



Did You Know?

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COMMUTER BENEFITS PROGRAM

Do you commute? Chances are you can save through the Commuter Benefits Program.

Train. Bus. Subway. Paratransit. Parking your car at the station. However you ride, your new Commuter Benefits Program – presented by CUNY and administered by Edenred – will give you better ways to save.

This program works for virtually any transit system in the Tri- State or Regional areas. No matter what part of the city you live and work, you're covered. Use it for:

- ▶ MTA NYCT, Long Island Railroad, Metro-North Railroad, NJ Transit, PATH, and NY Waterway, etc...
- ▶ Paratransit and the MTA's Access-A-Ride program
- ▶ Parking at or near public transit to commute to work

What is the Commuter Benefits Program?

Under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 132, CUNY offers eligible employees the opportunity to use pre-tax earnings to cover certain public transportation costs through the Commuter Benefits Program. **You can elect to have any deduction amount up to Federal pre-tax transit limits which is \$315 pre-tax per month** effective January 1, 2024. Deductions exceeding the monthly pre-tax limit are allowed but the amount over the pre-tax limit will be deducted post-tax.

What are the options in the expanded program?

CUNY has selected Edenred as a provider to significantly expand the Commuter Program and to offer access to new [Transit Plans and many more transit providers throughout the New York Tri-State area.](#)

Below are the plans available to you in the Commuter Benefits Program:

- [Transit – Commuter Prepaid Mastercard Plan](#)
- [Transit – Transit Pass Plan](#)
- [Transit – Access-A-Ride Plan](#)
- [Parking – Park-n-Ride Plans](#)

Accessing your Edenred Account?

Log on to your account at www.login.commuterbenefits.com or Call Edenred Commuter Benefit Solutions at 833-584-8109 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and follow the prompts to access your account balance. You will be required to provide your N# to access your account information. Your N# can be found on your paycheck stubs.

Which Commuter Benefits Plan Is Right for Me?

Plan	Reasons to Choose This Plan	Reasons NOT to Choose This Plan
Commuter Card- Unrestricted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You want to save 30% from your monthly transit expenses. ¹ ■ You use online/web options such as the MTA’s Mail&Ride program or WebTicket program or New Jersey Transit’s Quik-Tik program. ■ You use the MTA EasyPayXpress program. ■ You use the MTA Reduced-Fare MetroCard. ■ You ride on MTA express buses. ■ You change transit providers from month to month or week to week. ■ You occasionally buy daily or weekly tickets. ■ You prefer Pay-Per-Ride MetroCards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Your transit provider does not accept debit or credit cards. To see a list of where the Commuter Card will work-visit Transit Provider list ■ It is not convenient to purchase fare media from your transit provider ticket vending machine or ticket window. For example, you normally purchase your pass at a beverage/grocery retail store and the Commuter Card will not work at these locations.
Transit Pass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You want to save 30% from your monthly transit expenses. ¹ ■ Your transit provider does not accept debit or credit cards. ■ You prefer the convenience of monthly home delivery. ■ You always get the same transit pass or ticket each month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You don’t always know what transit option will fit your commuting needs. ■ You prefer the Commuter Card feature which loads funds on your card on your pay date.
Access-A-Ride/ Paratransit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You want to save 30% from your monthly transit expenses. ¹ ■ You use Access-A-Ride Coupons. ■ You use paratransit services.² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You do not have a participant certification to participate in the Access-A-Ride program.
Park-n-Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You want to save 30% on your monthly parking expenses. ¹ ■ You pay for parking at or near public transportation that you take to work. ■ You are enrolled in the Commuter Prepaid Mastercard Plan or Transit Pass Program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You drive directly to work. ■ You are not enrolled in the Commuter Card or Transit Pass Program.

¹30% is illustrative of typical savings. Your actual savings depend on the cost of your transit options, your particular tax situation and the monthly IRS limits. ² Employees seeking MTA NYCT Access-A-Ride or other Paratransit Service providers must select the Transit Pass plan.