

the "Persons with Disabilities Status" on an existing Personalised Octopus printed with a photo. Application form for the above Personalised Octopus are available as follows:

- (i) Eligible persons with disabilities who are new applicants of CSSA or DA: upon approval of their CSSA/DA applications, the Social Welfare Department will mail the application forms with confirmation of applicants' eligibility to the eligible beneficiaries, their parents or guardians, as appropriate; and
 - (ii) Existing recipients of CSSA with 100% disabilities or recipients of DA: Please obtain the application form from MTR Customer Service Centres*.
- When completing the form, please refer to the Flowchart and Notes to All Applicants at its back. After completing the form, please hand it in and pay the Octopus deposit of HK\$50 at any MTR Customer Service Centres*.
 - Upon receipt of the duly completed application form, the processing of application for a new Personalised Octopus normally requires 4 to 6 weeks.

* Excluding Airport Express, Lo Wu Station, Lok Ma Chau Station, Racecourse Station, Disneyland Resort Station and Sunny Bay Station.

Free Rides for Children

Individual public transport operators are currently offering free rides to children of designated age groups. Eligible children with disabilities for the Scheme of such age groups will continue to enjoy these free rides by not tapping their Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status" against the reader. If they do so inadvertently, some operators may deduct \$2 per trip from the Octopus.



Details of Green Minibus Routes Included in the Scheme

Please visit www.lwb.gov.hk or www.td.gov.hk to browse information on GMB routes providing concessionary fare at \$2 per trip under the Scheme.

Enquiry: 1823

Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities



**Extending to green minibuses
in phases from 29 March 2015**

Purpose of the Scheme

To enable elderly people and eligible persons with disabilities to travel on designated public transport modes and services any time at a concessionary fare of \$2 per trip. The Scheme aims to help build a caring and inclusive society by encouraging these groups to participate more in community activities.

Target Beneficiaries

- Elderly people aged 65 or above
- Recipients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme aged below 65 with 100 % disabilities and recipients of Disability Allowance (DA) aged below 65

Public Transport Modes and Services under the Scheme

Transport mode	Services
MTR	Domestic MTR services, including Light Rail and MTR Bus (Northwest New Territories) • <i>Excluding the Airport Express, East Rail Line services to and from Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau and Racecourse Stations, first-class service of East Rail Line</i>
Franchised buses	Franchised bus routes of Kowloon Motor Bus, New World First Bus, Citybus, Long Win Bus and New Lantau Bus • <i>Excluding "A" routes to the airport, racecourse routes and the routes on a pre-booking and group hire basis</i>
Ferries	Designated ferry services • <i>Excluding Deluxe Class Services</i>

Extension to Green Minibuses

- The Government is extending the Scheme to green minibuses (GMBs) in phases from 29 March 2015.
- The first phase of the extension, taking effect from 00:00 hour on 29 March 2015, covers 407 routes amounting to 81% of all GMB routes. For details of the routes included in the first phase, please visit www.lwb.gov.hk or www.td.gov.hk.
- For the ease of identification, GMBs participating in the Scheme will carry a logo as shown below :



- Using a designated Octopus, elderly people aged 65 or above and eligible persons with disabilities can travel on GMBs carrying the logo at \$2 per trip.
- Under the phased extension arrangements, GMBs not yet participating in the Scheme will not carry the logo. Beneficiaries boarding these GMBs will need to pay the original fares instead of \$2 per trip.

Details of Concession

- Beneficiaries can travel on designated transport modes and services any time at \$2 per trip.
- If the original fare for a journey is below \$2, beneficiaries only need to pay the original fare.

Note: This Scheme is not applicable to fares paid in cash.

How to Enjoy the Concession

Elderly persons:

- Use their existing Elder Octopus or Personalised Octopus.

Eligible persons with disabilities:

- Use Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status" printed with a photo.
- Eligible persons with disabilities who have not yet obtained a Personalised Octopus with "Persons with Disabilities Status" may apply to MTR Corporation Limited for one or encoding