

## VIA RAIL DISCOUNT (7,5%)

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The Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), Official Languages Unit has partnered with Via Rail to offer **2024** participants a discount of **7.5%** discount at the time of booking for all classes on all trains operated by VIA Rail available (*except for Escape fare in Economy class and Prestige class which cannot be combined with a corporate discount*).

All participants (including those who choose Escape fare in Economy class) must add code **810706** to their viarail.ca profile or quote the code when reserving by telephone at 1-888-VIA-RAIL (842-7245) or at a VIA Rail station ticket office for tracking purposes. Participants reserving online must first create a profile (detailed instructions are included in Appendix 1 for the convenience of participants).

Please keep in mind that the corporate discount does not apply toward the default settings of Escape fare and participants must change the field to **Economy, Economy Plus, Business or Business Plus** to receive the **7.5%** discount.

The discount applies on applicable classes even in the case of a change of reservation (check fare conditions, service charges will apply). It should be noted that participants will comply with the conditions related to the fare of the ticket they bought.

### **Escape fare in Economy class is the best available fare.**

As per the rules for corporate accounts, the discount cannot be applied to Escape fare in Economy class. **Please note that while the traveller can exchange dates or names on the itinerary for a service fee, once the participant purchases an Escape Fare, the fare is non-refundable.**

### **The discount code can be applied to Economy and Economy Plus.**

These tickets can be cancelled and refunded (Services fees will apply if Escape or Economy tickets are changed or refunded. In the case of Economy Plus, the ticket is fully refundable or exchangeable prior to departure so there are no service fees).

Choosing a higher fare gives the traveler both an additional 7.5% off the fare price and flexibility in case they need to cancel an upcoming trip (for whatever the reason) whereas Escape fare in Economy class does not give you that flexibility.

### **Important: letter from CMEC**

It is very important that you show the letter from CMEC including your full name and the discount code to the agent when picking up your tickets at the train station or you could be asked for ID on board in case if you have an electronic ticket. **Participants who cannot produce the letter will be required to pay full fare.**

Please note that the CMEC, the provinces and territories, and the Department of Canadian Heritage and its officers and employees are not responsible for any travel-related questions or issues.

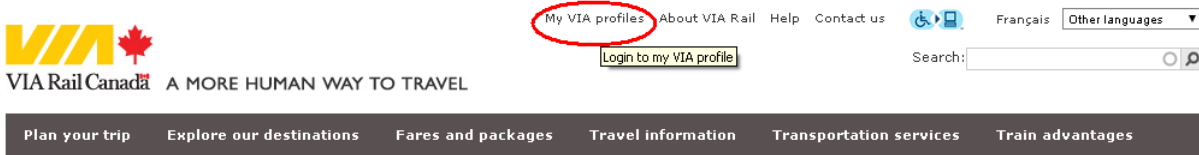
Travellers should contact Via Rail directly at 1-888-842-7245 regarding any questions or issues that may arise.

**Instructions to follow in order to obtain your rebate when booking on VIA Rail Website**

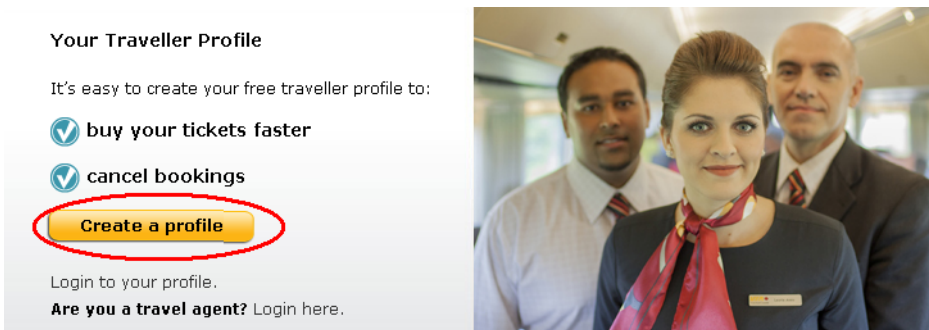
You can book by phone or online at our website. In both cases, you will have to mention or enter (depending on the reservation choice selected) your 6 digits discount code. In order to obtain your online discount, you will need to create a "VIA Profile" before booking your trip. Once the profile is created, subsequent reservations will be faster.

Create your profile:

1- Once on VIA Rail Website, click « My VIA profiles » link:



2- Once on the next page, click « Create a profile » :



3- Please fill out the information requested. Then, click on «CREATE my Profile»:



4- Your profile has been created. You simply have to complete each section. In the

**PASSENGER PREFERENCES**

click



5- Choose "Corporate Rate" from the pull-down menu in the space entitled "Discount type", then enter your corporate account number in the space entitled "Discount code" (see the image below). Click "Save". Our reservation system will now be able to calculate the rate according to the reduction which is granted to your organization.

Profile information

**PASSENGER INFORMATION**

First Name  Last Name  Passenger type

**VIA Preference**

VIA Préférence #

**Promotional Discount**

Discount Type

Discount Code

**Travel Preferences (optional)**

Special Meal Request (Business only)

Seat Preference

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