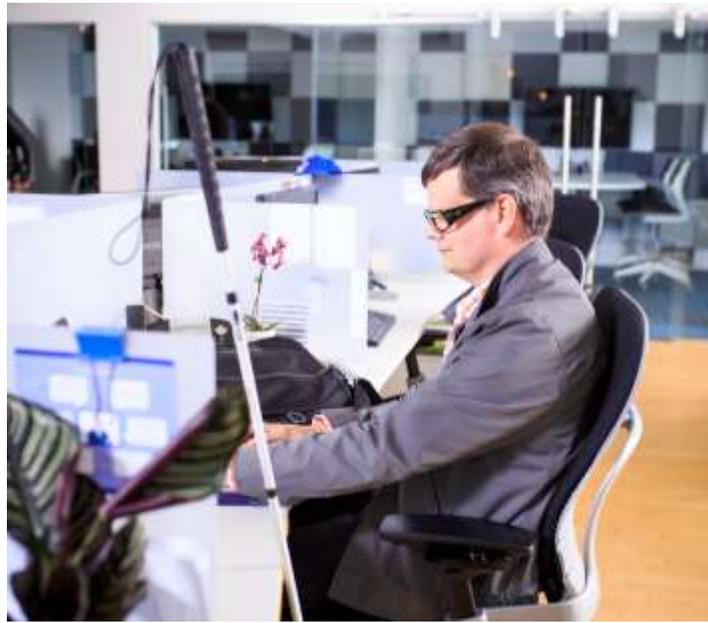


# Cariboo Memorial Hospital and RHFAC

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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

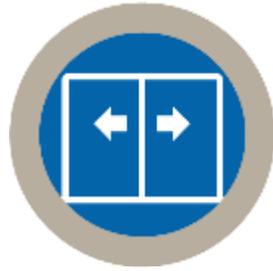
Certification Level	Rating Score	Meet Mandatory Certification Requirements	Meet Mandatory GOLD Certification Requirements
RHF Accessibility Certified <b>GOLD</b>	<b>80%+</b>	✓	✓
RHF Accessibility Certified	<b>80%+</b>	✓	✗
	<b>60–79%</b>	✓	✗
Not Certified	<b>0–100%</b>	✗	✗

**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



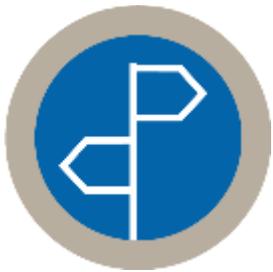
Interior  
Circulation



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

## Built Environment Accessibility Certification



## RHFAC Integration with Industry Leaders



LEED's Residential Inclusive Design Pilot Credit



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



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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