Creating an Accessible Ontario

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Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

- Passed unanimously in 2005
- 14.2 million Ontarians (most populous province in Canada), 1.85 million Ontarians living with disabilities
- Obligated over 400,000 organizations in all sectors to:
  - Train staff on accessibility
  - Report on compliance (organizations with 20+ employees)
  - Work toward creating an accessible Ontario by 2025
Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation

• Five accessibility standards:
  • Customer service
  • Information and communications
  • Employment
  • Transportation
  • Design of public spaces
The AODA and the IASR are based on:

- Broad public consultation
- Flexible requirements
- Continuous review and improvement
- Progressive approach to compliance and enforcement
Educating about accessibility laws
Partnerships with non-profit organizations and municipalities
Resources about accessibility

AccessForward
Vers l’accessibilité
Training for an Accessible Ontario

Training Resources
Additional resources including Your Guide to Section 7 Training and more.

Module Downloads
Links to download individual modules for learning management systems.

Reel Access:
A Guide to Accessible Film Festivals and Screenings
So Everyone Feels Welcome

Unlocking the AODA:
Landlords’ Obligations Under the Accessibility For Ontarians With Disabilities Act
A Guide For Landlords In Ontario

CHS - Creating Accessible Recreation Facilities (Short Version)
Can everyone show me how you kick your feet?
What’s next for the AODA and IASR?

- Two new standards under development: health care, education
- Implementation of Ontario’s employment strategy for people with disabilities
- Going beyond the requirements in the standards to build a culture of accessibility and inclusion