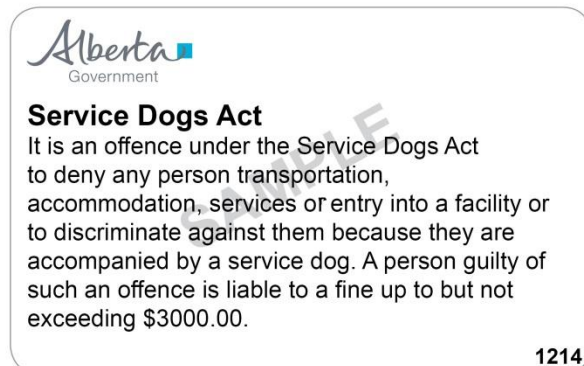


## THE SERVICE DOGS ACT

- The *Service Dogs Act* gives Albertans with disabilities the right to bring their qualified service dog with them into any public place where people are normally allowed to be. This includes restaurants, taxis, buses, cafes, hospitals, hotels, schools, bars, planes, theatres, recreation centres, etc.
- Denying public access to a qualified service dog user could result in a fine of up to \$3,000.
- To be considered qualified, the dog must be trained by a school that is accredited by Assistance Dogs International. Certified dog trainers also have public access rights while training a service dog.
- Falsely claiming to have a disability in order to get public access for a pet dog or to avoid paying pet fees could result in a fine of up to \$300.

### Valid Government ID Card

A Government of Alberta Service Dog ID card is available for qualified service dog users. This ID card grants the holder public access rights under the *Service Dogs Act*.



### Other Valid ID Cards

Most of the qualified training schools also issue an ID card to their clients. These ID cards grant the holder public access rights under the *Service Dogs Act*. While the style of ID cards may vary, most will have the Assistance Dogs International logo on them.



For more information about the *Service Dogs Act*, please contact **780-427-9136** (toll free **310-0000**, then **427-9136**) or visit [humanservices.alberta.ca/servicedogs](https://humanservices.alberta.ca/servicedogs).