

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT MULTI YEAR PLAN

Introduction

In accordance with our organizational obligations under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (O. Reg. 191/11, s. 4 (1) (2)), The Michener Institute has prepared this multi-year accessibility plan. The Michener Institute is committed to making accessibility throughout the organization a reality and recognizes that all employees have a role in creating an accessible and inclusive organization. In recognition of this commitment The Michener Institute has an AODA Committee which is comprised of senior leaders and employees representing all areas of the Michener Institute who champion and are accountable for the successful implementation of the accessibility initiatives as they relate to the AODA Accessibility Standards.

Part I: General Standards

Regulation Reference	Requirement	Deliverables	Activities	Responsibility	Completed
Accessibility Policies Reg. 191/11, s.3	Establish and post accessibility policies with commitment statement	Prepare and post Policy	Received Approval for policy posted on website and communicated to all staff	AODA Committee / Human Resources	01-Jan-14
Multi-year Accessibility Plans Reg.191/11, s.4	Establish and post multi-year accessibility plan and review within time period	Prepare and post multi-year accessibility plan	Prepared plan with consultation from AODA Committee and posted approved plan	AODA Committee / Human Resources	01-Jan-14

Regulation Reference	Requirement	Deliverables	Activities	Responsibility	Completed
Self-service Kiosks Reg.191/11, s.6	Regard accessibility in feature design of kiosk	Conduct internal audit and include accessibility obligation in procurement process	Conducted internal audit for compliance (front desk/foyer area), standard requirement in procurement process	Registrar / Facilities / Finance	01-Jan-14
Training Reg.191/11, s. 7(1)	Provide training on the requirements of the IASR standards and the OHRC and keep training records	Develop, deliver and track compliance on training	Developed training document and strategy to communicate the training requirement (training is available in accessible format). Staff compliance is tracked and recorded through Blackboard to ensure compliance by all required individuals	Human Resources	01-Jan-15

Part II: Information and Communication Standards

Regulation Reference	Requirement	Deliverables	Activities	Responsibility	Completed
Feedback Process Reg.191/11, s. 11	Ensure feedback processes are accessible	Review feedback process in place with Customer Service Standard and accessible formats available upon request	Feedback process on website (or department specific as required) and accessible formats available upon request	Applied Educational Research / Student Success Network / Human Resources / Continuing Education / Communications	1-Jan-15

Regulation Reference	Requirement	Deliverables	Activities	Responsibility	Completed
Accessible Formats and Communication Supports Reg.191/11, s. 12	Upon request, provide accessible formats and communication supports	Prepare a process to address and facilitate requests	Process in place for public and employees through Human Resources to request accessible formats and communication supports (process in place for students through SSN) that is in line with s.15 commitments. Statement notifying the public about the availability of accessible formats and communication supports	Information Management / Communications / Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Emergency Procedure Plans and Public Safety Information Reg.191/11, s. 13	Emergency procedure and safety information available, upon request, in accessible formats	Review emergency procedures and develop process for accessible formats on request	Emergency procedures updated, posted on website and available in accessible formats upon request. Communicated to employees through website and departmental emergency binders (students through SSN and part of student orientation)	Facilities / Human Resources	1-Jan-12
Accessible Websites and Web Content Reg.191/11, s. 14	Ensure new websites and new web content conform to guidelines	Develop new website that conforms to WCAG 2.0 Level A standards. Confirm that newly created pages on current site also conform to standards	With the help of external consultants, developed a new website that conforms to WCAG 2.0Level AA	Information Management / Human Resources	WCAG 2.0 Level A and WCAG 2.0 Level AA complete 01-Jan-14

Regulation Reference	Requirement	Deliverables	Activities	Responsibility	Completed
Educational & Training Resources and Materials Reg.191/11, s. 15	Provide accessible or conversion-ready electronic format of educational or training resources / material as needed on request	Ensure current process to make request, and to respond to request, meets standard	Reviewed services offered through Health Services and communicated process to faculty and staff. Process in place to receive and respond to requests for educational or training resources or materials in accessible formats	Information Management / Center for Learning and Innovation / Learning Research Center / Continuing Education	1-Jan-13
Educational & Training Resources and Materials Reg.191/11, s. 15	Provide program information and student records in accessible format	Ensure current process to make request, and to respond to request, meets standard	Reviewed process through Registrar Office. Process in place to provide program information / student records in different formats	Information Management / Registrar / Continuing Education	1-Jan-13
Training to Educators Reg.191/11, s. 16	Provide and track accessibility awareness training for educators	Develop accessibility training for educators (provide training materials to all staff)	Received approval for accessibility training for educators for all employees (training posted and compliance tracked through blackboard)	Human Resources	1-Jan-13
Producers of Educational or Training Materials Reg.191/11, s. 17	On request, provide accessible format or conversion-ready	Seek representation on Heads, Libraries and Learning Resources (HLLR) Committee or other college and / or industry working groups on standard	Determined applicability of standard to any textbooks, print based educational or training learning resources developed by Michener and, in the event standard applies in the future, process in place to ensure accessible formats available	Information Management / Center for Learning and Innovation / Learning Research Center	Textbooks 01-Jan-13 Print-based educational or training resources 01-Jan-14

