

# STAR Pass program

*Please note: As of January 1, 2020, all local service on Intercity Transit is fare-free to all riders.*

*The State Agency Rider (STAR) Pass still entitles you to unlimited fare-free rides on any Mason Transit and Grays Harbor Transit bus, including dial-a-lift and express services.*

The STAR Pass may be used for any personal or work-related travel purpose. Your state-issued ID badge becomes your pass once the STAR Pass sticker is affixed to it. If your agency **doesn't issue photo ID badges, you can request one by** contacting your STAR Pass coordinator.

For more information about our partnering transit agencies, please visit their websites:

- [Mason Transit](#)
- [Grays Harbor Transit](#)

*How does the state benefit from the STAR Pass?*

By providing fare-free transit to employees, the STAR Pass **supports the state's commitment to commute trip reduction by** providing an alternate commute option to its employees. This results in reduced congestion on our roads and cleaner air and water in our communities.

*My agency provides CTR subsidies and incentives. Can I still collect those for riding my bike, walking or riding the bus?*

Each state agency has their own policy for subsidies and incentives. Please check with your employee transportation coordinator to see which incentives and subsidies are available to you.

*When does my STAR Pass expire?*

Your STAR Pass will be valid through at least until June 30, 2022; or until you leave state government or transfer to another agency and/or county.

***I'm transferring to another state agency. Can I keep my pass?***

No. You must turn in your STAR Pass to your coordinator and request a new one from your new agency.

*What if my badge is lost or stolen?*

Report it to your STAR Pass coordinator. If you receive a replacement and your other pass is found, return the original pass to your coordinator.

*What does the STAR Pass cost my agency?*

Passes are funded through the State Agency CTR program. There is no cost to your agency.

***What if an employee requests a pass but doesn't use it? Isn't that a waste of state funds?***

The state contracts directly with transit agencies. Contract amounts are based on the number of transit trips made using the STAR Pass rather than the number of passes distributed.

*Are passes transferable? Can I loan them to a family member or coworker?*

The pass is not transferable and only the employee whose photo appears on the badge can use it.

*Are part-time state employees eligible for the STAR Pass?*

Eligible state employees are defined as individuals who receive compensation and benefits (insurance, paid holidays, and paid leave) from a state agency. This includes part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees. Commission and board members, volunteers, and contractors are not eligible.

*Is there a cap or a limit on the STAR Pass?*

No. The STAR Pass provides unlimited use. Use it as much as **you'd** like!

*Additional information*

For more information about the program or how to get a STAR Pass: contact your employee transportation coordinator.

Not sure who your coordinator is? Send an email to: [StateAgencyCTR@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:StateAgencyCTR@wsdot.wa.gov).