New ADA Accessibility Rules for Web Content & Mobile Apps





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 state and local governments, including public schools, libraries, hospitals, and transportation services.



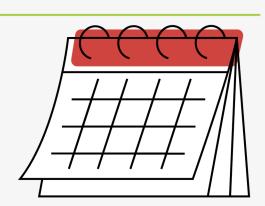






WHEN DO YOU NEED TO COMPLY?

- April 24, 2026: For large entities (50,000+ population).
- 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."
- Third-Party Content: Not controlled by the government.
- Password-Protected Documents: Specific to individuals.



Beyond WCAG 2.1

Governments 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

State and local governments 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