

Moving Towards an Accessible Ontario by 2025 — Update on Accessibility Standards Development

The Government of Ontario is on its way to achieving its vision of an accessible Ontario by 2025 with the implementation of accessibility standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As a leader in accessibility, Ontario is the only jurisdiction in Canada to have legislation that sets out a comprehensive goal of accessibility in areas that impact the daily lives of people with disabilities.

On January 1, 2010 all designated public sector organizations had to comply with the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service. This presentation provides an overview of broader public sector compliance reporting and success factors as well an update on the progress of the four accessibility standards still in development – information and communications, transportation, employment and built environment. Also covered are the findings from the recent Charles Beer and Martin Prosperity Institute reports as well as the next steps towards helping private sector organizations meet their January 1, 2012 compliance date.

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