

New York State Ride (NYS – Ride) Fact Sheet **(program begins 7/2/08)**

Detailed information may be obtained by visiting www.nysride.com or by calling 1-866-428-7781.

Description:

NYS – Ride is a new program open to all New York State Employees. With NYS-Ride, you can use pre-tax income to pay for your commute to work if you use public transportation, including bus, train, a ferry, or ride in a vanpool (a vanpool is a business operated in some metropolitan areas that is similar to a bus). Carpooling is not included as a covered benefit at this time.

Eligibility:

1. All Negotiating Units are eligible except for units 21 and 31 (security services)
2. You must be receiving a bi-weekly paycheck

Savings:

By saving federal, state, social security, or Medicare taxes, you can trim up to 40% from your commuting costs.

Enrollment:

You may enroll online or by phone. There is no open enrollment period, you may enroll or change your election at any time. You must enroll two months prior to the first of the month you want to participate.

You will need the following information:

- *Last Name: As shown on your pay stub
- *Department ID: As shown on your pay stub – ours is 28150
- *Negotiating Unit: 2-digit code, as shown on your pay stub
- *Date of Birth
- *Zip Code
- *The last four digits of your social security number

Online – visit www.nysride.com and click “register now”

By phone – call 1-866-428-7781

Once you have registered and been deemed eligible you will:

1. Create a username and password
2. Accept the User Agreement
3. From the “Commuter Overview” page, select “Place Commuter Order”

4. Select the Public Transportation or Vanpool option(s), choose your provider(s) and make your purchase(s)
5. Confirm your election(s) to have the purchase(s) automatically deducted from your paycheck