



# APPLICATION FOR COMMUTER PRIORITY - 2012

**\*\*Please note that all applicants currently holding priority passes must reapply for 2012 priority access. All applications for 2012 priority must be received no later than December 31st, 2011. Applications will be processed and returned before January 1, 2012.**

<b>PART A: Must be completed by Applicant (please PRINT)</b>		<b>I am applying for:</b>	
Applicant Name:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent Full Time Priority (employed full time all year)
Street Address:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Priority (Seasonal / Students / Part Time Employment)
City / Town:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medical Priority (Doctor's Letter Required)
Postal Code:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Compassionate Care (Temporary)
Phone #:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority Rate Only
Email Address:	_____	<b>I am applying for priority from:</b>	
License Plate #:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bell Island to Portugal Cove
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Portugal Cove to Bell Island
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Both Bell Island & Portugal Cove

<b>PART B:</b>	
Employer / School Name:	_____
Street Address:	_____
City / Town:	_____
Postal Code:	_____
Phone #:	_____
Employment / Education Start Date:	_____
# of Hours Worked <u>per Week</u> :	_____
Shift Work: Yes or No	Weekend Hours: Yes or No
Start Time each day:	_____
Finish Time each day:	_____

<b>PART C: EMPLOYER / EDUCATION AUTHORITY'S CERTIFICATION</b>
I hereby declare that the information given by the Employee / Student in Parts A & B are true. I understand an authorized person from the Department of Transportation and Works may contact me to verify the information given.
Employer's / Instructor's Name (please print): _____
Employer's / Instructor's Signature: _____
Contact phone number or email: _____

<b>PART D: APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION</b>
I understand that failure by me to comply with the priority rules may result in my priority pass being revoked for non-compliance. Furthermore, I understand the Department of Transportation and Works or a member of the Bell Island Ferry User's Committee may verify the information given by me on my application.
Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

<b>Internal Purposes Only</b>	
Terminal Priority: _____	Priority Status Provided: _____
Priority Pass No: _____	Date Priority Pass Distributed: _____

## **RULES FOR PRIORITY - REGULAR COMMUTING WORKER & STUDENT**

- \* Must have a valid priority pass.
- \* Vehicle must not be more than six (6) meters in overall length.
- \* Must arrive in the lineup **20 minutes** prior to the departure for early morning crossings\* and **30 minutes** prior to the schedule departure for non-early morning crossings.
  
- \* Must commute to work / school a **minimum** of six return ferry crossings in a (2) two-week calendar period.
- \* Priority Rates **WILL NOT** be provided without a valid pass. Pass must be presented to the purser to be eligible for the priority rate.
- \* Priority Pass is to be used **ONLY** for the circumstances it was approved. Abuse of the priority pass will result in the removal of priority.

### **LEAVING GAPS IN FERRY LANES NOT PERMISSABLE.**

Vehicles may not be parked in the ferry lanes such that large gaps exist between the vehicles ahead of them. Such vehicles may be ticketed or towed. Vehicles cannot "pre-book" a space in the ferry lanes, for some future crossing of the ferry in the day, by parking their vehicle in the ferry lane and walking away from the vehicle. All vehicles in the ferry lane must intend to board the ferry presently being loaded.

### **NO ADVANCE LINE PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT.**

Regular users not accommodated after a break in service or overnight may position themselves in the line **after 12 o'clock midnight** and will be accommodated on the next scheduled sailing after the medical and commuter line is loaded first.

### **ONE VESSEL SERVICE**

#### **Vessel in Service: Beaumont Hamel (106 passenger capacity) or Nonia (120 passenger capacity)**

Leaving Bell Island (5:55 a.m. and 6:50 a.m.) – Special tickets will be provided. First priority will be given to medical and doctor's notes after which tickets will be provided to priority vehicles (provided they arrived in the lineup 20 minutes before the scheduled sailing). Remaining tickets will be distributed to walk-on passengers.

Leaving Portugal Cove (after 4 p.m.) - Special tickets will be distributed first come first served with medical practitioners / medical staff (hospital) given first priority.

#### **Vessel in Service: MV Flanders**

Leaving Bell Island (5:55 a.m. and 6:50 a.m.) – Special tickets will be distributed to doctor's notes / medical patients first followed by the driver of a priority vehicle (provided they arrived in the lineup 20 minutes before the scheduled sailing). Remaining tickets will be distributed to walk-on passengers.

Leaving Portugal Cove (after 4 p.m.) - Special tickets will be distributed first come first served with medical practitioners / medical staff (hospital) given first priority.

### **PASSING VEHICLES IN FERRY LANES RESTRICTED.**

Vehicle drivers must not jump the line to pass other vehicles unless the drivers of such vehicles have left their vehicles unattended and are not moving to board the vessel when loading commences.

Individuals are not permitted to put their vehicle in the priority line up if they do not intend to board the vessel that is being loaded. If you deliberately miss the ferry crossing that is currently being loaded you will be forced to go to the back of the line.