

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2014-2019

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Message from the President

The Province of Ontario is a leader in promoting accessibility for people with disabilities. The cornerstone of its strategy in this area is the 2005 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, (AODA). The core objective of the AODA is:

To achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities with respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodation, employment, buildings, structures and premises on or before January 1, 2025.

Algoma University is an institution that was created with the explicit mission of enhancing access to university-level programming for all qualified learners in our region and beyond. As part of that mission, we are fully committed to accessibility for people with disabilities and we are fully committed to the goal of providing that access in a manner that respects the dignity and independence of everyone.

This Multi-Year Accessibility Plan provides the University with a framework to advance our efforts to reach the Province's standard for universal accessibility. We look forward to working with all Algoma University stakeholders to implement this plan, and to refine it as necessary in the coming years.

Dr. Richard Myers President

Introduction

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and formerly the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2001), universities are annually required to prepare and publically release an accessibility plan in consultation with persons with disabilities and others in the community.

Effective January 2013, universities are transitioning from an annual accessibility plan to that of a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan as per the AODA requirements. Therefore, this document will be a transition from the 2012-2013 annual university accessibility plan to that of a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for Algoma University.

This plan has been developed by David Marasco, University Director, Accessibility Director in consultation with other university officials including the University Librarian, Director of Human Resources, Director of Physical Plant and the Communications Director.

While this report indicates that significant progress has been made towards Algoma's ultimate goal of universal accessibility, the committee remains cognizant that barriers still exist and that the long-term goal of universal accessibility can be achieved only through a continued commitment to increasing awareness on accessibility issues.

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005

In 2005, the government of Ontario passed the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), which requires that Ontario be an accessible province by 2025.

In 2007, the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service was enacted under AODA establishing standards for designated public sector organizations, applicable to the University, that articulate the requirements for policies, practices and procedures that govern the provision of goods or services to persons with disabilities. This legislation was effective January 2010.

In 2011, the new Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) was enacted under the AODA to help public, private and not-for-profit organizations identify, prevent and remove barriers to accessibility. Within the IASR general requirements are being articulated in addition to specific standards being articulated in four areas, namely:

- Information and communications standards
- Employment standards
- Transportation standards
- Design of public spaces

Algoma University filed its first University Accessibility Plan in 2003 under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA). This plan has been updated annually and has, since 2005, been in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA). These accessibility plans have outlined accomplishments that the University has achieved to address the removal of barriers and the steps it has taken to prevent barriers.

In this Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Algoma University outlines the next steps in our continued efforts to identify and remove barriers for people with disabilities.

Integrated Accessibility Standards – Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Part I: General Standards

Part I – General Standards – s.3

AODA Standards / Regulation	Establishment of accessibility police	Deadline: January 1, 2013	
AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 3	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Shall develop, implement and	All University policies will be	University policies reviewed on a	Director of Human Resources
maintain policies governing how	articulated in such a fashion that	regular basis in order that they	
organization achieves or will	the policies meet accessibility	are AODA compliant. Reviewing	University Registrar
achieve accessibility through	requirements referred to in the	and updating policies, and	
meetings its requirements	Integrated Accessibility Standard	standards to ensure accessible	In progress
referred to in the Regulation.	Regulation.	customer service.	
Shall include a statement of	Establish an overall University	Develop guiding principles and	Accessibility Committee
organizational commitment to	statement of organizational	best practices to administer the	
meet the accessibility needs of	commitment to meet the	policy – the Accessibility	In progress
persons with disabilities in a	accessibility needs of persons	Committee will review changing	
timely manner in their policies	with disabilities in a timely	requirements and make	
	manner.	recommendations in an effort to	
		meet these needs	
Shall prepare one or more	Prepare one (or more) written	Accessibility Standards for	Completed March 2010
written documents describing its	document(s) that describes the	Customer Service policy highlights	
policies; and	University's policies regarding	Algoma University's commitment	Reviewed on an regular basis
	accessibility.	to accessibility standards	
Make the documents publicly	The document(s) prepared shall		
available, and shall provide them	be made publicly available and		
in an accessible format upon	shall be provided in the		
request	appropriate accessible format		
	upon request.		

Part I – General Standards – s.4

AODA Standards / Regulation	Multi-Year Accessibility Plans		Deadline: January 1, 2013
Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 4	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Establish, implement, maintain	Develop Multi-Year Accessibility	Creation of a MYAP to ensure	(11111), уууу)
and document a Multi-Year	Plan for Algoma University:	persons with disabilities are	
Accessibility Plan that outlines the	2013-2018	accommodated and barriers	
strategy to remove and prevent		removed according to the	
barriers and to meet the		requirements of provincial	
requirements under this		regulations in support of the	
Regulation.		AODA. The institutional	
		commitment is to allow full access	
		and participation for individuals	
		with disabilities.	
Establish, review and update	Review existing accessibility plan.	A number of administrators have	
their accessibility plans in		been identified to serve on the	
consultation with persons with		Accessibility Committee to review	
disabilities and, if established, an		the accessibility plan and make	
accessibility committee.		recommendations.	
Prepare annual status report on	Update annual status report on	Annual plan has been submitted	
the progress of measures taken to	measures taken to implement	in accordance with the IASR	
implement the Multi-Year	objectives within Multi-Year	(Integrated Accessibility	
Accessibility Plan.	Accessibility Plan.	Standards Regulation)	
Post the status report on the	Post final annual status report on	Post final annual status report on	Marketing and Communications
website and provide the report in	website and make available in	website and make available in	Target: December 2014
an accessible format upon	alternate format upon request.	alternate format upon request.	
request.			

