

Transit/Parking FAQ

Are all transportation benefits paid under one account?

No. Qualified Transportation Benefits are actually funded under two separate accounts – Transit and Parking. A Transit account reimburses for certain expenses incurred traveling to and from work. A Parking account reimburses for work-related parking expenses.

Transit and parking expenses for travel to and from work that qualify:

- **Transit Passes:** A pass, token, fare card, voucher or similar item entitling a person to transportation on mass transit facilities or provided by a person who transports people for compensation or hire in a vehicle which seats at least six adults, excluding the driver. CDB has partnered with METRO to permit members to purchase bus passes using their Transit FSA dollars.
- **Qualified Parking:** Parking provided on or near the employer's business premises or at a location from which the employee commutes by carpool, commuter highway vehicle, etc.
- **Commuter Highway Vehicle:** Transportation provided by an employer to an employee, in a vehicle which seats at least six adults (excluding the driver), in connection with travel between the employee's home and work, provided that 80 percent of the vehicle's mileage is reasonably expected to be for transporting employee from home to work or on trips where at least half of the adult seating capacity is filled by employees.

I participate in a car pool to get to work. Is that a covered expense?

No. A car pool is not an eligible Transit expense.

Is mileage a covered expense?

No. Mileage is not a covered work-related expense.

Is the cost of gas to and from work a covered expense?

No. Gas is not a covered expense.

When are funds for my Parking & Transit FSA available?

Parking FSA reimbursements are available after incurring qualified expenses up to the amount you have contributed from your paycheck(s).

What is appropriate documentation for submitting a Parking Claim?

Please submit a completed claim form. The claim form has an affidavit attesting that the submission is accurate and true. The FSA Card can also be used to pay monthly parking fees.

Recurring payments can be set up if the bill and parking company are the same. The parking claim form has a box that is checked if you elect this option.

What is appropriate documentation for submitting a Transit Claim?

Please submit a complete claim form along with a receipt of purchase. If purchasing the METRO bus pass, please provide a completed claim form with the next month's pass date.