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Access 2 Entertainment

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The Access 2 Entertainment card is of interest to anyone who has a permanent disability and needs a support person when they go to the movie theatre. It was developed by an advisory group of nine national disability organizations in partnership with Cineplex Entertainment.

The Access 2 Entertainment card lets the support person who is accompanying the person with a disability get into the movie free or for a greatly discounted admission fee. The person with the disability pays regular admission.

In order to be eligible for the Access 2 Entertainment card a person must have a permanent disability and require a support person when attending a movie theatre, because they need assistance with, for example, eating, administering medication, communication and use of the facilities.

How do I apply?

Any person with a permanent disability who requires a support person when attending the movie theatre can apply for the Access 2 Entertainment card. There are no age restrictions.

In order to apply for the Access 2 Entertainment card, the person with a disability or a legal guardian must complete two steps:

1. Fill out the Access 2 Entertainment Application Form on the Access 2 Entertainment website.

o If the applicant has a CNIB client ID card, or a Disability Travel Card (issued by Easter Seals Canada) they only need to complete Section B of the application form and attach a photocopy of either card. Do not send your originals.

o If the applicant does not have a CNIB client ID card, or Disability Travel Card, they will have to complete Section B and have their health care provider complete Section C.

Health Care Providers who can complete section C include: Physician, Nurse, Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Pharmacist, Rehabilitation Counsellor, Audiologist, Recreational Therapist, Kinesiologist or Psychologist.

2. The applicant must pay a \$20 administrative fee to receive an Access 2 Entertainment card. The card is valid for 5 years. The \$20 fee also gives you two free movie passes. You can pay the fee with a cheque or money order made out to Easter Seals Canada.

Can I use the card at any movie theatre?

You can use the card at most movie theatres in Nova Scotia and Canada. Participating Theatre chains include:

Empire Theatres

Cineplex Odeon Cinemas

Galaxy Cinemas

Famous Players Cinemas

Silver City Cinemas

Colossus Cinemas

Coliseum Cinemas

Landmark Cinemas

Rainbow Cinemas

AMC Theatres

Capital Theatres

Is there anything else I should know?

The applicant must also agree to the terms and conditions for use of the card, which include:

- o The application form must be submitted by a person with a disability or a legal guardian on his/her behalf.

- o The applicant must be identified as having a disability by a registered health care provider or service provider, and they must be a client/patient of that health care professional/service provider.

- o The applicant must present the Access 2 Entertainment card along with personal identification at the movie theatre Box Office when purchasing their own movie ticket.

- o The person with a disability and support person must attend the movie together.

- o The discounted admission fee for the support person will be free or no more than \$3.00, however the price may vary from theatre chain to chain.

- o Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing of your application and the delivery of you Access 2 Entertainment card.

- o The Access 2 Entertainment card is valid for a period of 5 years from the date it was issued.

o Misuse or abuse of this card will result in the loss of the card and its privileges.

o These terms and conditions are subject to change without notice.

For more information on the Access to Entertainment card and application please go to this link.

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