

Eligibility criteria

You can apply for a Tasmanian Companion Card if you answer yes to all of the following eligibility criteria –

1. Do you live in Tasmania? (Yes/No):
2. Do you have a permanent disability? (Yes/No):
3. Due to the impact of your disability, do you need significant attendant care support (see below) to participate at most community activities or events? (Yes/No):
4. Will your need for this level of support be life-long? (Yes/No):

If you answered no for any of the above criteria, you are not currently eligible for a Tasmanian Companion Card.

Attendant care support includes significant assistance from another person with mobility, communication, personal care, learning, planning and decision-making, where the use of aids, equipment or alternative strategies does not enable you to carry out these tasks independently. Attendant care support **does not include** only providing social company, reassurance, supervision, encouragement or transport (driving a person to/from an event).

Not all people with disability are eligible for a Companion Card –

- Most people with disability can participate at community activities and events independently.
- Sometimes a person may need a companion, but not be eligible for the Companion Card. Examples include a person who is –
- experiencing a temporary disability
- unlikely to need life-long attendant care support
- affected by the inaccessibility of a particular venue.
- You will not be eligible if you are likely to become independent in the future as a result of treatment, management, early intervention therapy, training, recovery or developmental improvements.