

MetroCards and Annual Transit Cards are being phased out in 2025

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in New York City is transitioning from issuing physical MetroCards to the new contactless fare payment system called OMNY. There will be changes that impact commuters in 2025.

What is changing, and when?

Effective immediately	Employees are not allowed to newly enroll in the MetroCard or Annual Transit Card products. Recurring enrollments will not be impacted at this time. Employees looking to newly enroll should instead enroll in the commuter prepaid debit card, which is OMNY-compatible.
March 2025	The MTA will no longer offer MetroCard products to commuter benefit providers. This includes Pay-Per-Ride and 7-day passes, as well as new Annual Transit Cards.
July 2025	The MTA will no longer allow Annual Transit Card replacements.
January 2026	The MTA will no longer accept Annual Transit Cards for fare payments.

How does this affect employees receiving these products?

Beginning in February 2025, EdenRed will reach out to employees enrolled in the MetroCard or Annual Transit Card, reminding them to switch their enrollment to the OMNY-compatible commuter prepaid debit card as soon as possible.

It is important for impacted employees to change their enrollment to avoid losing the benefit.

For MetroCard enrollees:

- On March 31, 2025, we will delete all MetroCard enrollments.
- **Note:** Access-a-Ride vouchers are not impacted by this change.

For Annual Transit Card enrollees:

- After the June benefit month, expiring Annual Transit Cards will no longer be replaced.
- After June 15, 2025, lost/stolen/damaged Annual Transit Cards can no longer be replaced.
- After December 31, 2025, all Annual Transit Cards will stop working at the MTA.
- Before your company's January 2026 benefit cutoff, EdenRed will delete all enrollments for the Annual Transit Card.

Reminder: Digital Wallet is enabled for commuter prepaid debit cards.