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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II Updates and How They Apply to Technology in Higher Education

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Overview Of ADA

- Civil Rights law with 5 parts (called titles)
- We are focused on Title II.
  - Government Services, E.G. Community Colleges.

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ADA Title II Update

Sets a Technical Standard

Compliance date for CCCs: April 24, 2026

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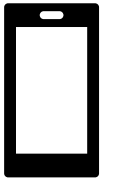
Content Included in ADA Title II Update

- Websites, web content, and web applications

- Mobile applications

- Documents, presentations, spreadsheets

- Videos

- Social Media (including linked content)

- Course content (including LMS content)

- 3rd Party Content

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Effects of the Update

Addresses the increasing reliance on digital services

Clear and measurable standards

Enforcing Compliance should be easier

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Current Digital Access Rights Enforcement

| General Principles (non-discrimination) | Program Accessibility (services) | Effective Communication |

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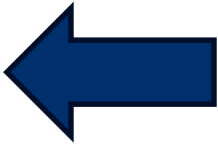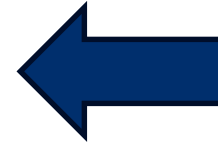
Poll Questions 1 and 2

Does an online Spanish course that lacks appropriate language markup on the pages in Spanish violate the rule?

- Yes ⬅
- No

Do PDF files containing information about a colleges extended ed offerings that lack programmatic tag structure and appropriate table headers violate the rule?

- Yes ⬅
- No

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Poll Questions 3 and 4

Does an instructor's personal site they use to teach their courses that cannot be navigated by a keyboard alone violate the rule?

- Yes ⬅
- No

Do the use of email blasts and postings on an online student club portal conveying information about student events and services that are image-only violate the rule?

- Yes ⬅
- No

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ADA Title II Update Takeaways for CCC's

- Existing web and mobile content
- Are responsible for vendor products and services
- Separate is not equal for creating accessible alternative versions

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The CCCAC Provides Support

WebAIM's Accessible Documents Course	Self-paced Courses	Live trainings and workshops
Guidance across the CCC	Accessibility tools	Accessibility Capability Maturity Model implementation

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Global Accessibility Awareness Day

CCC Accessibility Center
- All Day Webinar Series
- May 15, 2025 – 9am-4:30pm
- Some Topics
  - DECT
  - AI and Accessibility
  - Screen Readers vs Text to Speech Literacy Tools

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