



## Cardholder information

To be eligible to apply for a Companion Card in the state or territory you reside in, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a permanent resident of Australia
- Have a permanent disability
- Due to the impact of the disability, require lifelong attendant care in order to participate in most community venues and activities.

## Find out more...

To find out more about applying for the Companion Card or becoming an affiliate, visit the National Companion Card website.

[www.companioncard.gov.au](http://www.companioncard.gov.au)



# National Companion Card

Fair ticketing for people with disability who require a companion.





## What is the National Companion Card scheme?

The National Companion Card scheme brings together state and territory programs that enable eligible people with disability to participate at venues and activities without incurring the cost of a second ticket for their attendant carer.

## What is a Companion Card?

The Companion Card is an identification card which identifies the bearer as a person who, due to their disability, requires lifelong attendant care to participate at most community facilities and events. The cardholder presents their card at participating affiliate organisations to purchase a ticket or pay an entry fee and receive a ticket for their companion at no extra charge.

## Why has the Companion Card been developed?

In the past a person with disability who required support to access the community has been asked to pay for two admissions – one for themselves and one for their companion.

This has the effect of doubling the cost for that person to participate and is discrimination under existing state/territory and Commonwealth disability anti-discrimination legislation.

The Companion Card is about ensuring that eligible people with disability are treated fairly. It is not a discount, concession, or benefit scheme.



## Affiliate information

Registered affiliates are organisations, venues, events or activities that have agreed to issue a companion ticket to the cardholder at no extra charge. Affiliates also agree to display the Companion Card logo in a prominent position at their venue.

Some affiliates operate only in the state or territory they are located in, but if your organisation, venue, event or activity operates nationally, you can apply to become a national affiliate.

Organisations seeking information about the Companion Card or that wish to become an affiliate should visit the National Companion Card website.

