



***Tap into an easier commute.  
Tap into PRESTO.***



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## ***Get on the GO with PRESTO.***

Electronic fare cards are used around the world with great success. The Government of Ontario, GO Transit, eight municipal transit systems in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and Ottawa, have partnered to introduce PRESTO – a new electronic fare system.

PRESTO uses the latest technology to make it easier to pay your fare while travelling within and between transit systems by the simple tap of a card. The PRESTO card is the size of a debit card and has a computer chip that communicates with card readers at transit stations or on transit vehicles. The system calculates the fare for your trip and deducts it from the balance stored on your card – all in less than a second.

PRESTO can now be used across the GO network, at most GO Train stations and on all GO Buses. PRESTO will be coming to Kitchener and Guelph GO Train stations in early Spring 2012.

## ***Where can I get a PRESTO card?***

Cards may be obtained at GO stations and selected GO Bus terminals. Please note there is a \$6 non-refundable issuance fee. PRESTO cards are also available from participating local transit systems or online at [prestocard.ca](http://prestocard.ca).

## ***How do I use PRESTO?***

Using PRESTO is easy. Simply load money onto your card through the PRESTO website or Call Centre\*, at GO stations and selected GO Bus terminals, or at Union Station. Registered cardholders can also arrange for automatic reloads.

## ***For GO Train travel***

Each time before boarding the train, tap your card ON to the PRESTO Fare Payment Device at the station. The machine will validate your card, record the starting point of your trip and deduct the fare to the next station on the line. When you reach your destination, tap your card OFF to the PRESTO Fare Payment Device at the station and your card will be debited or credited for the balance of your trip.

\* PRESTO cannot be used to purchase the GO VIA Pak.

## ***Save time by setting a default trip.***

If you are like the majority of our train customers and travel between the same two GO stations every day, you can have a default trip set to your card and not have to worry about tapping at the end of your usual **train** trip. You'll only need to tap on at the start of **each** train trip.

Default trips can only be set by GO Station Attendants and can only be used for GO Train travel. When you get your card, you'll receive more information about how to use PRESTO or you can find out more online at [prestocard.ca](http://prestocard.ca).

## ***PRESTO on GO Buses***

When boarding, tap your card ON to the PRESTO Fare Payment Device inside the bus near the driver. The machine will validate your card, record the starting point of your trip, and deduct the fare to the next zone on the route.

When you reach your destination, tap your card OFF to the PRESTO Fare Payment Device as you exit the bus. The PRESTO system will debit or credit your card for the balance of the trip.

Transfer credits will be automatically applied when transferring between GO Buses, GO Buses to GO Trains or GO Trains to GO Buses.

## What will my GO fare be with PRESTO?

Each time you travel using your PRESTO card, a fare is deducted from your card's e-purse.

### Adults:

With the built-in loyalty program, adults will receive fare discounts similar to those currently offered with GO adult 10-ride tickets and monthly passes.

If you take the **same** GO trip each time you travel within a calendar month, your GO fare\* will be:

- Rides 1 – 35, 7.5%\*\* off the single adult GO fare
- Rides 36 – 40, 87.5%\*\* off the single adult GO fare
- Rides 41+, 100% off the single adult GO fare

If you do **not** take the exact same trip each time you travel on GO within a calendar month, your first 35 rides on GO will be 7.5%\*\* off the single adult GO fare\*. For rides 36 and onwards, your discount will be based on the value of the rides you've taken that month.

### Students:

As a full-time student (13+), you are also eligible for fare discounts with PRESTO. After obtaining your card and registering it online at [prestocard.ca](http://prestocard.ca), take it to a GO station or selected GO Bus terminal to have it set with a student classification to receive the discount. For post-secondary students, the applicable post-secondary setting must be added to the card at a GO station or selected GO Bus terminal. While travelling on GO you may be asked to show valid GO student ID. For details visit [gotransit.com](http://gotransit.com).

If you take the **same** GO trip each time you travel within a calendar month, your GO fare\* will be:

- Rides 1 – 30, 15%\*\* off the single adult GO fare
- Rides 31 – 40, 95%\*\* off the single adult GO fare
- Rides 41+, 100% off the single adult GO fare

If you do **not** take the exact same trip each time you travel on GO within a calendar month, your first 30 rides on GO will be 15%\*\* off the single adult GO fare\*. For rides 31 and onwards, your discount will be based on the value of the rides you've taken that month.

### **Child and Senior:**

GO fares for children (ages 6 to 12 years) and seniors (65+) will be 50%\*\* off the single adult GO fare\*. After obtaining your card and registering online at [prestocard.ca](http://prestocard.ca), take it to a GO station or selected GO Bus terminal to have it set with a child/senior classification to receive the discount. While travelling on GO you may be asked to show proof of age.

\* Fares and discounts subject to change

\*\* Actual discount may be .1% lower due to rounding.

## ***PRESTO means:***

**Convenience** – No more lining up to buy tickets or passes each month. Simply load money onto your card through PRESTO's website ([prestocard.ca](http://prestocard.ca)), at a GO station or selected GO Bus terminal, or at Union Station. You can even arrange for automatic reloads to your PRESTO card so you never have to worry about having a low balance.

**Flexibility** – Change your plans anytime. Use PRESTO to travel on any participating transit system.

**Easy transfers** – Travel within and between transit systems without the need to carry different tickets and passes. The PRESTO card does the work for you.

**Peace of mind** – You can register your PRESTO card, so if it is ever lost or stolen, it can be replaced, online or in person, and the value restored.

**Tax credits** – Registered PRESTO card holders are eligible for the federal public transit tax credit if you use your card for at least 32 one-way trips within a calendar month on an individual system.

**Environment** – More transit riders means fewer cars on the road, less congestion, and a cleaner environment for everyone.

## ***Tap into Convenience.***

**No more lengthy line-ups  
to purchase tickets or passes.**

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**No more multiple tickets,  
passes or transfers.**

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**No more fumbling for exact change.**

***Convenient, smart, simple...***

***Say YES to PRESTO!***

***Find out more at:***

**prestocard.ca**

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