



What is a Functional Ability Card (FAC)?

The Functional Ability Card (FAC) is designed to assist competitive swimmers with a disability to access British Swimming/the asa /WASA/SASA and Licensed Competitions. By using the card, competitors can be safe in the knowledge that they will not be disqualified if their disability precludes them from performing a stroke to the relevant parts of FINA Swimming Rules.

The card is also an integral part of the records and rankings system for Disabled Swimmers. FACs act as identification and proof of classification and rule exceptions. They must be submitted to the Race Referee prior to the start of the race for times to be recognised for records, rankings and programme consideration.

The FAC will identify that the swimmer:

1. Maintains an authorised classification
2. Has the necessary exceptions to the rules when competing
3. Is eligible for British, European and World Records, Rankings and Disability Swimming Programme Consideration Times.

How do I obtain a FAC?

To obtain a FAC you need to be a registered member of the asa/WASA/SASA, and have an IPC (International Paralympic Committee) / British Swimming Classification.

British Swimming will check your classification & membership to ensure that correct details including a list of code exceptions and requirements appear on your card.

FACs are renewable annually at 31st January each year.

To obtain a FAC a swimmer should download the application form from the British Swimming website: www.britishswimming.org and return to the address stated on the form along with a current passport sized photograph.