Part I – General Standards – s.5

AODA Standards / Regulation	Procuring or Acquiring Goods, Serv	vices or Facilities	Deadline: January 1, 2013
Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 5	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Incorporate accessibility criteria and features.	Ensure the University Procurement policy ensures that consideration of accessibility criteria and features are considered in purchases of goods, services or facilities except where it is not practicable to do so.	Considering and incorporating accessibility criteria and features when procuring goods, services and facilities. The Procurement Policy is reviewed and revised to meet the needs to consider accessibility criteria when purchasing goods, services, facilities. No individual shall be discriminated re: disabilities	Vice-President, Finance & Administration June 2015 In progress
Provide explanation if impracticable.	Provide, upon request, an explanation when accessibility criteria or features are not practical to consider in the purchase of goods, services or facilities.	Include appropriate statement in Procurement policy regarding this deliverable (see above).	

Part I – General Standards – s.6

AODA Standards / Regulation	I: Self-service Kiosks	Deadline: January 1, 2013	
Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 6	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Public sector organizations shall	Accessibility features shall be	Ensure this criteria is embedded	Vice-President, Finance &
incorporate accessibility features	incorporated into the design,	in the Procurement Policy.	Administration
when designing, procuring or	procurement or acquisition of		
acquiring self-service kiosks.	self- service kiosks where it is		In progress
	practicable to do so.		

Part I – General Standards – s.7

AODA Standards / Regulation	I: Training		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY
O. Reg.191/11, s. 7(1)	Training will be provided to all	1 Working Together: Ontario	(mm/yyyy) Accessibility Coordinator
Provide training on the	Training will be provided to all	1. Working Together: Ontario	12/2014
requirements of the accessibility	employees, volunteers, all	Human Rights Code Training: - all	12/2014
standards and Human Rights Code	persons who participate in	employees and volunteers will be	
as it pertains to persons with	developing University policies and	required to complete this training	
disabilities.	other persons who provide goods,	by December 31, 2014.	
	services or facilities on behalf of	2. Certificate of Training	
	the University	document will be collected by	
		supervisor and directed to HR.	
Training on requirements of	Training is appropriate to the	1. All employees & volunteers	Accessibility Coordinator
accessibility standards and	employee, volunteer or other	are required to complete the	12/2014
Human Rights Code shall be	persons.	Human Rights Code training as it	
appropriate to the duties of the		pertains to persons with	
employees, volunteers and other		disabilities (Working Together:	
persons.		Ontario Human Rights Code	
		Training)	
		2. Training modules on	
		requirements within the	
		accessibility standards will vary by	
		employee group depending on	
		nature of position/duties.	
Every person to receive training	Training will be delivered as soon	1. Training of existing	Accessibility Coordinator
shall be trained as soon as	as practicable to those who	employees, volunteers and	12/2014
practicable.	require training.	other persons will be done as	
		soon as training is developed	
		and available.	
		2. Training of new employees,	
		volunteers and other persons	
		will be done at orientation or	
		upon acquiring the services of	
		persons who will be involved	

		in the delivery of goods, services or facilities on behalf of the University.	
A record of training shall be kept including dates on which training was provided and number of individuals to whom training was provided.	A record of training, dates of training, and to whom training was provided will be kept.	A record of training, training certificates, including dates and to whom training was provided will be kept by Human Resources.	Human Resources 12/2014

Part II: Information and Communication Standards

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.11

AODA Standards / Regulation	II: Feedback Processes		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 11	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Every obligated organization that has processes for receiving and responding to feedback shall ensure that feedback processes are accessible to persons with disabilities.	All feedback processes shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.	To ensure all feedback processes are accessible, persons with disabilities may request that a feedback process be made available in an alternate (accessible) format or receive communication support to provide feedback.	Accessibility Coordinator September 2015
Notification should be given regarding the availability of accessible formats and communication supports	Signage is placed in all service areas across the University and within policy documents that information and documents can be made available in alternate format upon request.	 Develop signage and post in visible areas of the University notifying public that information and documents can be made available in alternate formats upon request. Include note in policy documents that information and documents can be made available in alternate format upon request. 	 Marketing and Communications Target: Jan 2015 President's Office Target: May 2015

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.12

AODA Standards / Regulation	II: Accessible Formats and Commu	nication Supports	Deadline: January 1, 2015
Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 12	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Provide accessible formats and communication supports in a timely manner taking into account the persons disability and at a cost no more than the regular charge to other persons.	Upon request, the provision of accessible formats and communication supports will be delivered: In a timely fashion Appropriate to the disability At a cost no greater than what is charged to another person	Upon request, documents and communication supports are provided in a timely fashion and appropriate to the disability so as to meet the needs of the person with the disability. Any cost associated with this is no greater than what is charged to another person.	Accessibility Coordinator September 2015
Consult with person requesting to determine suitability of accessible format and communication support.	Consultation will occur with person requesting alternate or accessible format to ensure suitability of accessible format or communication support.	Upon request of documents or information to be available in an alternate format or with communication support, consultation does occur to ensure that the alternate format or communication support is appropriate and meets the needs of the person making the request.	Accessibility Coordinator September 2015
Notify public of availability of accessible format and communication supports upon request.	Public shall be aware that, upon request, information be made available in an accessible format or that communication support be provided.	 Information regarding alternate format of documents and communication supports is articulated in the Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities policy. A notice shall be placed on the Accessibility webpage that 	 President's Office Target: June 2015 Marketing and Communications Target: January 2015 Marketing and Communications Target: Jan 2015

3.	upon request information can be made available in an accessible format or that appropriate communication support can be provided. Develop signage and post in visible areas of the University notifying public that information and documents can be made available in alternate formats upon	
	request.	

