

Proof of disability for access to Bookshare materials through CELA

Instructions

Step 1: Fill out the information about yourself on the following page.

Step 2: Have form signed by certifying professional.

The Proof of Disability section must be completed and signed by a Professional who attests to the visual, learning, perceptual, reading or physical disability that limits the applicant's use of standard print. There are many types of Professionals, medical and otherwise, who can complete this form and their expertise and level of training may differ according to the disabilities being certified.

Step 3: Upload this form on the "My Account" section of the CELA website or when prompted to do so during the registration for CELA service. CELA will confirm with you when the form is processed.

Frequently Asked Questions

[Why do I need to provide proof of disability?](#)

Written proof of disability is required for access to the Bookshare collection only. If you choose not to provide a proof of disability, you will still have access to the CELA collection.

[Who can sign the Proof of Disability form?](#)

Appropriate certifying professionals may differ for different disabilities.

[In the case of blindness and visual impairments, a certifying professional may include:](#)

- Vision teacher
- Special education teacher
- Family doctor
- Ophthalmologist
- Optometrist
- Low vision specialist
- A photograph or scan of a CNIB ID card

[In the case of a perceptual, learning and/or reading disability, a certifying professional may include:](#)

- Special education teacher
- Learning disability, dyslexia, or resource specialist
- School psychologist

- Clinical psychologist with a background in learning disabilities
- Family doctor
- Psychiatrist
- Neurologist
- Speech language pathologist with a background in learning disabilities

In the case of a physical disability, a certifying professional may include:

- Special education teacher
- Physical therapist
- Family doctor or other medical professional

If you are a student, your school's Special Education or Services for Students with Disabilities staff may sign the form.

Bookshare Proof of Disability Form

Note: if you are providing a photo of a CNIB ID card as proof of disability, upload the photo instead of this form under My Account on celalibrary.ca.

Identifying Information

All fields are required.

Member Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Email Address:

Name of parent or guardian if under 18:

Proof of Disability

To be filled out by Certifying Professional

Please place an "x" next to any that apply for the above Applicant:

- Visual impairment that prevents effective reading of standard print (blind, legally blind, or with other functional vision limitations).
- Learning (perceptual or reading) disability that prevents effective reading of standard print.
- Physical disability that prevents effective reading of print or using a print book.

Certifying Professional's Information

The certifying professional should complete this section. They may insert a digital signature or print and sign.

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

Phone #:

Email Address:

Signature of certifying professional

I attest, under penalty of perjury, to the visual, perceptual, learning, reading or other physical disability limiting the applicant's ability to effectively use standard print, and that I have the professional qualifications to make such a certification and/or have legal access through my organization to existing written documentation attesting to this fact.