transfer, log into your online account
- Once you report your card lost, go to your college to get another card

*For additional help: call the 1-888-762-7874 customer service number on the back of your card, tell the representative the card is a **MTA CharmCard® College Pass**.*