

## THE SIMPLICITY OF PAPER. THE CONVENIENCE OF CARD-BASED PAYMENT. NOW, GET IT ALL WITH THE TRANSITCHEK CARD.

The growing use of ticket vending machines and card-based transactions has made it easier, faster and more efficient for commuters to use public transportation. In response, TransitCenter has introduced the TransitChek® Card, a prepaid Visa® card, that is designed specifically for commuter benefits. Now, employees have a highly flexible, extremely convenient new way to use tax-free dollars for commuting.

The TransitChek Card was created with both employers and employees in mind:

• Employees who rely on tax-free savings get the ability to purchase tickets or passes using ticket vending machines. Employees can avoid lines at ticket windows, while using just one Card for multiple tickets or passes if they use more than one transit service.

#### KEY BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS

- The TransitChek Card is IRS compliant and provides greater flexibility and convenience.
- The TransitChek Card can be used for any transit operator that accepts Visa debit card payments for tickets and passes. Now, one product can serve a variety of employee commuting needs.
- TransitChek Cards are available in a wide variety of denominations up to the current IRS monthly limit of \$230, providing enhanced flexibility for employees.
- TransitChek Cards are ready to use as soon as employees receive them.
- No employee registration or personal information is required for use.
- There are no additional administrative fees for ordering the TransitChek Card.

#### KEY BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES

- The TransitChek Card can be used to purchase tickets and passes for any transit service that accepts Visa debit card payments, whether it's at a station window, or ticket vending machine. Now commuters have one Card through which they can access multiple transit services.
- No personal information is required to use the TransitChek Card.
- Employees have the option to add value from personal debit or credit cards. With this important feature, employees will be able to add their own funds to pay for their total commuting expenses.
- One TransitChek Card can hold up to \$500 in value. And, employees can add value up to three times per TransitChek Card.
- The TransitChek Card can be used to make more than one purchase.
- Remaining balances can be transferred from one TransitChek Card to another TransitChek Card – so employees won't lose value or tax-free savings.
- Employees can check balances at any time online at www.tccard.transitcenter.com or by phone at 1.888.288.CHEK (2435).





## Getting Started

# How to incorporate the TransitChek Card into your TransitChek program



#### POLLING YOUR EMPLOYEES

The first step in adding the TransitChek® Card, a prepaid Visa® card, to your program is assessing your employees' needs. To make it easier, download the **Employee Enrollment Form** to survey your staff.

Poll your employees to determine the best product option for them based on their commute.

# Here is the product choice available to you and your employees:

#### TransitChek Card

The TransitChek Card can be used for any transit service that accepts Visa debit card payments, including Metra, Pace and CTA. The TransitChek Card is also a good choice for employees who use multiple transit services — for example, CTA and Pace.

• The TransitChek Card can be used to purchase tickets and passes with tax-free dollars for any transit service that accepts Visa debit card payments.

#### PLACING AN ORDER

Once you have gotten feedback from your employees:

- Fill out the TransitChek Order Form.
- If you are a recurring customer, make sure to include your TransitChek Customer Number and e-mail address in the space provided on the Order Form.
- Send the completed Order Form with your payment.
  All products will be received 7 to 10 business days after receipt of payment.

If you have any additional questions, call us toll-free at 1.866.511.CHEK (2435).





# TransitChek Card FAQ's

For Employers



#### ABOUT THE TRANSITCHEK CARD

#### O. What is the TransitChek Card?

A. The TransitChek® Card, a prepaid Visa® card, is the newest addition to the TransitChek Program and the nation's first anonymous card designed specifically for commuter benefits. The TransitChek Card is fully compliant with IRS regulations.

#### O. What denominations does the Card come in?

A. TransitChek Cards are available in a wide variety of denominations up to the current IRS monthly limit of \$230, providing enhanced flexibility for employees.

#### Q. Are TransitChek Cards accepted by all transit operators?

A. TransitChek Cards can be used to purchase tickets and passes from all operators that accept Visa debit cards as payment.

#### Q. How do I order the TransitChek Card?

A. Online order forms are available at **www.transitcenter.com/card** or use the copy that is included with this informational kit.

## Q. Are there any additional administrative fees associated with ordering the TransitChek Card?

A. No, there are no additional administrative fees other than the 4.5% processing fee you will pay on your total order.

### Q. How many Cards can I order at one time? Are there any minimum quantities required?

A. There are no minimum quantities required. You can order as many TransitChek Cards as you like. TransitChek Cards are valid for one year.

#### Q. How will I know if my order has been shipped?

A. An email notification will be sent to you when your order is received and when your order ships. You will need to include your email address with the TransitChek Order Form. Or, you can provide your email address by calling Customer Service at 1.800.945.CHEK (2435).

#### O. Can I return unused TransitChek Cards for credit or refund?

A No. TransitChek Cards are not returnable and not refundable.

#### Q. Can my employees add value to the Card?

A. Yes. Employees will be able to add value to their Card using a personal debit or credit card to pay for their entire commute. They will need to register their Transit Chek Card at www.tccard.transitcenter.com in order to add funds, which will require some personal information.

They can also transfer balances from one TransitChek Card to another TransitChek Card by going online or calling **1.888.288.CHEK (2435)**.





# TransitChek Card FAQ's

For Employees



#### ABOUT THE TRANSITCHEK CARD

#### Q. What is the TransitChek Card?

A. The TransitChek® Card, a prepaid Visa® card, is the TransitChek Program's newest commuter benefit product. It is an anonymous Card, which allows you to purchase transit tickets, or passes using tax-free dollars wherever Visa debit cards are accepted.

