

# Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™

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# The Rick Hansen Foundation

Inspire 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.





# Rick and the Rick Hansen Foundation

- ✓ Altered perceptions and raised awareness of the potential of PwD
- ✓ Established the Rick Hansen Institute focused on SCI research
- ✓ Established what is now known as National AccessAbility Week
- ✓ Developed RHF Accessibility Certification, rating over 1,200 sites to-date
- ✓ Empower over 500,000 students per year via the RHF School Program
- ✓ Distributed over \$4M in access grants through Access4All Canada150
- ✓ Distributed over \$2M through the BC Accessibility Grants Program



**1 in 7 Canadian adults have a disability;  
Projected to increase to 1 in 5 by 2036**

## Canadians care about access



**2/3<sup>rds</sup>**

are concerned  
about future  
mobility challenges



**53%**

want Canada-wide  
standards for  
universal access



**70%**

say new buildings  
should be universally  
accessible





In 2018:

**57%**

of Canadians with physical disabilities who are currently unemployed believe they'd be able to work if workplaces were more accessible

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**49%**

of Canadians with physical disabilities who are working believe they could work more hours if workplaces were made more accessible.

By 2030:

**\$316 billion**

will be added to the Canadian economy annually, as real spending by people with disabilities grows (representing 21% of the total consumer market).

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**\$16.8 billion**

is the increase to our GDP if workplace improvements were made, allowing over 0.5 million Canadians with disabilities to work more hours.

Source: The Business Case to Build Physically Accessible Environments, Conference Board of Canada, February 2018

## Accessibility influences consumers



**30%**

consider accessibility  
when deciding which  
business to visit  
**(that's 9 million adults!)**



**21%**

would support a  
Certified Accessible  
business more often





# Meaningful Access

Refers to:

- the ability to independently and safely access the built environment based on planned inclusion
- the level of access for the facility as a whole, not just the sum of its parts



# RHF Accessibility Certification™

RHF Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) is a rating system that measures the accessibility of the built environment using consistent methodology on a national and international scale.



# What can be rated?



## **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



## **Final Design Plans**

- Final design plans and drawings may be rated and awarded a provisional certification