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.13

AODA Standards / Regulation	II: Emergency Procedure Plans and	Public Safety Information	Deadline: January 1, 2012
Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 13	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
If emergency procedures, plans	Any emergency procedures, plans	Post updated emergency	Communications
and public safety information are	and public safety information	procedures and plans on website	February 2015
made available to the general	made available to the public shall	with notification that upon	
public those materials must be	also be made available in an	request documents can be made	
made available in an accessible	accessible format or with	available in alternate format.	
format or with appropriate	appropriate communication		Health & Safety Officer
communication supports as soon	supports as soon as practicable	Put notice on Health & Safety	February 2015
as practicable upon request.	upon request.	bulletin boards that	
		documentation can be made	
		available upon request.	

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.14

AODA Standards / Regulation	II: Accessible Web Sites and Web C	ontent	Deadline: Various (See Below)
Reference	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY
O. Reg.191/11, s. 14 Ensure internet websites and web content conform to guidelines New websites and web content to Level A by January 1, 2014. Except where meeting the requirement is not practicable, this section applies to: • To websites and content, including web-based applications, that an	Any new University websites and new content on those sites will comply with WCAG 2.0 Level A standards by January 2014.	 New university website contracted and developed to WCAG 2.0 Level A standards Athletics website contracted and developed to WCAG 2.0 Level A standards Websites audited by external service providers to ensure WCAG 2.0 Level A standards Third-party service engaged to monitor university websites 	(mm/yyyy) 1. Marketing and Communications Completed: December 2012 2. Marketing and Communications Completed: June 2013 3. Marketing and Communications Completed: March 2014 4. Marketing and Communications Target: July
organization controls directly or through a contractual relationship that allows for modification of the product; and To web content published on a website after January 1, 2012		for compliance	2015
All websites and web content to Level AA by January 1, 2021. Excluding: Live Captions and Audio Descriptions (pre-recorded)	All University websites and web content will comply with WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 2021 (apart from live captions and prerecorded Audio Descriptions)	 All web assets to be audited for Level AA compliance. Required budget allocations submitted to bring websites to Level AA compliance. All web assets brought up to Level AA compliance. 	 Marketing and Communications Target: January 1, 2019 Marketing and Communications Target: April 30, 2019 Marketing and Communications Target: January 1, 2021

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.14 (continued)

AODA Standards / Regulation	s. 14 Accessible Web Sites and Web Content (continued)		Deadline: Various (See Below)
Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 14	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
In determining whether meeting the requirements is not practicable, the organization may consider: • Availability of commercial software, tools or both; and • Significant impact on implementation timeline that is planned or initiated before January 1, 2012	University shall determine whether the requirements to comply as articulated above are practicable.		Marketing and Communications
NOTE: Definitions for "internet website", "new internet website", "WCAG" and "web page" are articulated in the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation s.14 item (7).			

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.15

AODA Standards / Regulation	II: Educational & Training Resource	es and Materials	Deadline: January 1, 2013
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 15	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Every educational or training institution obligated under the regulation shall, if notification of need is given, provide educational or training resources or materials in an accessible format that takes into account the accessibility needs of the person with the disability to be provided by:	Upon notification, educational or training resources or materials will be provided in an accessible or conversion-ready electronic format (pursuant to needs of persons making the request) whether through purchase of such materials or obtaining them through other means where available.	Upon request service materials and educational resources are made available in an appropriate format. In addition, one computer workstation on campus has special software installed to assist students and is readily accessible.	Disability Services Compliant
 Through purchase or other means an accessible or conversion-ready electronic format of materials, where available, or Arrange for provision of comparable resource in an accessible or conversion ready electronic format if materials cannot be procured, obtained by other means or converted into an accessible format 	Where resources or materials cannot be procured in an accessible or conversion-ready electronic format, or cannot be obtained by other means, arrangements will be made for the provision of a comparable resource in an appropriate format to meet the needs of the person with the disability.	Disability Services will work with library, bookstore and publisher to meet the needs for alternative format.	Disability Services Compliant
Provide student records & information on program requirements, availability and descriptions in an appropriate accessible format to persons with disabilities.	Upon request student Records and information on program requirements, availability and descriptions will be made available in an accessibility format in a timely manner.	Upon request, documents are provided in an appropriate format.	Registrar's Office Compliant

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.16

AODA Standards / Regulation	II: Training to Educators		Deadline: January 1, 2013
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 16	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Educators shall be provided with accessibility awareness training related to accessible program or course delivery and instruction.	All University educators teaching a course, seminars, or labs shall be provided with accessibility awareness training related to accessible program or course delivery and instruction	 Dean and Department and Chairs will be apprised of the training requirement for all University Educators. Toolkit of materials will be provided to all university educators in Fall 2015. Seminars will be scheduled to assist educators with development of accessible program delivery, documentation, and instruction. 	Accessibility Coordinator September 2015
A record of training provided, including dates that the training was provided and the number of individuals to whom training was delivered shall be kept.	A record of training, dates of training, and to whom training was provided will be kept.	A record of training, dates of training, and to whom training was provided will be kept by HR.	Human Resources Ongoing

