

# Alberta Low Income Transit Pass: City of Edmonton

## What is the Low Income Transit Pass?

•The Low Income Transit Pass is a new program in Edmonton that will allow eligible low income transit customers to purchase monthly transit passes at a 60 per cent discount off the regular fare. The three-year Government of Alberta pilot funding establishes a cost-sharing partnership between the City of Edmonton and the Government of Alberta to provide direct financial assistance to lower-income families. This program is designed to help them make ends meet and enable access to community supports and resources via reduced-cost public transit.

## How many Edmontonians will benefit from the Low Income Transit Pass?

•The City of Edmonton estimates the Low Income Transit Passes will improve the lives of 20,000 Edmontonians.

## What are the income eligibility amounts?

- Eligibility for Edmonton's pass will be based on 100 per cent of the Low-Income Cut-Off (LICO).
- The table below outlines details depending on how many members reside in your household.

### 2015 LICO numbers:

1 person	\$24,600.00
2 persons	\$30,625.00

3 persons	\$37,650.00
4 persons	\$45,712.00
5 persons	\$51,846.00
6 persons	\$58,473.00
7 persons	\$65,101.00

## Is every member of my family eligible to receive the pass?

• Yes every member of an eligible household can receive a discounted pass. The pass is non-transferable. A pass must be purchased for each member of the household who wishes to use Edmonton's transit system.

## How do I apply?

• The Low-Income Transit Passes will not be available until September, 2017. The City of Edmonton will release details about the application process and distribution locations this fall.

## Do I have to re-apply every month?

• Passes must be purchased every month just like a regular monthly transit pass. The City of Edmonton will release details about the application process and distribution locations this fall.

## Is the pass taxable?

• No, you will not be taxed on the Low Income Transit Pass. You may be eligible to claim the cost



of the pass against your federal income tax at the end of the year, so save your passes and receipts.

### **Does the benefit affect my eligibility for AISH, Income Support or Child Care Subsidy?**

- No. The Low Income Transit Pass does not affect eligibility or benefit amounts for AISH, Income Support or Child Care Subsidy.

### **Why is the Alberta government providing this program?**

- The Low-Income Transit Passes in Alberta's two large cities allows the Government of Alberta to help make it easier for lower-income families to get around the city to access jobs, education, health care, community resources and government services regardless of whether they qualify for one of the provinces social benefit programs or not. This investment supports EndPoverty Edmonton's recommended priority to help move people out of poverty by making transit more affordable.