

# LEISURE ACCESS CARD

## APPLICATION

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### Leisure Access Card and Summer Camp Recreation Inclusion Information

**How to apply for a Leisure Access Card:** Fill out the Leisure Access Card Application and submit it to the Access Services Coordinator or drop-off at one of the Community Centre front counters. Once approved, your Leisure Access Card is valid for a year from the date issued. Annual in-person renewals are an opportunity to discuss changing needs, update contact information, and provide leisure counselling.

**Who is eligible for a Leisure Access Card?** The Leisure Access Card is available for individuals who require extra support (assistance of a physical, psychological, emotional, intellectual or sensory nature) in order to participate in recreation and social programs. The Leisure Access Card is issued in the name of the person who requires support. It provides free access for the persons who provide support and may be used by different support workers or family members when accompanying the person who requires support. The Leisure Access Card is not intended for your personal trainer, occupational or physiotherapist, or other health care providers to accompany you at no cost; additional fees apply for this type of personal rehabilitation and training. For information about how you can visit the pool or weight room with your personal trainer, occupational or physiotherapist, or other health care provider, please contact the Health and Fitness Recreation Supervisor.

If you (or your child) are participating in a program or lesson and are unable to fulfill the typical requirements and require an adaptation, please contact the Access Services Coordinator to set up a meeting to discuss ideas and suggestions for modifications that will help improve your experience. We will work with you to create a plan that will help improve your skills in a way that will increase confidence, allow for a sense of accomplishment and improve quality of your experience.

**Contact us if you are providing your own support person.** You are welcome to bring your own support person to a registered or drop-in program. Your support worker must be 19 years+. When registering, please let us know if you intend to bring a support worker with you to the program by calling 604-925-7279. This is especially important for children's programs and bus trips from the Seniors' Activity Centre. Our staff needs to be alerted in advance to make arrangements for an extra seat on a bus, extra equipment and space to accommodate your support worker.

**How are the roles of support workers and staff different?** West Vancouver staff is responsible for planning and supervising the programs and for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all participants. Support workers are responsible for changing/moving/managing their participants' behaviors and ensuring he/she is safe and follows the rules. Support workers need to be within close proximity of their participant at all times, especially in the water.

If the participant's behavior becomes a challenge, while in the program, the support worker should remove the person who requires support and may return once they have settled and are ready to participate. There is no tolerance for aggressive or unsafe behavior. For safety reasons, support workers should always let the staff know if they need to leave a program.

Support workers are asked to participate in the program to normalize the experience for participant as much as possible. This can be achieved by demonstrating a willingness to interact with all program participants, help identify common interests and encourage friendships. Our priority is to help everyone have fun with their peers and to participate to the best of their ability in program activities.

**Summer Camp Recreation Inclusion:** Often during the summer, the District of West Vancouver receives grant funding to provide additional staffing to assist children who require extra support in order to participate in summer camp programs. Parents whose children require support to attend summer camp programs must complete an application at the time of registration. Availability of one-to-one and Camp Buddy support is not guaranteed, and is dependent on funding and affected by participant demands and staff availability.

**Leisure Access Card and Summer Camp Recreation Inclusion Application forms.** Forms can be found at <http://westvancouver.ca/government/district-operations/accessibility>. Submit completed applications to Access Services Coordinator or drop-off at one of the Community Centre front counters.

**For office use only:**

LAC Granted:  YES  NO Class account updated: \_\_\_\_\_

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ (RFC Supervisor or Access Services Coordinator)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name (please print) Last name (please print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
First name (please print) Last name (please print)

Name of support worker (if regular support is provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
First name (please print) Last name (please print)

#### Applicant challenges and/or support required

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Long-term disability (more than 1 year)  short-term disability (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Communication style: (select as many as relevant)  verbal  non-verbal  PC  sign  hearing aids  other \_\_\_\_\_

Mobility:  wheelchair  walker  assisted walking  unassisted walking  other \_\_\_\_\_

Other impairments:  vision  hearing  seizure disorder  sensitivity issues  touch  noise  other \_\_\_\_\_

Motor challenges:  low muscle tone  fine motor skill

Behavioural concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the participant's school program?  integrated into class  special education class

Receives classroom support?  full-time  part-time education assistant  special education class  
 manages on own in classroom  home school program

Client/parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

If you receive a disability income please contact Access Services, reduced participation fees may apply.

**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Notice:** personal information contained on this form is collected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act section 26(c) and will be used only for the purpose of processing your Leisure Access Card application. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information please contact Legislative Services, Records and Information Management Coordinator at 604-921-3497, District of West Vancouver, 750 17th Street, West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3.