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.17

AODA Standards / Regulation	Multi-Year Accessibility Plans		Deadline: Various (See Below)
Reference O. Reg.191/11, s. 4	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Every organization that is a producer of educational or training textbooks for educational or training institutions shall, upon request, make accessible or conversion-ready versions of the textbooks available to the institutions by January 1, 2015.	All educational or training textbooks developed by Algoma University will be developed in an accessible or conversion-ready format.	Activities and actions related to the standard are being developed to ensure compliance by the appropriate deadline.	Accessibility Coordinator December 2014
Every organization that is a producer of educational or training supplementary learning resources for educational or training institutions shall, upon request, make accessible or conversion-ready versions of the printed materials available to the institutions by January 1, 2020.	All supplementary learning resources developed by Algoma University shall be developed in an accessible or conversion-ready format.	Activities and actions related to the standard are being developed to ensure compliance by the appropriate deadline.	Accessibility Coordinator December 2014

Part II – Information and Communication Standards – s.18

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference o. Reg.191/11, s.	II: Libraries of educational and training institutions		Deadline: Various (See Below)
18	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Upon request, libraries of educational or training institutions shall provide, procure or acquire by other means an accessible or conversion-ready format of print, digital or multimedia resources or materials for a person with a disability.	Upon request, the University Library shall provide, procure or acquire by other means an accessible or conversion- ready format of print, digital or multimedia resources or materials for a person with a disability according to the timeline below: Print resources & materials - January 1,	As part of the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) has participated in the development of the Accessible Content E-Portal (ACE) is a growing repository of accessible format texts available to users with print disabilities at participating (OCUL) institutions. Aimed at making Ontario's university library print collections more accessible, the repository creates five accessible formats (2 types of PDFs, Text, DAISY and ePub).	Arthur A. Wishart Library (09/2013 ongoing)
Exception: Special collections, archival materials, rare books and donations are exempt from this requirement.	 Digital or multimedia resources or materials - January 1, 2020 	http://books1.scholarsportal.info/access.html Through ongoing scholarly database purchasing using model AODA compliant licensing, Algoma University focuses its collection building on "born-digital" collections of current academic journals that can be more easily accessed/converted with accessibility tools, such as screen-readers, and with vendor platforms that comply with AODA. In addition, OCUL, which provides core digital collections to Algoma have made its Scholars Portal E-Books and E-Journals platforms AODA compliant.	

Part III: Employment Standards

Part III – Employment Standards – s.22

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Recruitment, General		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 22	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
The employer shall notify its	The University shall notify its	1. General statement about	Human Resources
employees and the public about	employees and the public about	availability of accommodation for	June 2015
the availability of accommodation	the availability of accommodation	applicants will be posted on the	
for applicants with disabilities in	for applicants with disabilities in	Career Opportunities website.	
its recruitment process.	its recruitment process.	2. Statement about availability of	
		accommodation will be added to	
		employment postings – both	
		those online as well as those in	
		print.	

Part III – Employment Standards – s.23

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Recruitment, Assessment or Sel	ection process	Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s.23	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
The employer shall notify job applicants when selected to participate in an assessment or selection process that accommodations are available upon request in relation to the materials or processes to be used.	Applicants selected for an interview or are asked to participate in a selection process will be advised that, accommodations are available upon request in relation to the materials or processes to be used for the interview or the selection process.	 Script will be drafted and provided to the lead for each recruitment initiative for verbal delivery when candidate is contacted for interview. Script will be provided to Academic Dean's office to be provided to all Departments for faculty hiring. 	Human Resources Academic Dean June 2015
If a selected applicant requests an accommodation, the employer shall consult with the applicant and provide or arrange for the provision of a suitable accommodation in a manner that takes into account the applicant's accessibility needs due to disability.	If a selected applicant requests an accommodation, the University shall consult with the applicant and provide or arrange for the provision of a suitable accommodation in a manner that takes into account the applicant's accessibility needs due to disability.	If candidate requests an accommodation, script provided shall direct candidate to contact Human Resources to make suitable arrangements for accommodation.	Human Resources January 2015

Part III – Employment Standards – s.24

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Notice to Successful Applicants		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 24	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
The employer shall, when making offers of employment, notify the successful applicant of its policies for accommodating employees with disabilities.	The University shall, as part of its offer of employment, notify the successful applicant of the Universities policies for accommodation employees with disabilities.	1. Include generic phrase and website link in the letter of offer with respect to the University's overall commitment to providing, upon request, suitable accommodations for employees with disabilities - accommodations that take into account the needs of the person with the disability. 2. Human Resources to provide	Human Resources June 2015
		appropriate phrase and website link to Academic Dean's office to be disseminated to Departments for inclusion in their communication with successful applicants.	

