

AEBC Applauds Swift Action to Make Standardized Air Travel Medical Form Accessible

Collaboration between airlines and the disability community removes barriers for blind travellers

CANADA, February 17, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC) is pleased to announce that the Air Travel Requirements Assessment Form, recently introduced across Canada's major airlines, has now been updated to ensure full accessibility for blind, Deafblind, and partially sighted travellers.



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In November 2025, AEBC welcomed the creation of a standardized medical form, recognizing its potential to simplify travel procedures and improve consistency across the airline industry. However, it was soon discovered that the initial version of the form could not be used effectively

with screen readers, creating barriers for travellers who rely on assistive technology.

After AEBC raised these concerns directly with the National Airlines Council of Canada and other stakeholders, the issue was addressed promptly. The form has since been revised and is now fully accessible, allowing blind and partially sighted travellers to complete it independently and privately.

"Accessible documentation is essential for equal access to air travel," said Marcia Yale, National President of AEBC. "We appreciate the prompt response from the airline industry and their willingness to listen and take meaningful action. This outcome shows that when accessibility concerns are raised and addressed quickly, real progress can be made."

The updated form represents more than a technical fix. It affirms the principle that accessibility must be built into systems from the beginning, not added later. It also reflects effective collaboration between the airline industry, government officials, and the disability community.

AEBC commends the National Airlines Council of Canada and its member airlines for responding constructively and working toward a solution. This action helps ensure that Canadians who are blind, Deafblind, or partially sighted can travel with greater independence, dignity, and

confidence.

AEBC remains committed to working with industry partners to identify and remove barriers. The organization is available to assist with accessibility reviews, user testing, and consultation to help ensure that future processes and documents are inclusive from the outset.

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