Rick Hansen Foundation
Accessibility Certification™

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Standards, Manuals, Toolboxes

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Inspiring leaders, influencers, and the public to join Rick in creating a global movement to remove barriers in the built environment and liberate the potential of people with disabilities.
RHF Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC)

RHF Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) is a LEED-style rating system that measures the level of meaningful access in the built environment. This refers to the level of access for the facility as a whole, not just the sum of its parts.
RHFAC Benefits

- Owners become aware of their accessibility allowing them to action improvements in to serve more customers and potential employees
- Accessible venues are less costly to operate over the long term
- Owners are recognized as socially conscious

1 in 7 Canadian adults have a disability; Projected to increase to 1 in 5 by 2036
What can be rated?

- The “Built Environment”
  - Commercial, institutional, and public buildings
  - Multi-unit residential buildings (e.g. excluding single-family homes)
  - Trails and pathways - recreational “front-country” trails or urban pathways considered accessible with clearly defined start and end points
- New construction/Major renovations
  - Building plans and drawings may be rated and awarded a provisional certification.
What will be rated?

Buildings are rated based on the following categories:

1. Vehicular Access
2. Exterior Approach & Entrance
3. Interior Circulation
4. Internal Services & Environment
5. Sanitary Facilities
6. Wayfinding, Signage, and Information
7. Emergency Systems
8. Additional Use of Spaces
Rating scorecard and certification levels

Depending on the points outlined on your scorecard, your building or site will receive a rating score and corresponding certification level:

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<td>80% and higher</td>
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Sustainability – funding the program

- Application fee: $1,350 to enroll a project into the RHFAC Registry
- Rating fees approximately $600 - $2,200 depending upon the size of the space
- Owners may purchase plaques and window decals to showcase certification level
- Government grants for complimentary ratings and accessibility improvements
Sustainability – building capacity

Ratings may only be conducted by specially-trained RHFAC Professionals, who have:

1. Completed the RHFAC Accessibility Assessor Training (60-hour or 30-hour accelerated course)
2. Passed the RHFAC Professional exam, available online or at a test centre
3. Conducted 5 ratings (minimum 20 hours) supervised by an RHFAC Professional
# Progress to date & future goals

## PROGRESS TO DATE

**Initial Pilot:**
- 129 buildings rated
- Created the Rating Survey and Accessibility Assessor Training course

**BC Pilot:**
- $9 million funding from Government of B.C.
- 1,100 ratings planned
- Developed the RHFAC Registry
- Course offered in Colleges & Universities

## FUTURE GOALS

- 200 RHFAC Professionals by 2020
- 2,000 RHFAC ratings in Canada by 2020

Global partnerships and expansion
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