"Accessibility: Essential for some, useful for all."
~ W3C Web Accessibility Initiative

ADA TITLE II ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE DEADLINES

The U.S. Department of Justice's final ruling on Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):

- Impacts all Washington Community & Technical Colleges and the SBCTC agency
- Specifies a minimum technical standard: Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 AA
- Applies to web and mobile apps, including the following examples:
    - College websites (both platform and content)
    - Third-party web/mobile applications (e.g. ctcLink, Highpoint HCX Mobile App, Student Success Software)
    - Electronic documents (e.g. Word, PowerPoint, PDF, Excel)
    - Digital instructional content
        - Canvas Learning Management System
        - Digital textbooks
- Takes effect for all SBCTC colleges **April 2026** (based on service district populations)

College Action Needed by December 31, 2024:

1. **College Presidents** – establish a local Accessible IT Task Force. (Suggested representation: Accessible IT Coordinator, Disability/Access Services, Information Technology, Public Information Office, Instruction, eLearning, Library, College Bookstore, Student Services, Human Resources, Public Records Officer, other campus stakeholders).

2. **IT Directors** – Enter your college's Accessible IT Coordinator contact information *(Name, Job Title, Email, Phone)* into SBCTC's Accessible IT Coordinator collection form.

3. **College Website Administrators**
   Post a statement on your college website acknowledging the DOJ's ADA ruling.
   - ✓ Include the updated technical standard WCAG 2.1 AA and your compliance plan or intent to create a plan.
   - ✓ Revise/update all existing policy references to WATech Policy USER-01 (Formerly OCIO Policy 188).
   - ✓ Clearly post the Name, Job Title, Email, and Phone of your college's Accessible IT Coordinator.
   - ✓ Provide guidance for requesting alternate means of communication or reasonable modification of web content.
   - ✓ Provide at least one method (email, web form) for reporting a web or digital accessibility barrier.

4. **Accessible IT Coordinators** - Stay tuned for more information about a webinar for Coordinators on the DOJ ruling.

Example Resources and Templates

- ➢ US Department of Justice ADA Fact Sheet
- ➢ Example acknowledgement: Preparing for the ADA Title II Rule from Highline College
- ➢ Example provision of services: Accessibility Assistance Request from Highline College
- ➢ Example how to report barrier: Website Accessibility Statement from Highline College

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