

# HOW TO UPDATE YOUR WEBSITE FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Website accessibility is the practice of designing and developing websites that can be used by all individuals, regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities. This concept is crucial for ensuring that everyone has equal access to information and services online.

## THE FEDERAL RULE

On April 24, 2024, the Department of Justice made a final rule requiring state and local government provided websites, digital content, mobile applications, and all other software to comply with W-CAG 2.1 regulations in order to be fully accessible to people with disabilities.

**The Deadline: April 2026**



## FUNCTIONALITY

User interface components and navigation must be operable to internet users regardless of their disability.

- ✓ **Keyboard Accessibility**
- ✓ **Intuitive Navigation**
- ✓ **Assistive User Tools**
- ✓ **Error Identification**

## DESIGN & LAYOUT

Information and user interface components must be presentable to users in ways they can perceive regardless of their disability.

- ✓ **Responsive Design**
- ✓ **Predictable Layout**
- ✓ **Distinguishable Color Contrast**
- ✓ **Readable Content**



## WEB CONTENT

Information and the operation of the user interface must be understandable by internet users regardless of their disability.

- ✓ **Alt-Text for Images**
- ✓ **Video Captions**
- ✓ **Audio Control**
- ✓ **Proper Headings & Labels**