# How are Sites, Buildings, or Facilities Rated?



**Vehicular Access**



**Exterior Approach  
and Entrance**



**Interior Circulation**



**Interior Services  
and Environment**



**Sanitary Facilities**



**Signage, Wayfinding  
and Communications**



**Emergency Systems**



**Additional  
Use of Space**



**Residential Units**



**Trails and Pathways**

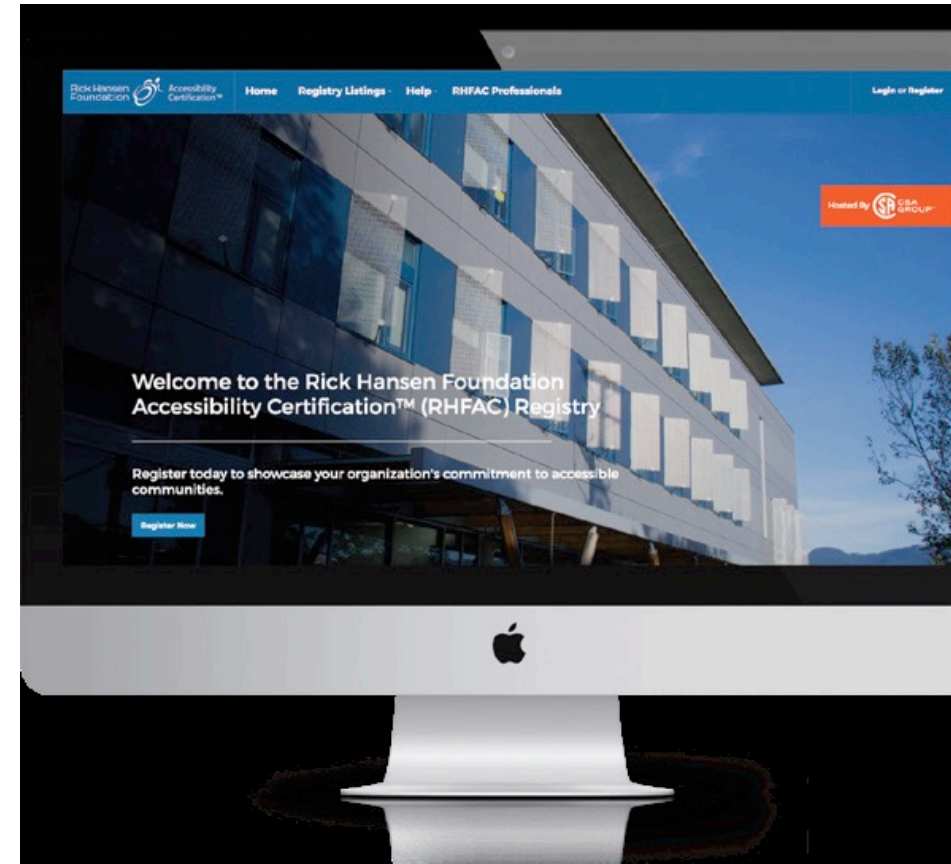


# RHFAC Benefits

- Defines what 'Access' really means using common methodology
- Provides an inventory of existing access issues. Facility operators become aware of the existing level of accessibility allowing them to action targeted improvements as part of long term planning
- RHFAC creates opportunities for business to take advantage of a vastly under-utilized, reliable and educated workforce
- RHFAC creates pool of trained professionals that are proven proficient in developing access across the broad range of disability


# Relationship with CSA Group

- The RHFAC Professional exam is administered by CSA Group
- All ratings are reviewed & given final approval by CSA Group
- The online RHFAC Registry is hosted by CSA Group
- Only sites which have approved to publicly list will be shown on the RHFAC Registry.



# 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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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**UBC LIFE BUILDING**

6138 Student Union Boulevard, Vancouver British Columbia Canada

CERTIFICATION LEVEL

FINAL RATING SCORE

**74%**

RHF

**Accessibility Certified**

SCORECARD ISSUED:

April 22, 2019

PERIOD OF CERTIFICATION:

2019-04-10 to 2024-04-10

REGISTRATION NUMBER:

RHF-798-00942

RATING SURVEY VERSION:

Rating Survey (Apr 2018 Release)

RHFAC PROFESSIONAL:

Anna Chow, Rick Hansen Foundation

RHFAC ADJUDICATOR:

Kevin Ng

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**AQUATIC CENTRE**

6080 Student Union Boulevard, Vancouver British Columbia Canada

CERTIFICATION LEVEL

FINAL RATING SCORE

**88%**

RHF

**Accessibility Certified Gold**

SCORECARD ISSUED:

April 09, 2019

PERIOD OF CERTIFICATION:

2019-03-30 to 2024-03-30

REGISTRATION NUMBER:

RHF-067-00949

RATING SURVEY VERSION:

Rating Survey (Apr 2018 Release)

RHFAC PROFESSIONAL:

Hans Egger, Rick Hansen Foundation

RHFAC ADJUDICATOR:

Debbie Simon



# How much does it cost?

- **Application Fee** (required): covers the administration of the RHFAC Registry, adjudicator's review, confirmation of the certification rating, and online RHFAC Registry posting.

| Project Type       | Fee     |
|--------------------|---------|
| Registered Charity | \$1,350 |
| Trails & Pathway   | \$1,350 |
| Regular Rate       | \$2,350 |

# How much does it cost?

- **RHFAC Professional Fee** (required): charged by your RHFAC Professional to conduct an on-site rating and submit report to the Registry for adjudication. Fees vary based on size and complexity of the site.

| Building Size | <5,000<br>sq ft | 5,001-<br>21,000 sq ft | 21,001-<br>60,000 sq ft | 60,001-<br>100,000 sq ft | 100,001+<br>sq ft |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Hours   | 6               | 9.5                    | 13.5                    | 17.5                     | 22                |

\* **Estimated** number of hours needed to rate a typical building based on its square footage. Please speak to your RHFAC Professional directly for rates.



# How much does it cost?

- **Labelling Fee**  
(optional):  
plaques and  
window decals  
to showcase your  
certification may  
be purchased  
from CSA



| Label   | Fee (CAD) |
|---|-----------|
| Public listing on RHFAC Registry                        | Free      |
| RHFAC electronic label                                  | Free      |
| 2 window decals (8" x 12")                              | \$250     |
| 1 plaque (11.5" x 17.5")                                | \$300     |
| 2 window decals (8" x 12") and 1 plaque (11.5" x 17.5") | \$350     |
| 1 accessible plaque (21" x 28")                         | \$1250    |



# Accessibility Professional Network

- Target of 200 RHFAC Professionals by 2020
- Accessibility Professional Network

## Membership Types

RHFAC Professional

Accessibility Associate

Accessibility Student

- **Accessibility Professional Network –**  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference



# Accessibility Professional Network 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> 2019  
MaRS Discovery District, Toronto

Learn, network, and be inspired!

