

AUTOMATIC BALANCING WHEELED CONVEYANCE *
WMATA REGISTRATION FORM

Part A: Applicant Information and Release

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) __ (____) _____ (work) __ (____) _____

Phone (cell) ____ (____) _____ (E-mail) _____

Reduced Fare ID Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

MetroAccess ID Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

I authorize the health care professional completing this application to release to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority any protected health information to verify eligibility to use a Automatic Balancing Wheeled Conveyance (ABWC) as a mobility device within the Metrorail system.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Part B: Health Care Professional Certification

Name of Health Care Professional

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone __ (____) _____ License # _____ State Issued _____

I attest that the applicant named above 1) has a disability; 2) that the Automatic Balancing Wheeled Conveyance is used as a mobility device; 3) that the disability does not preclude safe operation of the Automatic Balancing Wheeled Conveyance.

Signature of Health Care Professional _____ Date _____

False certification may be reported to the licensing agency under District of Columbia Code Annotated, Section 2-3305.15, Code of Virginia 54.1-2915, or Maryland Health Occupations Code Annotated 14-404 or appropriate code for state of license.

Part C: Applicant Liability Statement

I affirm that when using the Automatic Balancing Wheeled Conveyance (ABWC) within the Metrorail system, I am responsible for my own ABWC and all actions, injuries, losses, and/or damages resulting from the operation of my ABWC in station areas and aboard trains under this program. I agree to the terms, conditions and rules for operating an ABWC provided on the reverse side of this application.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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Date decal issued _____ Expiration date _____ Date of rail orientation _____

WMATA reserves the right to: (1) verify the validity of the license of the health care professional providing the certification; and (2) make the final determination on an applicant's eligibility to use an Automatic Balancing Wheeled Conveyance as a mobility device within the Metrorail system.

*** An example of an Automatic Balancing Wheeled Conveyance is manufactured by Segway LLC.**

WMATA Automatic Balancing Wheeled Conveyance (ABWC) Program

Terms and Conditions: The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority developed the Use of Automatic Balancing Wheeled Conveyance (ABWC) Program to provide safe integration of the use of certain wheeled conveyances within the Metrorail system. In general, the public may bring ABWCs into the Metrorail system but not operate them within the system, subject to the following terms and conditions. An exception to the ban on the operation of ABWCs within the system permits registered persons with disabilities to operate ABWCs in the Metrorail system as provided by this section. This Program covers non-collapsible, battery-operated wheeled conveyances only, which can have a footprint no greater than 19 x 25 inches and platform height of 8 inches. This policy does not cover motorcycles, mopeds, tricycles, motor-powered bicycles [including but not limited to gasoline-powered bicycles], and any other wheeled conveyance that exceed the size restrictions stated above. Such wheeled conveyances are prohibited within the Metrorail system. WMATA reserves the right to amend or terminate this policy at any time to ensure the safe and/or efficient use of Metrorail. WMATA allows ABWCs that meet the size restrictions, inside railcars from Monday through Friday, at any time except 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; all day Saturday and Sunday; and all day on the following holidays: Martin Luther King's Birthday observed, President's Day observed, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day observed, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. ABWCs are not allowed in the Metrorail system on Inauguration Day, the Fourth of July, during major marches or other large special events. An ABWC will not be powered on or operated within the Metrorail system except by persons with disabilities and under the terms and conditions of this section. Any ABWC brought into the Metrorail system except by a registered person with a disability shall be pushed or pulled by the person bringing the ABWC into the Metrorail system. No ABWC will be allowed on escalators. If a level change is required, the ABWC will be allowed in an elevator. At all times, Metro Station Managers or Metro Transit Police may exercise discretion to temporarily deny ABWC users access to station mezzanines and platforms during periods of passenger congestion until the congestion is cleared. WMATA allows ABWCs to be operated in the Metrorail system only by persons with disabilities meeting the following requirements:

- 1) The person has obtained a certification in either WMATA's Reduced Fare Program or the MetroAccess Program;
- 2) The person has obtained and submitted a certification from a doctor that the person uses an ABWC as a mobility device on a form which is approved by WMATA;
- 3) The person has received in-person rail system orientation provided by WMATA;
- 4) The person has been issued a registration by WMATA and that registration is displayed on the ABWC while being used in the Metrorail system;
- 5) The ABWC can only be used by the person to whom it is registered; and
- 6) The ABWC cannot be operated in the system faster than a normal walking speed.

ABWCs registered and operated under these requirements are exempt from the time limitations on the use of ABWCs within the Metrorail system Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Age Limits: Anyone under the age of 16 bringing an ABWC into the Metrorail system shall be accompanied by an adult (someone over the age of 18). An adult shall accompany only one child with an ABWC at a time. Persons with ABWCs registered as mobility devices are not covered by this age limit.

Liability: ABWC users are responsible for their own ABWC and all actions, injuries, losses and/or damages resulting from their ABWC in station areas, aboard trains under this program.

Rules for Usage: While in the Metrorail system with an ABWC, patrons must observe the following conventions within the Metrorail system:

Pay the appropriate fare.

Yield to pedestrian traffic.

Enter and exit the system through the extra-wide gates.

Use the elevators to access mezzanines and platforms.

Must remain in control of their ABWC at all times. Enter rail cars through the end doors. Limit of four ABWCs per railcar, two at each end, without blocking the aisles.

Shall not ride ABWCs within the station or paid area, with the exception of patrons with a WMATA-registered ABWC.

The "power assist" mode or any other mode that engages the battery may not be used when walking the ABWC within the station or paid area.

ABWCs registered as a mobility device may not be operated inside the Metrorail system at a speed greater than the walking speed of other patrons.

Shall wait for trains as far away from the granite edge as possible.

Shall leave the device on the train or in the station in an emergency that requires evacuation.

ABWCs are not permitted on Metrobus.

Please call WMATA's Office of ADA Programs at 202-962-1100 or TTY 202-962-2033 for assistance with your application for the ABWC Program. Please return application to ADAP, 600 Fifth St NW, Washington DC 20001. Thank you for riding Metro.