Part III – Employment Standards – s.25

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Informing employees of suppor	ts	Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 25	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
The employer shall inform its employees of its policies used to support its employees with disabilities including policies on the provision of job accommodations that take into account an employee's accessibility needs due to disability.	The University shall inform its employees of its policies used to support its employees with disabilities including policies on the provision of job accommodations that take into account an employee's accessibility needs due to disability.	1. All employees shall be informed via a Communications Bulletin of its policies to support employees with disabilities and the availability of accommodations that that into account an employee's accessibility needs due to disability. 2. All policy and procedural information related to the support of employees with disabilities shall be posted on the Human Resources and university policy website.	Human Resources June 2015
The employer shall provide information to new employees as soon as practicable after they begin their employment.	The University shall provide information to new employees as soon as practicable after they begin their employment.	Letter of offer to indicate that it is mandatory to meet with Human Resources within 30 days of employment as part of legislated requirements. Information relating to supports for employees with disabilities will be part of new employee orientation.	Human Resources September 2015

Part III – Employment Standards – s.25 (continued)

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Accessible Formats and Communication Supports for employees		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 26	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
The employer shall provide	The University shall provide	When changes to existing policies	Human Resources
updated information to its	updated information to its	relating to provision of job	June 2015
employees whenever there is a	employees whenever there is a	accommodations are made, all	
change to existing policies on the	change to existing policies on the	employees shall be informed via a	
provision of job accommodations	provision of job accommodations	Communications Bulletin with a	
that take into account an	that take into account an	link provided to the new or	
employee's accessibility needs	employee's accessibility needs	revised policy.	
due to a disability.	due to a disability.		

Part III – Employment Standards – s.26

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Accessible Formats and Communication Supports for employees		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 26	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Upon request by an employee,	Upon request by an employee,	Upon request by an employee,	Human Resources
the employer shall consult with the employee to provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for: • information needed to perform the employee's job; and • information that is generally available to employees in the workplace.	the University shall consult with the employee to provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for: • information needed to perform the employee's job; and	Human Resources shall consult with the employee to provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for: • information needed to perform the employee's job; and • information that is generally available to employees in the workplace.	January 2015

Part III – Employment Standards – s.26 (continued)

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Accessible Formats and Communication Supports for employees (cont'd)		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 26	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY
Reference 0. Reg.191/11, 3. 20		ACTIVITIES	(mm/yyyy)
The employer shall consult with	Upon request, the University shall	Upon request by an employee,	Human Resources
the employee to determine	consult with the employee to	Human Resources shall consult	December 2014
suitability of on accessible format	determine the suitability of an	with the employee to determine	
or communication support.	accessible format or	the suitability of an accessible	
	communication support that	format or communication support	
	bears in mind the nature of the	that bears in mind the nature of	
	employee's disability.	the employee's disability.	

Part III – Employment Standards – s.27

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Workplace Emergency Respons	e Information	Deadline: January 1, 2012
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 27	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
The employer shall provide individualized workplace emergency response information to employees who have a disability - if the disability is such that the individualized information is necessary and the employer is aware of the need for accommodation due to the employee's disability.	When the University is aware of an individual employee's disability and where an individualized workplace emergency response would be required, the University shall provide that employee with information about the individualized workplace emergency response that will be in place.	1. For every employee who has disclosed a disability and for whom an individualized workplace emergency response must be put into place, Human Resources shall have a list of such individualized workplace emergency response information so that, if required, multiple individuals within Human Resources (and elsewhere – Security, etc.) are aware of what is required for relevant employees. 2. This listing will be updated annually so that appropriate areas/individuals are aware of the list and what individualized responses might be required and for whom.	Human Resources January 2015
If an employee receives individualized workplace emergency response information and requires assistance, with the employee's consent, the employer shall provide the workplace emergency response information designated by the employer to provide assistance to the employee.	For each employee who requires individualized workplace emergency response assistance and has provided consent, the University shall provide the workplace emergency response information to Security and Fire Warden's in the event of an emergency in the workplace.	 Prepare list of employees who have disclosed a disability and require individualized workplace emergency response assistance and have provided consent for release of information. Provide the list to Security and Fire Wardens. Update annually. 	Human Resources January 2015

Part III – Employment Standards – s.27 (continued)

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Workplace Emergency Respons	e Information (continued)	Deadline: January 1, 2012
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 27	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
The employer shall provide information required under this section as soon practicable after the employer becomes aware of the need for accommodation due to an employee's disability.	The University shall provide information related to workplace emergency response to an employee as soon as practicable once the University is aware of an employee's need for accommodation due to a disability.	As soon as practicable upon being made aware of an employee's need for assistance in an emergency situation due to a disability, the University shall make arrangements for the specific accommodations required in consultation with the employee.	Human Resources January 2015
If an employee receives individualized workplace emergency response information and requires assistance, with the employee's consent, the employer shall provide the workplace emergency response information designated by the employer to provide assistance to the employee.	For each employee who requires individualized workplace emergency response assistance and has provided consent, the University shall provide the workplace emergency response information to Security and Fire Warden's in the event of an emergency in the workplace.	Human Resources shall review individualized workplace emergency response information: • when employee moves to a different location in the organization, and • when the employee's accommodations needs/plans are reviewed or are changed; and • when employer reviews its general emergency response plans and policies	Human Resources January 2015

