

# ACCESS 2 ENTERTAINMENT CARD (an Easter Seals' Canada Program)

[www.access2card.ca](http://www.access2card.ca)



## Program Information

Launched in December of 2004, the Access 2 Entertainment program seeks to offer more opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in recreational activities with an attendant, without added financial burden. It is also designed to raise awareness and help businesses provide quality customer service to customers with disabilities.

The Access 2 Card provides persons with a disability a personalized card printed with their name and the card's five year expiry date. When going to their attraction of choice, they simply need to present the card along with a piece of ID (not required for cardholders who are minors), and their attendant will receive a free ticket. The Access 2 card is accepted at entertainment venues across Canada. Visit our [venues](#) section of the website at [www.access2card.ca](http://www.access2card.ca) to see where the card can be used in your community.

## Where can you use the card?

### Theatres in British Columbia

- A Theatre Near You (Burnaby, Surrey, New Westminster BC)
- Cineplex (Odeon, Galaxy, Famous Players, SilverCity, Colossus, Coliseum)
- Cottonwood4Cinemas
- Empire Theatres
- National Geographic IMAX Theatre (BC)
- Pacific Cinémathèque (BC)

### Attractions in British Columbia

- (Aldergrove) Greater Vancouver Zoo
- (Brentwood Bay) Butterfly Gardens
- (Coombs) Kulth Music Festival
- (Golden) Kicking Horse Grizzly Bear Refuge
- (Kamloops) British Columbia Wildlife Park
- (Kelowna) Kelowna Art Gallery
- (Nanaimo) Nanaimo Museum
- (North Vancouver) Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
- (Prince George) Two Rivers Gallery
- (Richmond) Gulf of Georgia Cannery
- (Sidney) Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre
- (Sooke) SEAPARC Leisure Complex
- (Vancouver) Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Garden
- (Vancouver) H.R. MacMillan Space Centre
- (Vancouver) Museum of Vancouver
- (Vancouver) UBC Museum of Anthropology
- (Vancouver) Vancouver Aquarium
- (Vancouver) Vancouver Art Gallery
- (Vancouver) Vancouver Island MusicFest
- (Vernon) Vernon Public Art Gallery
- (Victoria) Art Gallery of Greater Victoria
- (Victoria) Butchart Gardens
- (Victoria) Craigdarroch Castle
- (Victoria) Galey Farms
- (Victoria) Intrepid Theatre
- (Victoria) Royal BC Museum
- (Victoria) Victoria Operatic Society
- (North Saanich) Panorama Recreation
- (Penticton) McLaren Arena
- (Penticton) Penticton Community Centre
- (Victoria) Burnside Gorge Community Centre
- (Victoria) Crystal Pool & Fitness Centre
- (Victoria) Highland Pacific Driving Range
- (Victoria) Recreation Oak Bay
- (Victoria) West Shore Parks & Recreation
- (Victoria) YMCA-YWCA Greater Victoria

## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the Access 2 Entertainment Card?** The Access 2 Entertainment Card provides persons with a disability to receive either free admission or a significant discount for their support person at member movie theatres and attractions across Canada. This program was developed by an advisory group of nine national disability organizations, in conjunction with Famous Players and Cineplex Galaxy.

**How does it work?** Present the Access 2 Entertainment Card when purchasing tickets with your support person at participating movie theatres. It is that simple! Note: The person with a disability pays regular admission.

**Who can apply?** Persons with a permanent disability who require a support person when attending a movie theatre are eligible for the card. There are no age restrictions. The applicant (or guardian) must agree to follow the terms and conditions for use of the card.

**Who is a support person?** A support person is an individual who accompanies a person with a disability to provide those services that are not provided by theatre employees, such as assisting the person with eating, administering medication, communication and use of the facilities.

**How do I apply?** There is an administrative fee of \$20 for the Access 2 card. The card will be printed in the applicant's name and will be valid for five years. There are two ways to apply for the card.

1. If the applicant has a CNIB client ID card, or the Disability Travel Card™ (issued by Easter Seals™),  
-Complete Section B.  
-Attach a photocopy of either the CNIB client ID card, or the Disability Travel Card™. Do not send originals.  
Note: With either of these cards, Section C is not required. Only these cards will be accepted to support the application.
2. If the applicant does not have a CNIB client ID card, or the Disability Travel Card™,  
-Complete Section B.  
-Have your health care provider complete Section C, and attach to Section B.

The application for the Access 2 Entertainment™ card must be verified by a Registered Health Care Provider as defined in this application form.

Note: The applicant must be a client/patient of the authorizing health care provider. The person with a disability is unable to sign Section B.

**Who can sign it?** A legal guardian can sign for the person with a disability if s/he is unable to sign.

I am the primary caregiver for the person with a disability. Can I sign off Section C?

Family members are not eligible to sign off on Section C. The list of health care providers who can sign includes:

- Physician
- Nurse (RN or RNA)
- Social Worker (RSW)
- Occupational Therapist
- Physiotherapist
- Audiologist
- Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA)
- Recreational Therapist
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Educateur/rice (Quebec Only)
- Executive Director of a Disability Service Provider

**I work for an organization where staff take groups of people with disabilities to the movies. Can my organization get a card for staff use?** Cards are issued only to individuals who have a permanent disability, and who require a support person when attending a movie. We do not provide cards for organizations or staff cards.

**I work for an organization providing services for people with disabilities. We have many clients. Do we need to send in an application form for each individual?** An organization which provides services to people with disabilities can apply on behalf of several of their clients at one time. Each client (i.e. the person with a disability) will receive an individual card. All cards will be mailed to the organization.

-Complete Section C with your organization's details.

-List all the names of your clients applying for the card, and attach this as part of the application.

-Include a letter from the Executive Director on the organization's letterhead vouching for the membership and verifying that each of the clients listed has a disability.

**How can I get an application form?** Go to [www.access2card.ca](http://www.access2card.ca) to access the applications page.

**Where do I send the completed application?** Please mail your completed application form to:

Access 2 Entertainment  
c/o Easter Seals Canada  
40 Holly St. Suite 401  
Toronto, ON  
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**When will I get my card?** Cheques and money orders: Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing of your application and delivery of your Access 2 Entertainment card. Online payment: Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing of your application and delivery of your Access 2 Entertainment card.

**Download Application at: [www.access2card.ca](http://www.access2card.ca)**