

ADA Compliance

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The Department of Justice (DOJ) published the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design in September 2010. These standards state that all electronic and information technology must be accessible to people with disabilities.

The ADA differs from Section 508 regulations, which are an amendment to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and apply to all information technology, including computer hardware, software and documentation.

"The Department is currently developing regulations specifically addressing the accessibility of goods and services offered via the web by entities covered by the ADA. The fact that the regulatory process is not yet complete in no way indicates that web services are not already covered by title III."

Level A Compliance : Links are provided to media players required to view content.

Criteria	Supporting Feature
Images have alternate text that can be read by screen reader software.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Recorded video content includes captions.	Not Applicable
Video or audio-only content is accompanied by text transcript or description.	Not Applicable
Links are provided to media players required to view content.	Not Applicable
Headings are presented in logical order.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
"b" and "i" tags are replaced with "strong" and "em."	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
There are no empty links or heading tags.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.

Presentation does not rely solely on color.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Automatically-played audio does not occur or can be stopped.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
The keyboard can be used to navigate the site.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Keyboard focus is never stuck on one particular page element.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Time limits provide notifications to the user.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Automatically scrolling or blinking content can be stopped.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
No strobe effects or rapidly flashing colors occur on the site.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
“Skip navigation” functionality allows keyboard users to quickly access content.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Page titles clearly and succinctly describe page content.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Buttons and links are clearly and logically named.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
The language of each page is identified in code.	Not Applicable
Elements receiving focus do not change content in a substantial way.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Invalid form input is identified to the user.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Forms have labels and legends that can be read by screen reader software.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
There are no major validation errors.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.

Level AA Compliance: Level AA is the second level necessary for full ADA compliance and is more advanced than Level A compliance.

Criteria	Supporting Feature
Live video or audio content includes captions.	YouTube videos that have synchronized captions can be shared on Communifire.
Contrast ratio between text and page backgrounds is at least 4.5-to-1.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.

Text on pages can be resized to 200% while still maintaining form.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Images are not used where text can achieve the same purpose.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Pages on the site can be accessed in multiple ways.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Keyboard focus is visible and clear.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
The language of content is identified in code with any language changes.	Not Applicable
Menus and buttons are used consistently regardless of the user's location in the site.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Users are given suggestions on how to solve input errors.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
An error prevention technique is used whenever the user is entering sensitive data.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Underlined text that does not provide a link is removed.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.
Redundant links on the same page are eliminated or minimized.	This feature is supported by Communifire in ADA Compliance.

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