

## Acceptance of applicants

This policy is in place to ensure that Flight horizons accepts applicants to fly in line with the aims set out in its charter. Flight horizons will fly people with disabilities (Physical, mental and learning) or terminal illness. Flight horizons uses the word disabilities as defined by the world health organisation:

‘Disability is characterised as the outcome or result of a complex relationship between an individual’s health condition and personal factors, and of the external factors that represent the circumstances in which the individual lives. Because of this relationship, different environments may have a very different impact on the same individual with a given health condition. An environment with barriers, or without facilitators, will restrict the individual’s performance; other environments that are more facilitating may increase that performance. Society may hinder an individual’s performance because either it creates barriers (e.g. inaccessible buildings) or it does not provide facilitators (e.g. unavailability of assistive devices).’

From: ‘ICF introduction’ <http://www3.who.int/icf/intros/ICF-Eng-Intro.pdf>

Flight horizons uses the term terminal illness as defined: ‘an active and progressive disease which cannot be cured and is expected to lead to death and/or death due to symptoms of disease’ ‘Wikipedia’ [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terminal\\_illness](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terminal_illness)

In order to be eligible to fly with Flight horizons the applicant/service user must live in a location specifically used for caring for people. Service users can only receive one flight each except in extreme cases where the governing committee of Flight horizons elects to allow a service user to fly more than once.

Flight horizons will not disallow any person to fly based on where in the world their home is.

The applicant put forwards for flight must express a desire to fly with Flight horizons. The applicant or a person having power of attorney over that person must accept that the applicant and carers fly at their own risk.

In order to fly a service user must have an appropriate number of carers to fly with them – appropriate being enough to cover possible eventualities. No applicant/service user will be allowed to fly if the staff at Flight horizons judge them to be a danger to the staff, volunteers of flight horizons and associated bodies, the aircraft, themselves or any other person or property. In order to fly an applicant must have presented a completed and signed application form.

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