



Information Bites...

**Bite sized chunks of information for families
that include a member with a disability**

Disability Travel Card™

What is the Disability Travel Card™ (DTC)?

The Disability Travel Card is an identification card that allows a person with a permanent disability to travel with an adult attendant, on the lines of Motor Coach Companies, Coach Canada, Greyhound Bus and Via Rail. This card must be applied for before your trip as it must be approved first. The benefit of this card is that the adult attendant will travel at no cost. The person with the disability will pay full fare. The DTC provides the identification for this financial relief to take place.

Who is an attendant?

An attendant is an adult who travels with someone who has permanent disability to provide supports that are not provided by the vehicle operator. This may include help with such things as eating, administering medication, communication, and use of the washroom.

Who approves the DTC?

The Easter Seals and its members and / or affiliates are authorized to approve reduced fare tickets. Your application should be sent to the closest approving office.

Who does qualifies for the DTC?

- persons with a permanent disability, who cannot provide all their own self care while traveling
- Via Rail provides a discount for people with a disability over the age of 13 (anyone, with or without a disability, under the age of 13 already must be accompanied by an adult)

Terms and Conditions

The applicant must agree to follow all the terms and conditions in order to use this card.

- a) The person with the disability and the adult attendant must travel together for the entire trip.
- b) The adult attendant must be capable of assisting the person with the disability.
- c) The person with the disability will make application to Easter Seals Canada or its designated affiliates by having completed the Application of Eligibility form. Upon approval of the Application by Easter Seals Canada or one of its designated affiliates, an identification card will be issued authorizing the reduced fare.

Where do I apply for the Disability Travel Card™?

To receive or download an Application of Eligibility, residents of the NWT should contact:

Alberta Easter Seals
103-811 Manning Rd. N.E
Calgary AB
T2E 7L4
Tel: (403) 235-5662
Fax: (403) 248-1716
www.easterseals.ab.ca

Verification

The Disability Travel Card™ Application for Eligibility must be verified by a Registered Health Care Provider (Section B: Health Care Provider Information). The applicant must be a client / patient of the authorizing health care provider.

Local Coach Travel

Check your phone book for information on your local Coach Line (bus). This information does change periodically. The booking needs to be done ahead of time, so a seat is secured for both travelers.

Baggage

Collapsible non-motorized wheelchairs and other aides will be accepted as baggage.

This program is administered by Easter Seals Canada

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Air Travel

If you choose to fly to your destination, contact individual airlines to let them know that you have a disability and require the support of an attendant. Canada's 3 major airlines participate in a program called "One Person, One Fare"; this program is not a part of the Disability Travel Card.



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