Part III – Employment Standards – s.28

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Documented Individual Accommodation Plan		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 28	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Employers shall develop a written process for the development of documented individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities.	The University shall establish a process for the development of written individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities.	 Human Resources will develop a standard for the development of individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities. Template will be posted on Human Resources and Health and Safety website. 	Human Resources March 2015
The process to develop individual accommodation plans for employees shall include: How employee can participate. How employee will be assessed. How employer can request an evaluation by an outside medical or other expert (at the employer's expense) to assist the employee in determining if accommodation can be achieved and, if so, how it can be achieved. How employee can request participation of union representative or other representative (if non-unionized) in the development of an accommodation plan How employee's personal information will remain private. How, and how often, plan will be reviewed and updated and how this is to be done. How reasons for denied request would be communicated. How plan will be provided to employee in a format that takes into account the employee's accessibility needs due to a disability.	The University's process for the development of written individual accommodation plans shall include: How employee can participate How employer will be assessed. How employer can request an evaluation by an outside medical or other expert (at the employer's expense) to assist the employee in determining if accommodation can be achieved and, if so, how it can be achieved. How employee can request participation of union representative or other representative (if non-unionized) in the development of an accommodation plan How employee's personal information will remain private. How, and how often, plan will be reviewed and updated and how this is to be done. How reasons for denied request would How plan will be provided to employee in a format that takes into account the employee's accessibility needs.	Template for development of individual accommodation plans will incorporate: How employee can participate How employee will be assessed. How employer can request an evaluation by an outside medical or other expert (at the employer's expense) to assist the employee in determining if accommodation can be achieved and, if so, how it can be achieved. How employee can request participation of union representative or other representative (if non-unionized) in the development of an accommodation plan How employee's personal information will remain private How, and how often, plan will be reviewed and updated and how this is to be done. How reasons for denied request would be communicated. How plan will be provided to employee in a format that takes into account the employee's accessibility needs.	Human Resources March 2015

Part III – Employment Standards – s.28 (continued)

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Documented Individual Accomm	nodation Plan (continued)	Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 28	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Individual accommodation plans shall: If requested, include any information regarding accessible formats and communication supports provided (as described in section 26); and If required, include individualized workplace emergency response information (as described in section 27); and Identify any other accommodation that is to provided	For each employee with an individual accommodation plan, the University shall include: If required, any information regarding accessible formats and communication supports provided (as described in section 26); and If required, include individualized workplace emergency response information (as described in section 27); and Identify any other accommodation that is to be provided to the employee	In developing of individual accommodation plans, the plan shall include the following if required: If required, any information regarding accessible formats and communication supports provided (as described in section 26); and If required, include individualized workplace emergency response information (as described in section 27); and Identify any other accommodation that is to be provided to the employee	Human Resources March 2015

Part III – Employment Standards – s.29

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Return-to-work Process		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 29	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
Every employer shall develop a return to work process for employees who have been absent due to a disability and require disability- related accommodations in order to return to work; and shall document the process.	The University shall develop a return to work process for employees who have been absent due to a disability and require disability-related accommodations in order to return to work; and shall document the process.	1. Human Resources will develop a return to work process for employees who have been absent due to a disability and require disability-related accommodations in order to return to work; and shall document the process. 2. Documentation will be posted on Human Resources website	Human Resources March 2015
 The return to work process shall: Outline the steps the employer will take to facilitate the return to work of employees; and Use documented individual accommodation plans (as described in Section 28) as part of the process. 	 Outline the steps the employer will take to facilitate the return to work of employees; and Use documented individual accommodation plans (as described in Section 28) as part of the process. 	Return to Work process will include the following: Outline the steps the employer will take to facilitate the return to work of employees; and Use documented individual accommodation plans (as described in Section 28) as part of the process.	Human Resources March 2015
Return to work process does not replace or override any other return to work process created by or under any other statute.			Human Resources March 2015

Part III – Employment Standards – s.30

AODA Standards / Regulation	III: Performance Management		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 30	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
The employer that uses	The University will ensure that in	Human Resources will adjust	Human Resources
performance management in	the process of performance	performance appraisal forms to	December 2015
respect to its employees shall	appraisals of employees, the	ensure that in the process of	
take into account the accessibility	accessibility needs of employees	performance appraisals of	
needs of employees with	with disabilities; as well as	employees, the accessibility needs	
disabilities; as well as individual	individual accommodation plans,	of employees with disabilities; as	
accommodation plans, when	shall be taken into account in the	well as individual accommodation	
using its performance	performance appraisal process.	plans, shall be taken into account	
management process.		in the performance appraisal	
		process	

Part III – Employment Standards – s.31

AODA Standards / Regulation	A Standards / Regulation		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 31	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
An employer shall take into	The University shall take into	When providing career	Human Resources
account the accessibility needs of	account the accessibility needs of	development and advancement	December 2015
its employees with disabilities as	its employees with disabilities as	to its employees with disabilities,	
well as any individual	well as any individual	through Human Resources,	
accommodation plans when	accommodation plans when	accessibility needs and individual	
providing career development	providing career development	accommodation plans will be	
and advancement to its	and advancement to its	taken into account.	
employees with disabilities.	employees with disabilities.		

Part III – Employment Standards – s.32

AODA Standards / Regulation	DDA Standards / Regulation Deadl		Deadline: January 1, 2014
Reference o. Reg.191/11, s. 32	DELIVERABLES	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY (mm/yyyy)
An employer that uses	In the event that the University	In the event that the University	Human Resources
redeployment shall take into	uses redeployment, the University	uses redeployment and through	December 2015
account the accessibility needs of	shall take into account the	Human Resources, accessibility	
its employees with disabilities, as	accessibility needs of its	needs of its employees with	
well as individual accommodation	employees with disabilities, as	disabilities, as well as individual	
plans, when redeploying	well as individual accommodation	accommodation plans will be	
employees with disabilities.	plans, when redeploying	taken into account.	
	employees with disabilities.		

