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ASSISTANCE DOG REGISTRATION FEE EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Providing false information during this application is an offence under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* and carries a penalty of 5 penalty units.

OWNER/HANDLER DETAILS

First name:	Last name:
Date of birth:	Contact Number:
Address:	
Email address:	
Postal address: (if different to above)	

Where the owner/handler of the assistance dog is under the age of 18, the details of the parent or guardian will need to be provided below.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN DETAILS

First name:	Last name:
Date of birth:	Contact Number:
Address:	
Email address:	
Postal address: (if different to above)	

PRIVACY STATEMENT: The personal information collected on this form is in accordance with the Domestic Animals Act 1994. The information will only be disclosed as permitted by law. To view our privacy policy please visit www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au



DETAILS OF ASSISTANCE DOG

Dog's name:	Date of birth:
Breed:	
Colour:	Sex: Male Female
Microchip Number:	

	Yes	No
Is the dog a declared dangerous, menacing or restricted breed dog?		
Is the dog over 12 months of age?		
Is the dog desexed?		
Has the dog been trained to perform tasks or functions that assist a person with a disability to alleviate the effects of his or her disability?		

Please provide the details of the person or organisation that trained your dog to be an assistance dog:

Note: a person may self-train their dog to assist in alleviating the effects of their disability.

Trainer's full name:	
Company name:	
Contact Number:	Email:
Qualifications:	

	Yes	No
Has the dog completed obedience training provided by a dog trainer, either separately, or as part of, the training undertaken to perform tasks or functions that assist the person with a disability to alleviate the effects of his or her disability? <i>*attach a copy of the obedience certificate</i>		
Date obedience training was completed	Date:	



This section will need to be completed by the dog trainer upon successful completion of the obedience training:

DOG TRAINER DECLARATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an independent dog trainer that holds the relevant qualification.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a qualified dog obedience trainer from a dog obedience training organisation approved under the DA Act.	
Trainer's full name:	
Company/organisation:	
Contact Number:	Email:
Qualifications: <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services	
Handler's name:	
Dog's Name:	Date training was completed:
<p>I declare that the following is true and accurate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The handler keeps the dog under effective control at all times; and• The dog is responsive to a obedience commands; and• The dog walks to heel with a handler, without sniffing, marking or wandering; and• The dog does not exhibit inappropriate aggressive behaviour e.g. growling, biting, raising hackles, showing teeth; and• The dog does not exhibit anxiety, stress, fear, or undue excitement when in public places; and• The dog displays standards of hygiene appropriate for a public place; and• I have read all the relevant information contained within this form, and verify that it is correct to the best of my knowledge; and• I am not the person (applicant) seeking zero-cost registration for my dog. <p>I support _____ (applicant's name) application for a registration fee exemption for _____ (name of dog) as an 'assistance dog as defined under the <i>Equal Opportunity Act 2010</i> and believe the dog is suitably trained and has appropriate behaviour for performing in the capacity of an 'assistance dog' in public places.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	



This section is to be completed by a health professional.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DECLARATION

- I am currently practicing as a:
- Psychologist
 - Psychiatrist
 - Physiotherapist
 - Osteopath
 - Specialist (specify): _____
 - Other Allied Health Professional (specify): _____

Health professional's name:

Handler's name:

Duration of treatment:

I declare that the following is true and accurate:

- I am not the applicant, or an immediate family member of the applicant; and
- I have read all the relevant information contained within this form, and verify that it is correct to the best of my knowledge; and
- I verify that the applicant has a disability and will require the services of an assistance dog to alleviate the effects of their disability.

Signature:

Date:

AHPRA Registration Number: _____ Professional Stamp

(Stamp must include name and address)



ASSISTANCE DOG FREE REGISTRATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It is important that you understand the terms and conditions of the registration fee exemption for assistance dogs before you apply.

The Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and Victoria's *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* protect people with disabilities from discrimination. This includes protection from discrimination because a person has an assistance dog. The registration fee exemption does not provide further protections or access rights for assistance dogs, it only entitles an assistance dog to a registration fee exemption with council.

To be eligible for the assistance dog registration fee exemption, it is a requirement that your dog is not:

- a declared dog (menacing or dangerous)
- a restricted breed dog
- younger than 12 months of age.

Your assistance dog must be both obedience trained and trained to alleviate the effects your disability. Obedience training must be provided by a dog trainer, where:

Dog trainer means a person who:

- (a) provides training at a dog obedience training organisation approved under section 5B of the Act; or
- (b) has a Certificate III in Dog Behaviour and Training or Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services.

Obedience training means a training program that assesses an assistance dog in the following:

- (a) heeling or walking with a handler, without sniffing, marking or wandering
- (b) sociability with other dogs
- (c) responsiveness to a handler's commands, including staying on command (known as stay test) and coming to handler on command (known as recall test)
- (d) absence of aggression towards humans or other animals
- (e) absence of anxiety, stress, fear, or undue excitement when in public places; and
- (f) standard of hygiene appropriate for a public place.

If you, as the owner/handler of the assistance dog, are convicted of two or more offences under the [Domestic Animals Act 1994](#) with respect to the same assistance dog, the assistance dog is no longer eligible for the zero registration fee and you will be required to pay the full registration fee.

It is understood that the applicant accepts the 'Assistance dog free registration terms and conditions' when submitting this form.