Visit [www.rickhansen.com/APN2019](http://www.rickhansen.com/APN2019)  
for more details!



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# RHFAC Current Statistics



**1,200+**

Sites rated to date!



**730+**

RHF Accessibility Certified!



**41**

Gold Certified!

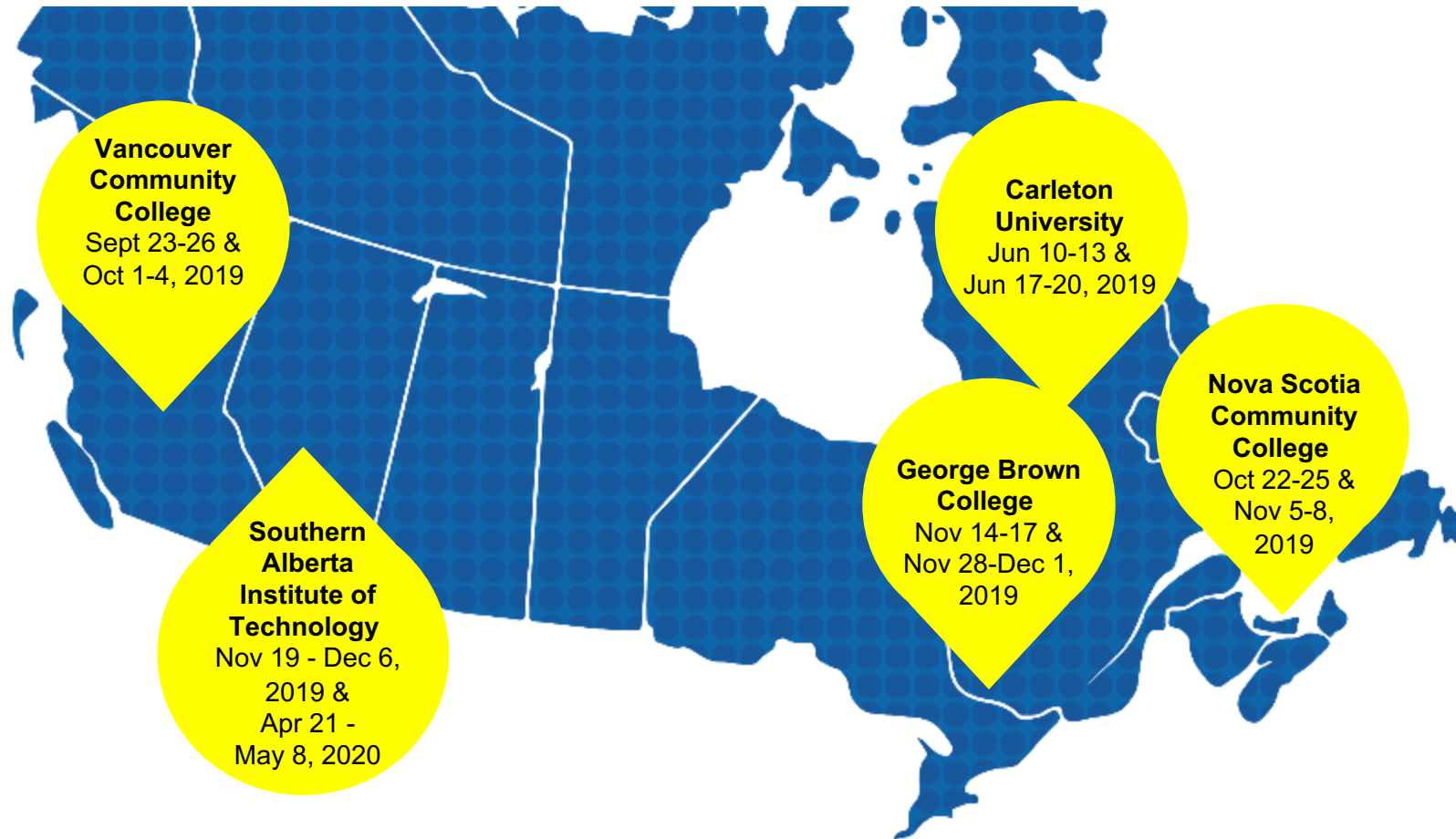
# What can you do?

- Take the RHFAC training as part of ongoing professional development
- Require any projects, renovations, or new facilities include the participation of a RHFAC Professional
- Set an aspirational goal of achieving RHFAC Gold for all projects





# RHFAC Professional Assessor Course 2019



**Book an RHFAC rating today**  
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