



# ***Companion Card FAQs***

## **What is the Companion Card?**

The Companion Card identifies the cardholder as a person who has a significant disability and is not able to attend activities and events without attendant care type support. The Card can be presented when booking or purchasing tickets. Participating (“affiliate”) businesses will accept the Companion Card and will issue the cardholder with a second ticket for their companion at no charge.

The Companion Card is a tool to assist organisations to comply with existing antidiscrimination legislation. Businesses that accept the Companion Card and issue a second companion ticket at no charge are not reimbursed for their participation.

## **Who is the Companion Card for?**

In summary, you can apply for a Victorian Companion Card if you can demonstrate all of the following:

1. You live in Victoria; and
2. You have a significant disability; and
3. Due to the impact of your disability, you are unable to participate at most community venues or activities without attendant care type support; and
4. Your need for this level of support will be life-long.

## **I work full-time and earn a good income. Does this prevent me from receiving a Companion Card?**

There are **no** income or assets tests applied to applications for a Companion Card, and people may apply irrespective of their employment or financial status.

## **My child is only 4 years old. Are there any age limits on who can apply for a Companion Card?**

Most children require assistance from someone to access community activities and events. However there are **no** age limits on who can receive a Companion Card, applicants must demonstrate that their need for attendant care is likely to be life-long.

***For more information visit [www.companioncard.org.au](http://www.companioncard.org.au)***

***Application forms are available for collection from Monash SDS School Reception!***