

Who can apply?

You can apply for a Companion Card if you can demonstrate **ALL** of the following:

- you live in Western Australia; and
- you have a significant disability; and
- due to the impact of your disability you are unable to participate at most community venues and activities without attendant care support; and
- your need for this level of support will be life-long.

How to apply:

- ✓ Complete a Companion Card application form
- ✓ Provide two passport quality/sized colour photos with your application

Return to:

Companion Card Applications
Reply Paid 1595
OSBORNE PARK WA 6916

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More information...

For an application form or to find out more about the Companion Card in Western Australia visit our website or FREECALL the Information Line:

www.wa.companioncard.org.au

1800 617 337



National Disability Services
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

If you are deaf, have a hearing impairment or have complex communication needs, telephone:

The Companion Card TTY
(08) 9443 3107; or

The National Relay Service
13 36 77; or

The Speech-to-Speech Relay Service
1300 555 72



Western Australia

Companion Card

Fair ticketing for people with a disability who require a companion



What is the Companion Card?

The Companion Card is a credit-card sized card issued to some people with disabilities. The Companion Card has a photograph of the cardholder and identifies that person as someone who requires attendant care support from a companion.

The Companion Card is presented by the cardholder, who requires the assistance of a companion, when booking or purchasing a ticket to attend a venue or activity.



Why have a Companion Card?

The Companion Card has been developed to promote the existing right of people with a disability to fair ticketing.

It is not a discount, concession or benefit scheme, and is an easy way for organisations and businesses to comply with some of their obligations under disability anti-discrimination legislation.

Participating organisations and businesses will recognise the Companion Card and issue the cardholder with a second ticket for their companion at no extra charge.

Who is a Cardholder?

A cardholder is a person with a disability whose application for a Companion Card has been successful and whose photograph and details appear on a Companion Card

Who is a Companion?

A companion may be a paid or unpaid support worker or family carer, or friend, or even somebody's partner. The support of the companion enables the cardholder to participate in most community events.

What is Attendant Care Support?

Attendant care support includes significant assistance with tasks of mobility, communication, self care and personal care, or learning, planning and thinking where the use of aids, equipment or alternative strategies do not enable the person to carry out these tasks independently.

What is a Companion Ticket?

A companion ticket is the second ticket or admission issued for a companion, free of charge, for the cardholder to receive attendant care support in order to participate at an affiliated venue or activity.

What is an affiliate?

Affiliate is the term used to describe an organisation, business or venue outlets that charge an admission or participation fee and have officially registered with the Companion Card program by completing an Affiliation Form.

Where can the Companion Card be used?

Cardholders can present their Companion Card at any affiliated venue or event that charges an admission fee. Organisations and businesses should admit the cardholder's companion at no charge.

Venue and event operators are encouraged to formally register their acceptance of the Companion Card with the program and become affiliates. Look for the Companion Card logo at participating/affiliated premises or on promotional materials.



Affiliates for Western Australia are listed on the WA Companion Card website

www.wa.companioncard.org.au

Contact the Companion Card program for more information on

FREECALL 1800 617 337