

# New ADA Accessibility Rules for Web Content & Mobile Apps



## Ensuring Equal Access for All

New ADA rules require state and local governments to make websites and mobile apps accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. These changes ensure equal access and promote inclusivity.

## New Accessibility Standards

WCAG 2.1, Level AA: The new technical standard for accessibility.

**Applies to all web content and mobile apps provided by state and local governments.**

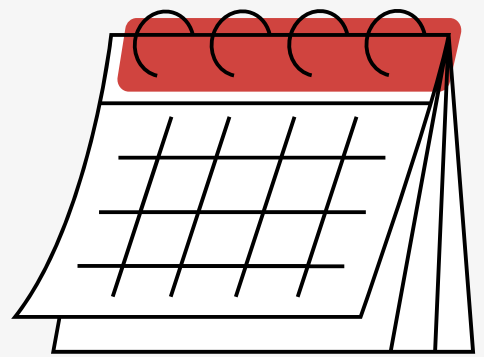
## WHO MUST FOLLOW THE RULES?

All federal, state, and local governments, including public universities, community colleges, libraries, hospitals, and transportation services.



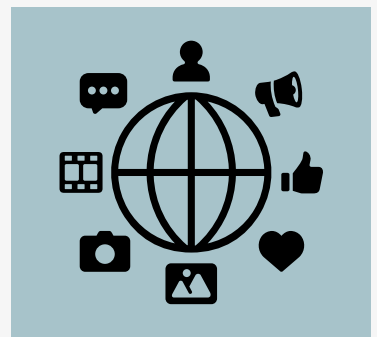
## WHEN DO COMMUNITY COLLEGES NEED TO COMPLY?

- April 24, 2026: For large entities (50,000+ community population served).
- April 26, 2027: For smaller entities and special districts.



## Are There Any Exceptions?

- Archived Content: Not actively used.
- Preexisting Documents: Created before the compliance date and not in use.
- Content posted by public users is exempt; contractor content must be accessible.
- Password-Protected Documents: Specific to individuals.



## Beyond WCAG 2.1

Community Colleges must still provide effective communication and reasonable modifications if requested.



## Why This Matters

- Promotes independent living and full participation.
- Ensures access to essential services for all citizens.



## PREPARING FOR COMPLIANCE

Government-funded community colleges must begin the process of aligning their digital platforms with the new ADA accessibility standards. Proactively engaging in this effort will ensure that all members of the community, including individuals with disabilities, can access essential services and information. Early compliance not only fulfills legal obligations but also demonstrates a commitment to equity and inclusivity in public service delivery.

## References

Fact Sheet on the New Rule for Accessibility of Web Content and Mobile Apps Provided by State and Local Governments: <https://www.ada.gov/resources/2024-03-08-web-rule/#top>