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An Overview of the Title II Ruling

OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

What is the new ADA Title II Rule?

In April of 2024, the Department of Justice created a new rule under Title II of the ADA. This new rule requires that state and local governments ensure their digital content is accessible. This includes making content usable for anyone with a disability. The rule adopts specific accessibility standards and technical requirements aligned with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG).

This rule went into effect on April 24, 2024. Government entities have less than 3 years to adopt the new accessibility standards. Larger entities must comply by April 2026. Smaller organizations have until 2027.

Who does this impact?

- **State and local agencies:** Their websites and mobile applications (apps) must meet the new accessibility requirements.
- **Contractors or third-party vendors:** Their digital services provided to public entities must follow accessibility standards.
- **People with disabilities:** They have access to the same government information and services as everyone else.

Why is it important?

- **Promotes comprehensive access** by ensuring everyone can use the information and services provided on government websites and apps.
- **Supports assistive technology** through enhanced compatibility with screen readers, magnifiers, and other assistive tools.
- Aligns with federal standards, keeping your content consistent and compliant with federal web accessibility guidelines.

Resources

For more information on this rule, including relevant exceptions, click on or scan this QR code to access the full ADA Title II Regulations on ada.gov.



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