

HCMA Architecture + Design (HCMA) conducted a feasibility study on behalf of the Rick Hansen Foundation. The study evaluates a detailed cost comparison of Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC), Canada's 2015 National Building Code (NBC), and the 2018 Ontario Building Code (OBC). The findings will help advocate for greater accessibility – to the benefit of all.

Improved access for new builds at minimal cost



1%

The average increase in construction cost to achieve RHFAC Gold* compared to National or Ontario building code.



0.4%

The average increase in construction cost to achieve RHFAC Gold* for an office building compared to National or Ontario building code.

\$0

The cost for new builds to achieve RHF Accessibility Certified* when thoughtful planning and design are applied.

Building to code won't achieve RHF Accessibility Certification



35%

The RHFAC Rating Score a building would achieve if built to National Building Code.



42%

The RHFAC Rating Score a building would achieve if built to Ontario Building Code.

*Buildings can achieve 'RHF Accessibility Certified' or 'RHF Accessibility Certified Gold' levels by scoring at least 60 per cent or 80 per cent respectively on the RHFAC Rating Survey.