Customer Service Standard

Compliance Checklist

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O	Establishment of policies, practices and procedures	Deadline: January 1, 2010
AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 3	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
shall establish policies, practices and procedures governing the provision of its goods or services to persons with disabilities.	Algoma University policy "Accessibility Standards for Customer Service to Persons with Disabilities" approved and in effect for January 2010.	01/2010
	Policy replaced with "Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities"	11/2012
 shall ensure that its policies, practices and procedures are consistent with the following principles: goods or services provided in a manner that respects the dignity and independence of persons with disabilities, provision of goods or services must be integrated unless an alternate measure is necessary to enable a person with a disability to obtain, use or benefit from the goods or services, Persons with disabilities must be given an opportunity equal to that given to others to obtain, use and benefit from the goods or services 	These principles are incorporated in the "Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities" and articulated in the "Accessibility @ Algoma University" – a statement of University commitment	01/2010 Revised 12/2012

AODA Standarda / Basulation Bafaranca O	Establishment of policies, practices and procedures	Deadline: January 1, 2010
AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 3 (continued)	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
Without limiting sections above, policies must deal with the use of assistive devices by persons with disabilities to obtain, use or benefit from the provider's goods or services or the availability, if	The use of assistive devices is incorporated into the policy: "Provision of University Goods and Services to Personswith Disabilities" – Section 7 "Use of Assistive Devices"	01/2010
any, of other measure which enable them to do so		Revised Fall 2012
Communicating with a person with a disability shall be done in a manner that takes into account the person's disability.	Appropriate communication with a person with a disability is incorporated into the policy: "Provision of University Goods and Services to	01/2010
	Persons with Disabilities" – Section 6 "Communication"	Revisions Fall 2012

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O	Use of Service Animals and Support Persons	Deadline: January 1, 2010
AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 4	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
a person with a disability accompanied by a guide dog or other service animal shall be permitted to enter the premises with the animal and to keep the animal with him or her unless the	The use of service animals is incorporated into the policy: "Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities" – Section 8	01/2010
animal is excluded by law from the premises.		Revisions Fall 2012
if a service animal is excluded from the premises, the provider of goods or services shall ensure that other measures are available to enable the person with the disability to obtain, use or benefit from the provider's good or services.	This is articulated in the policy: "Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities" – Section 8	Revised Fall 2012

ACDA Standards / Basulation Reference C	Use of Service Animals and Support Persons	Deadline: January 1, 2010
AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 4 (continued)	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
a person with a disability accompanied by a support person the provider of goods or services shall ensure that both persons are	The use of support persons is incorporated into the policy: "Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities" – Section 9	01/2010
permitted to enter the premises together and that the person with a disability is not prevented from having access to the support person while on the premises.		Revisions Fall 2012
provider of goods or services may require a	This is articulated within the policy:	01/2010
person with a disability to be accompanied by a	"Provision of University Goods and Services to	
support person when on the premises, but only if	Persons with Disabilities " – Section 9	
a support person is necessary to protect the		Revisions 2012
health or safety of the person with a disability or		
the health or safety of others on the premises.		
provider of goods or services shall ensure that	This is articulated within the policy:	01/2010
notice is given in advance about any fee for	"Provision of University Goods and Services to	
admission to premises in respect to the support	Persons with Disabilities" – Section 9	
person		Revisions 2012
provider of goods or services shall prepare one	This is articulated within the policy:	01/2010
or more documents describing its policies and	"Provision of University Goods and Services to	
practices and procedures with respect to the	Persons with Disabilities"	
matters governed by this section and, upon		Revisions 2012
request, shall give a copy of a document to any		
person.		

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 5	Notice of Temporary Disruption	Deadline: January 1, 2010
	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
if in order to obtain, use or benefit from a provider's goods or services, persons with disabilities usually use particular facilities or services and if there is a temporary disruption in those facilities or services, whether in whole or in part, the provider shall give notice of the disruption to the public. Notice of the disruption must include information about the reason for the disruption, anticipated duration of the disruption and a description of alternative facilities or services, if any, that are available	 University will provide notice of service disruption (including information, reason, anticipated duration, and alternative services) on appropriate websites/services University will provide notice of service disruption (including information, reason, anticipated duration, and alternative services) on the premises 	 Marketing and Communications Completed: January 1, 2014 Physical Plant Completed: January 1, 2014
Notice may be given by posting the information	This is incorporated into the policy:	01/2010
at a conspicuous place on premises owned or	"Provision of University Goods and Services to	Revisions Fall 2012
operated by the provider of goods or services, by posting it on the provider's website, or by such other method as is reasonable in the circumstances.	Persons with Disabilities"	
provider of goods or services shall prepare one	This is incorporated into the policy:	01/2010
or more documents describing its policies and	Replaced with "Provision of University Goods and	Revisions Fall 2012
practices and procedures with respect to the	Services to Persons with Disabilities"	
matters governed by this section and, upon		
request, shall give a copy of a document to any		
person.		

