

# AODA compliance checklist

The information presented within this checklist is aimed at website owners seeking to learn the ropes of web accessibility. Technical elements are described in layman's terms, and, as a rule, all topics pertaining to the legalities of web accessibility are presented in as simplified a manner as possible.

**This checklist has no legal bearing, and cannot be relied on in the case of litigation.**

- Provide text alternatives for non-text content such as videos, images, and audio files**
- Provide alternatives for time-based media**  
Alternative formats include captions, transcripts, and/or audio descriptions
- Provide captions for videos with audio**
- Ensure all website functionality is operable via keyboard**
- Ensure your website doesn't require complex pointer gestures**
- When visitors are met with time limitations within your website, ensure the time limit can be adjusted**  
Minimize the amount of content that requires timed interactions, and ensure there are no time-outs without a website visitor's acknowledgment
- Minimize distractions and allow website visitors to turn off or postpone interruptions**  
Offer a mechanism to pause, stop, or hide any moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating elements
- Ensure your website does not feature content that can induce seizures**  
WCAG states that web pages should not contain anything that [flashes more than three times](#) in one second
- Design forms so that website visitors are less likely to commit errors when engaging with them. If errors are committed, offer ways to correct them**  
If an input error is detected, the error should be clearly identified and described to the user in text. You will need to ensure that it will be announced by screen readers as well

- Ensure that elements' appearance and functionality are predictable**  
Make sure that frequently-used components, such as icons and links, appear and behave consistently
- Ensure your forms, tables, and charts are labeled properly**
- Apply the correct color contrast ratios**  
Ensure good contrast between text (or images of text) and its background, with a contrast ratio of at least 4:5:1. When using bold or large text (18pt or larger), a 3:1 ratio is sufficient. For non-text items, such as functional icons or button borders, a 3:1 ratio is required. Contrast restrictions do not apply to logos and brand names
- Ensure zoom functionality**  
When website visitors increase text size, it shouldn't lead to a loss in functionality
- Ensure your navigation is standardized and predictable**
- Avoid using CATCHA**  
When certain web pages require an extra layer of security, consider opting for Google's version, [Google reCAPTCHA](#), which is [compatible with many screen readers](#)
- Ensure online documents are accessible**  
Online documents such as PDFs and Microsoft Office files (e.g., Word documents) need to be accessible to people with disabilities

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