



Lakehead University SAS Service Animals on Campus

Student Information:

Name:

Student Number:

Email:

Service Animal Definition:

Per the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*, an animal is a service animal for a person with a disability if,

(a) the animal can be readily identified as one that is being used by the person for reasons relating to the person’s disability, as a result of visual indicators such as the vest or harness worn by the animal; or

(b) the person provides documentation from one of the [regulated health professionals](#) listed in the Integrated Accessibility Standards, confirming that the person requires the animal for reasons relating to the disability.

Section 80.45 – Customer Service Standards – Ontario Regulations 191/11 Integrated Accessibility Standards

(i) A member of the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario.

(ii) A member of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario.

(iii) A member of the College of Nurses of Ontario.

(iv) A member of the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario.

(v) A member of the College of Optometrists of Ontario.

(vi) A member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

(vii) A member of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario.

(viii) A member of the College of Psychologists of Ontario.

(ix) A member of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario. O. Reg. 165/16, s. 16.

Service Animals have training to perform specific tasks for people with disabilities. Emotional support animals provide comfort and security but may or may not have training for specific tasks and, therefore, may or may not qualify as service animals under the AODA.

Please read the Part 1 requirements first.

If you are applying for academic accommodation, please fill out Part 2.



Part 1: Service Animal Requirements

The use of a specially trained Service Animal for academic or living accommodations requires the Service Animal to meet criteria consistent with ensuring a safe campus environment. Service Animals must graduate from a recognized training centre and have supporting documentation that defines their role. A certified Service Animal is a working animal and there are strict guidelines for access, handling and interaction with these animals. A certified service animal is allowed full public access in Canada and is trained to perform the skills required to meet the needs of the student with whom it has been partnered. Guide dogs and Service Animals must be certified and registered in Canada. The Special Skills Dog (SSD) or National Service Dog (NSD) will have a distinctive harness and leash and/or saddlebag and vest.

Training schools for any type of service animal, guide or working dog in Ontario must be members and accredited by either:

- a) The International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF):** Members' purpose is to serve the visually impaired and blind people from around the world by training and providing Guide Dogs;
- b) Assistance Dogs International, Inc. (ADI):** ADI is a coalition of not-for-profit organizations that train and place Assistance Dogs.

Along with this form, students will also be required to provide a letter from the National guide dogs Training Centre or equivalent registered organization stating that a Certified Guide dog or Service Animal has been placed with the student and the date of formal Certified Service Animals Team Recognition. (Please note that on-line accreditation/certifications will **not** be recognized.)

If you have an animal with different qualifications or questions or concerns regarding these requirements, please contact:

Office of Human Rights & Equity
humanrights@lakeheadu.ca
807-343-8010 x 7765



Part 2: (A) Service Animal for academic accommodation purposes

When student academic accommodation requires an animal meeting the Service Animal definition in Regulation 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards, Lakehead University engages in the accommodation process. The University may request appropriate documentation to support the accommodation request.

To be completed by the regulated health professional:

What are the learning environment related functional limitations arising from the student's disability/disabilities?

Please establish how the trained service animal will help the student address the learning environment related functional limitations arising from their disability/disabilities.



By checking the box below the regulated health professional is confirming the student requires the trained service animal for reasons related to their disability.

By checking the box below, the regulated health professional is confirming this recommendation is consistent with the scope of practice as defined by their regulatory college (i.e. connected to a diagnosis or area of treatment you are legally permitted to offer in Ontario).

Regulated health professional signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Professional College: _____

Please contact Student Accessibility Services to submit this form

Student Accessibility Services Thunder Bay:

Email: manager-sas@lakeheadu.ca

Phone: 807- 343-8047

Student Accessibility Services Orillia:

Email: oraccess@lakeheadu.ca

Phone: 705-330-4010 Ext. 2103