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 6	Training for Staff	Deadline: January 1, 2010
	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
 every provider of goods or services shall ensure that the following persons receive training about the provision of its goods or services to persons with disabilities: every person who deals with members of the public or other third parties on behalf of the provider, whether the person is an employee, agent, volunteer or otherwise every person who participates in 	Training for Staff on the provision of the University's goods or services to persons with disabilities is articulated in the University policy "Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities." The policy articulates to whom the training is provided.	03/2010 Revisions Fall 2012
developing the provider's policies, practices and procedures governing the provision of goods or services to members of the public or other third parties	The type of training provided and the content thereof	03/2010
training must include a review of the purposes of the Act and the requirements of this Regulation and instruction about the following:	The type of training provided and the content thereof is articulated in the University policy "Provision of Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities"	
 how to interact and communicate with persons with various types of disabilities how to interact with persons with disabilities who use an assistive device or require the assistance of a guide dog or other service animal or the assistance of a support person 		Revisions Fall 2012
 how to use equipment or devices available on the provider's premises or otherwise provided by the provider that may help with the provision of goods or services to a person with a disability what to do if a person with a particular type of disability is having difficulty accessing the provider's goods or services 		

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 6 (continued)	Training for Staff	Deadline: January 1, 2010
	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
training must be provided to each person as	Timing of training is incorporated into Section 11 of	01/2010
soon as is practicable after he or she is assigned	University policy "Provision of University Goods and	
the applicable duties	Services to Persons with Disabilities"	Revisions Fall 2012
training must be provided on an on-going basis	On-going training is incorporated into Section 11 of	01/2010
in connection with changes to the policies,	University policy: "Provision of University Goods and	
practices and procedures governing the provision	Services to Persons with Disabilities"	Revisions Fall 2012
of goods or services to persons with disabilities		
provider of goods or services shall prepare one	Training for staff is incorporated into overall policy	01/2010
or more documents describing its policies and	under Section 11 of the University policy: "Provision of	
practices and procedures with respect to the	University Goods and Services to Persons with	Revisions Fall 2012
matters governed by this section and, upon	Disabilities"	
request, shall give a copy of a document to any		
person.		
provider of goods or services shall keep records	Keeping a record of training is incorporated into	01/2010
of the training provided under this section,	Section 11 of the University policy: "Provision of	
including the dates on which the training is	University Goods and Services to Persons with	Revisions Fall 2012
provided and the number of individuals to whom	Disabilities"	
it is provided		

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 7	Feedback process for providers of goods or services	Deadline: January 1, 2010
	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
every provider of goods or services shall	Communication about a feedback process is	01/2010
establish a process for receiving and responding	incorporated into the policy: "Provision of University	
to feedback about the manner in which	Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities"	Revisions Fall 2012
it provides goods or services to persons with		
disabilities and shall make information about the		
process readily available to the public		
feedback process must permit persons to	Incorporated into section 12 of the policy: "Provision	01/2010
provide their feedback in person, by telephone, in	of University Goods and Services to Persons with	
writing, or by delivering an electronic text by	Disabilities"	Revisions Fall 2012
email or otherwise		
feedback process must specify the actions that	Incorporated into section 12 of original policy:	01/2010
the provider of goods or services is required to	"Provision of University Goods and Services to	
take if a complaint is received	Persons with Disabilities"	Revisions Fall 2012
provider of goods or services shall prepare one	Feedback process is incorporated into overall policy	01/2010
or more documents describing its policies and	under Section 12 of the University policy: "Provision of	
practices and procedures with respect to the	University Goods and Services to Persons with	Revisions Fall 2012
matters governed by this section and, upon	Disabilities"	
request, shall give a copy of a document to any		
person.		

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 8	Notice of availability of documents	Deadline: January 1, 2010
	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
shall notify persons to whom it provides goods or services that the documents required by this Regulation are available upon request.	Public notice regarding the availability of documentation and the University's policy arising from the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Regulation (429/07) is posted on the University website. The policy "Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities" incorporates the availability and format of documents. This is posted on the Accessibility website.	Fall 2012
Notice of availability of documents must be given by posting the information at a conspicuous place on premises, by posting it on the provider's website, or by such other method as is reasonable in the circumstances.	See above	Fall 2012

AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O	Format of Documents	Deadline: January 1, 2010
AODA Standards / Regulation Reference O. Reg.429/07, s. 9	COMMENTS	COMPLIANCE DATE (mm/yyyy)
if a provider of goods or services is required by this Regulation to give a copy of a document to a person with a disability, the provider shall give the person the document, or the information contained in the document, in a format that takes into account the person's disability.	Appropriate format of documents is articulated in the policy: "Provision of University Goods and Services to Persons with Disabilities"	Revisions Fall 2012
the provider of goods or services and the person with a disability may agree upon the format to be used for the document or information	See above	Revisions Fall 2012

Algoma University's Timelines for Compliance with the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service (429/07) and the Integrated Accessibility Standards (191/11)

Conclusion

Over the past ten years, Algoma University has made improvements towards improving accessibility within the Algoma community. We will continue our efforts in ensuring that we meet the accessibility needs of our campus community. This will be done in consultation with all university stakeholders including students, staff and faculty. The implementation of our continued and collective efforts will evolve while meeting the provincial standards of accessibility.

The Algoma community is committed to ensuring that we continue to address accessibility issues on our campus and that the importance of removing barriers of accessibility is communicated with the expectation of providing for a safe environment.

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan provides the university with a guideline of initiatives and strategies to mitigate barriers to accessibility while promoting an accessible university community which is conducive to learning.