#### Q. Is the TransitChek Card a credit card?

A. No.The TransitChek Card is a preloaded Card with tax-free funds that allows you to purchase transit tickets and passes using ticket vending machines. You don't need to provide any personal information to use it. It is ready to use as soon as you receive it.

#### Q. What values does the TransitChek Cards come in?

A. TransitChek Cards are available in a wide variety of denominations up to the current IRS monthly limit of \$230, providing enhanced flexibility for employees.

### Q. How do I know if my transit service will accept the TransitChek Card?

A. The TransitChek Card is accepted at all ticket vending machines, and station windows that accept Visa debit cards, including Metra, CTA and Pace.

#### Q. How do I use the TransitChek Card?

- A. For ticket vending machines, follow the onscreen instructions, then insert the Transit Chek Card when prompted to complete the transaction. If given the option to choose between "debit" and "credit," choose "credit." If asked to provide zip code information enter your home zip code.
  - \* Some ticket vending machines require a zip code to complete the transaction and to help prevent fraud.

    This information is not stored or used for any other purpose.

#### Q. How do I know how much value is on a TransitChek Card?

A. The initial value of the TransitChek Card is embossed on the front of the Card. As you begin using the TransitChek Card you can check your balance by visiting www.tccard.transitcenter.com or by calling 1.888.288.CHEK (2435).

### Q. Can I use the TransitChek Card for more than one purchase?

A. Yes. You can use the Card to make several purchases. However, you must have enough money on your Card to make the purchase.





### For Employees



- Q. Can I use the TransitChek Card along with cash, a personal check, or another card to pay for a ticket or pass?
- A. Ticket vending machines only accept one form of payment (cash or debit/credit card) for a single purchase. At station windows, some transit operators may allow combined forms of payment for one transaction. Please check with your transit operator to see if split transactions are permitted.
  - \* If you need to make a purchase for more money than is on your Card, you must add additional value to the Card using a personal debit or credit card, or you can transfer balances from one TransitChek Card to another TransitChek Card in order to have sufficient funds. This must be done prior to initiating the transaction.
- Q. What if my monthly commuting cost is more than the amount on the TransitChek Card?
- A. You will be able to add value to your Card using your personal debit or credit card, up to three times per TransitChek Card, for a maximum value of \$500. You can do this through the TransitChek Card web site at www.tccard.transitcenter.com. TransitChek must be registered in order to add funds, which will require some personal information.

- Q. Why is personal information required to add value to the TransitChek Card?
- A. Because adding value from a personal debit or credit card is a financial transaction, financial institutions require some personal information to verify the transaction.
- Q. What if I still have a balance on the TransitChek Card by the time I get a new Card?
- A. If you haven't used the entire value of one TransitChek Card you can transfer the remaining balance to a new TransitChek Card. Balance transfers can be made through the TransitChek web site at www.tccard.transitcenter.com or by calling I.888.288.CHEK (2435).
- Q. Do I need to keep my Card after I've used up all the value?
- A. You should keep your TransitChek Card until the fare media value purchased is depleted, or the benefit month is over, whichever is later. If your transit operator needs to reverse a charge, you will need your TransitChek Card number to process your refund.





## **TRANSITCHEK®**

# **Chicago Metro Employee Enrollment Form**



TransitChek® is an IRS-approved commuter benefits program that lets you save money by paying for your commute by transit or eligible vanpools with tax-free dollars. You are eligible to use up to \$230/month, tax-free. You can use the interactive calculator at <a href="https://www.transitcenter.com/employees/save.aspx">www.transitcenter.com/employees/save.aspx</a> to calculate your estimated savings.

To enroll and begin saving, follow the step-by-step instructions below. Return this form to your company's TransitChek Program administrator by: \_\_\_\_\_

## TransitChek® Card, a prepaid Visa® card (Not Returnable/Not Refundable) Additional value from a personal debit or credit card can be added to the STEP 1: CALCULATE MONTHLY COMMUTING COST TransitChek Prepaid Visa® Card to pay for commuting costs that exceed the initial amount on your Card. How much are you currently paying for your monthly Quantity commute? \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ / month \_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ **STEP 2: DETERMINE MONTHLY PRETAX** x \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **DEDUCTION AMOUNT** \_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_ If you are participating in a pretax payroll deduction program, how much of your pay would you like to set aside, x \$55 = \$tax-free, toward your commute each month (The IRS limit is \$230/month). If TransitChek is being provided as a x \$ 60 = \$fringe, insert the amount being offered each month. \_\_\_\_ x \$65 = \$ \_\_\_ \$ / month x \$70 = \$STEP 3: PRODUCT SELECTION CHART x \$89 = \$ Use the *TransitChek Product Selection Chart* on the \_\_\_\_ x \$110= \$ \_\_\_ right to choose the denominations you would like to use \_\_\_\_ x \$125= \$ \_\_\_\_ for your benefit. Please note that if you multiple denominations of a TransitChek® Card, a prepaid Visa® card the total value of all selections can not exceed the IRS limit x \$150= \$ of \$230/month. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$175= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ STEP 4: RETURN COMPLETED FORM x \$200= \$ x \$230= \$ Return this completed form to your TransitChek Program administrator. TransitChek products will be distributed to you at work and will be ready to use. Total of all products selected \$ / month

Employee name: \_\_\_

Date:

(Note: Cannot exceed \$230/month)

# **Chicago Metro**



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