

ORCA Business Passport Rebate

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Providing an ORCA Passport transit and vanpool subsidy is a key way to support non-drive-alone commuting by your employees or at your building. Choose Your Way Bellevue is currently offering rebates to Bellevue employers and property managers that start new ORCA Passport programs.

Rebate Amounts and Key Parameters*:

Employers—ORCA Business Passport

- x Rebate of \$50 per pass in the first year, \$100 per pass in the second year
- x Up to 100 passes per company are eligible for the rebate

Commercial Property Managers

- x Rebate of 20% off the cost of each ORCA Passport pass
- x Up to 100 passes per building or worksite are eligible for the rebate
- x For a building to be eligible, ≥75% of employees in the building must not currently be eligible for a transit pass subsidized 50% or more by their employer
- x Applicable at multiple-tenant buildings only (single-tenant buildings should use the employer rebate option, described above)
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*Other parameters and restrictions apply; contact info@cywb.org for details.

What is ORCA Business Passport?

ORCA Business Passport is a discounted, comprehensive annual transportation pass program for employers with a minimum of 20 employees (five-employee minimum in Downtown Bellevue). ORCA Passport programs with customized features are available to employers with 500 or more employees, and to property managers.

How does ORCA Business Passport work?

The premise is simple: Put ORCA cards in the hands of all your employees or your tenants' employees, and then pay based on average usage in your area (or in the case of a customized program, based on usage at your worksite). It rounds out to a highly discounted product as compared to the retail price (currently \$1,404 per year for a two-zone Puget Pass).

The caveat: You must purchase a pass for each of your employees, or for each of the workers in your building if you are a property manager (you determine whether both full- and part-time employees are included, or just full-time employees). Participating residential property managers must purchase a pass for each residential unit in their building. With ORCA Passport, employers and property managers may charge each ORCA card holder a co-pay of up to 50 percent of the annual cost of their pass to recoup some of the expense. If that sounds confusing – [contact us!](#) We're here to help.

Business benefits include:



- x Comprehensive annual transportation pass program within a single card
- x Reduced administrative costs - the Passport annual program does not require monthly online administration or knowledge of what type of passes employees need
- x Annual payments and no monthly loading of cards
- x Management of employee cards online
- x Option to combine with Business Choice or E-voucher program to cover ferry riders at additional cost
- x Equitable transportation benefits to all employees
- x Pre-tax benefit options allowed for the employee copay

Employee benefits include (at a minimum):

- x **Unlimited** rides on ALL regular bus routes for these agencies: King County Metro, Sound Transit, Community Transit, Kitsap transit, Pierce Transit and Everett Transit
- x **Unlimited** rides on regional rail including: Sounder Commuter Train, Seattle Streetcar and Link Light Rail
- x **Unlimited** rides on the Water Taxi: King County Water taxi to West Seattle and Vashon Island
- x Kitsap Foot Ferry: Port Orchard-Bremerton and Annapolis-Bremerton routes only

If your company purchases ORCA Passport for fewer than 500 employees, the following benefits are also automatically included:

- x **Fully subsidized Vanpool/Vanshare:** 100% subsidy on [Vanpool and Vanshare](#).
- x **Home Free Guarantee:** Each pass holder is eligible for up to eight free taxi rides home from work in case of an emergency. If your company purchases ORCA Passport for more than 500 employees, a [home free guarantee](#) can be added.

Ultimately it comes down to providing a valuable benefit for your employees and giving them an opportunity to choose how they travel to work. Choose Your Way Bellevue staff provides free consultations to all employers in Bellevue. If you want to discuss which program would work best for your employees, learn about transportation options, or are ready to develop a transportation program for your company, please contact info@cywb.org today for your free consultation.

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