

Cariboo Memorial Hospital and RHFAC

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About

Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™

What is Meaningful Access?

- The ability to **independently** and **safely access** and navigate the **built environment** based on **planned inclusion**
- Recognizes the **level of access** for the facility as a whole, not just the sum of its parts
- **Considers** location, occupancy, site conditions, and community as **contributing factors in any given facility**



What is RHFAC?



Measures the level of meaningful access of a Site



Provides a roadmap to improve accessibility



Provides Sites with one of two levels of certification if rating score and mandatory requirements are met



Publicly recognizes an organization's commitment



Based on CSA's B-651 current standard



Why get Accessibility Certified?



Demonstrate
People- First
Leadership



**Competitive
Advantage** by
attracting more
diverse Visitors,
Staff & Customers



**Futureproof your
buildings** in a
rapidly changing
world



**Discover the
meaningful access of
your building(s)** and
effectively manage
accessibility
improvements.

Rating Scorecard & Certification Levels

Your Site's certification level will depend on:

- Its rating score; and
- Whether it has met the mandatory certification requirements

| Certification Level | Rating Score | Meet Mandatory Certification Requirements | Meet Mandatory GOLD Certification Requirements |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| RHF Accessibility Certified GOLD | 80%+ | ✓ | ✓ |
| RHF Accessibility Certified | 80%+ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | 60–79% | ✓ | ✗ |
| Not Certified | 0–100% | ✗ | ✗ |

Note: Sites are required to meet the mandatory certification requirements to be certified, regardless of their rating score.

✓ Existing Sites and Pre-Construction Ratings



Vehicular
Access



Exterior Approach
and Entrance



Interior
Circulation



Interior Services
and Environment



Sanitary
Facilities



Wayfinding
and Signage



Emergency
Systems



Additional use
of Spaces



Residential
Units



Trails &
Pathways

Organizations with Gold Sites



RHFAC: Program Context

Built Environment Certifications



**PASSIVEHOUSE
CANADA**



Built Environment Accessibility Certification



RHFAC Integration with Industry Leaders

The LEED logo consists of the word "LEED" in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

LEED's Residential Inclusive Design Pilot Credit



MLI Select, a new multi-unit mortgage loan insurance product through CMHC

The BOMA Canada logo features the word "BOMA" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Canada" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font, with a horizontal line underlining the "BOMA" text.

BOMA BEST's Accessibility and Wellness criteria

Improved access for new builds at minimal cost



1%

The average increase in construction cost to achieve RHFAC Gold* compared to National or Ontario building code.



0.4%

The average increase in construction cost to achieve RHFAC Gold* for an office building compared to National or Ontario building code.

\$0

The cost for new builds to achieve RHF Accessibility Certified* when thoughtful planning and design are applied.

*Buildings can achieve 'RHF Accessibility Certified' or 'RHF Accessibility Certified Gold' levels by scoring at least 60 per cent or 80 per cent respectively on the RHFAC Rating Survey.

Building to code won't achieve RHF Accessibility Certification



35%

The RHFAC Rating Score a building would achieve if built to National Building Code.



42%

The RHFAC Rating Score a building would achieve if built to Ontario Building Code.

Source: Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Cost Comparison Feasibility Study, HCMA, January 2020

Gaps Between RHFAC and Code

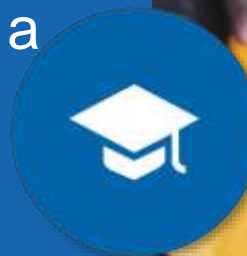
- ✓ Average of 46% of all RHFAC features are more stringent or comprehensive than code – but can be achieved through thoughtful planning and design
 - Colour contrast, legibility, and positioning of signage and wayfinding
 - Specification of non-glare and non-slip surface materials
 - Provision of knee clearance under service counters
 - Installation height of light switches, hooks, mirrors, and dispensers
 - Selection of door and faucet hardware that does not require a high degree of force or dexterity
- ✓ New mind-friendly environments and technology/innovation categories

RHFAC Training

RHFAC Training: provides participants with the fundamental skills and knowledge required to rate a Site using the RHFAC methodology. Pre-reqs.

RHFAC Fundamentals: 4-week online course provides learners with foundational knowledge on how to make our physical spaces more accessible. No pre-reqs.

RHF Inclusion & Accessibility Training: 1-hour self-directed course designed to help organizations ignite positive change by making access and inclusion a cornerstone of their culture.



Policy and Large Project Examples

- ✓ City of Vancouver
- ✓ Canada Post (national)
- ✓ Postsecondary (e.g. Carleton University)
- ✓ McCarthy Tetrault LLP
- ✓ RBC Social Infrastructure Fund
- ✓ Other Large Projects: PSPC Centre Block, Canada Lands (CN Tower, Downsview)

RFP verbiage examples (preconstruction and existing infrastructure) available

What Can You Do?

- ✓ Set an aspirational goal of achieving **RHFAC Gold** by reviewing infrastructure plans to date with an RHFAC Professional
- ✓ Incorporate RHFAC into **procurement**
- ✓ Take **RHFAC Training** as part of ongoing professional development



Questions?

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