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Libraries of Education and Training Institutions Reg.191/11, s. 18	On request, and where available and applicable, provide accessible or conversion ready format materials for a person with a disability	Seek representation on the Heads, Libraries and Learning Resources (HLLR) Committee and develop process to provide accessible or conversion ready format materials on request	Process in place for print resources as documents to be scanned to allow for larger print or use of text-to-talk tool. Process developed for digital and multimedia and will ensure activities align with the sectorial approach as developed through the HLLR Committee by required date	Learning Research Center	Print 01- Jan-15 Digital and multimedia 01-Jan-14

Part III: Employment Standards

Regulation Reference	Requirement	Deliverables	Activities	Responsibility	Completed
Recruitment, General Reg.191/11, s. 22	Notify applicants about accommodation in recruitment process	Prospective applicants are advised of the availability of accommodations	Revised careers page, job posting and email correspondence with applicants to include accommodation available in recruitment process	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Recruitment, Assessment or Selection process Reg.191/11, s. 23	Notify applicants selected that accommodations are available upon request	Selected applicants are advised of the availability of accommodations	Revised email correspondence with selected applicants to include the availability of accommodations and policy	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Recruitment, Assessment or Selection process Reg.191/11, s. 23	Provide suitable accommodation upon request	Applicants with disabilities receive appropriate accommodation	Reviewed interview/testing procedures to determine accessibility barriers and developed process to provide accommodation solutions if requested	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Notice to Successful Applicants Reg.191/11, s. 24	Notify successful applicant of accommodation policy	New employees are advised of the accommodation policy	Updated the hiring package to include information on the accommodation policy	Human Resources	1-Jan-16

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Informing Employees of supports Reg.191/11, s. 25	Tell employees of policies supporting employees with disabilities	Post policies on website and advise employees	Updated website and staff communication on policies supporting employees with disabilities when there is a change to any of the policies	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Informing Employees of supports Reg.191/11, s. 25	Provide information to new employees	Incorporate into on- boarding process	Updated the on-boarding process to include information on the accommodation policy	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Accessible Formats and Communication Supports for employees Reg.191/11, s. 26	In consultation with employee with disability, and on request, provide accessible formats and communication supports for job and/or workplace information	Provide mechanism for employee with disability to request consultation on employment required accessible formats and communication supports	Determined point of contact for employee within human resources and ensure employees are aware of how to access support. Developed process to respond to request for accessible formats and communication supports for job and/or workplace information.	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Workplace Emergency Response Information Reg.191/11, s. 27	Provide individualized workplace emergency response information	Employees with disabilities receive an individualized emergency plan	Emailed employees and, if required, develop individual emergency plan from template and review and update plan as required	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Documented Individual Accommodation Plans Reg.191/11, s. 28	Develop written process for documented individual accommodation plans	Develop written process for individualized accommodation plan	Developed template on preparing an individualized accommodation plans and ensure plans are maintained in employee file	Human Resources	1-Jan-16

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Return-to-work Process Reg.191/11, s. 29	Develop a documented return-to-work process	Review accommodation policy and return to work procedures	Reviewed return to work procedures and revise as necessary and ensure use of the documented individual accommodation plans in process	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Performance Management Reg.191/11, s. 30	Include accessibility needs of employees with disability in performance management processes	Prepare document to ensure individual accommodation plan involved in performance management	Reviewed performance management system and ensure use of documented individual accommodation plans in process	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Career Development Reg.191/11, s. 31	Include accessibility needs of employees with disabilities in career development and advancement processes	Prepare document to ensure individualized accommodation plan involved in career development and advancement process	Reviewed career development and advancement processes and ensure use of documented individual accommodation plans in process	Human Resources	1-Jan-16
Redeployment Reg.191/11, s. 32	Include accessibility needs of employees with disabilities in redeployment processes	Prepare document to ensure individualized accommodation plan involved in redeployment process	Reviewed redeployment process in collective agreement and ensure use of documented individual accommodation plans in process	Human Resources	1-Jan-16