

What You Need to Know

Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 191/11 – Integrated Accessibility Standards under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) requires designated public sector organizations to have a multi-year accessibility plan in place which documents the organization’s strategy to prevent and remove accessibility barriers.

Organizations must establish, review and update these plans in consultation with persons with disabilities and when applicable, with a municipal accessibility advisory committee.

Plans must be updated at least once every five years and a status report must be completed on an annual basis. The plan and status report must be posted on the organization’s website and be available in an accessible format upon request.

This form includes information to help designated public sector organizations comply with section 4 of the Regulation.

General Disclaimer

This document is provided for general information only as a sample reference to assist organizations in meeting their obligations under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*. Each organization is responsible for understanding and complying with its legal obligations and developing its own policies, procedures and material based on its particular situation. Users are encouraged to seek independent advice and the Government of Ontario, in providing public information on accessibility is not responsible for its usage.

What should you do once you have developed your multi-year accessibility plan?

Regulation 191/11	Requirement	What to do?	In Compliance?
Section 4 (1)	Post plan on website and make it available in an accessible format upon request.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure your organization's plan is posted online Website Link https://senhosp.ca/accessibility.html	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communicate that your plan is available in alternate formats upon request Sample To request an alternate format of this plan, please contact [person/email/phone number]	
Section 4 (1)	Review and update the plan at least once every five years.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Determine when your plan was created and/or when was the last time it was updated Date of Plan Creation (yyyy/mm/dd) <hr/> Date of Last Review/Update (yyyy/mm/dd) 2022/09/16 <hr/> Date of Next Review/Update (yyyy/mm/dd) 2022/09/30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Regulation 191/11	Requirement	What to do?	In Compliance?
Section 4 (2)	Review and update the accessibility plan in consultation with persons with disabilities and an accessibility advisory committee (if one has been established).	<p>Determine if you need to establish an accessibility advisory committee. Is your organization a municipality with 10,000 residents or more?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes,</p> <p>All municipalities with 10,000 residents or more must have a local or joint accessibility advisory committee and involve it in your planning process. Most of the committee members have to be people with disabilities.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consult with persons with disabilities and an accessibility advisory committee (if applicable) when reviewing and updating your accessibility plan. Consider documenting how you complete your consultations in your accessibility policies or in the annual status report for your multi-year accessibility plan.</p> <p><u>Learn more about how municipalities must work with accessibility advisory committees to identify and break down barriers for people with disabilities in their communities.</u></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Section 4 (3)	Prepare and post an annual status report on measures taken to implement the plan. Make the annual status report available in an accessible format upon request.	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Track the organization's progress in implementing the plan annually Last Annual Status Report 2022-09-18</p> <hr/> <p>See Annual Status Report template</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure your organization's annual status report is posted online Website Link https://senhosp.ca/accessibility.html</p> <hr/> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communicate that the annual status report is available in alternate formats upon request</p> <p>Sample</p> <p>To request an alternate format of this annual status report, please contact [person/email/phone number].</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Designated Public Sector Annual Status Report Template

Sensenbrenner Hospital

Annual Status Report

Name of Organization

Sensenbrenner Hospital

has established a multi-year

Name of Organization

accessibility plan to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility and to meet requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* and the Integrated Accessibility Standards.

This Annual Status Report details the required annual update for (year) 2022 on the progress of measures taken to improve accessibility. The purpose of this report is to track our organization's progress and make the public aware of our initiatives.

This report is available online at <https://senhosp.ca/accessibility.html>

To request an alternate format of this annual status report, please contact:

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Accessibility Accomplishments in (year) 2022

General Accomplishments Applicable Not applicable

Enter in general initiatives related to accessibility that may or may not be directly related to a regulatory requirement or initiatives that don't fall within a particular standard.

Retrofitted a patient room with bariatric lift, wheelchair, bed, chair and commode for patients up to 1000lbs, all other patient rooms have equipment for up to 600lbs.

Purchased commodes with bigger wheels so they don't tilt as easily;

Customer Service Accomplishments Applicable Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Customer Service Standards. For example, this can include training employees, updating/establishing policies, follow up on feedback received.

Add accessible parking signage and employee parking signage to identify accessible parking spaces in both main parking lot and ER parking lot, increase parking spaces available and make the space larger than they currently are.

To improve accessibility to ER during snowfalls or icy conditions we publicized the availability of the ambulance drive-thru for public use;

Information and Communications Accomplishments Applicable Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Information and Communications Standards. For example, this can include creating accessible documents, updating websites to meet accessibility requirements, developing new policies to ensure information/documents are provided in alternate formats, follow up on feedback.

Upgraded fire alarms system from current audio alarms to both visual and audio alarms for the hearing impaired.

Employment Accomplishments Applicable Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Employment Standards. This can include, for example, accommodating all candidates during the recruitment process and employment life cycle, steps taken to ensure accommodation plans and ensuring employees have accessible emergency information.

Transportation Accomplishments Applicable Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Transportation Standards. This can include, for example, installing signage for priority seating, training staff on appropriate use of a vehicle's accessibility features.

Design of Public Spaces Accomplishments Applicable Not applicable

Enter in initiatives implemented related to the Design of Public Spaces Standards. This can include, for example, installing accessible playgrounds, tactile walking surface indicators and establishing design guidelines that take into account accessibility.

Summary of Consultations Applicable Not applicable

All designated public sector organizations must establish, review and update multi-year accessibility plans in consultation with persons with disabilities and, when applicable, with a municipal accessibility advisory committee. All municipalities with 10,000 and more residents must establish an accessibility advisory committee. Obligated organizations are also required to consult with the public and persons with disabilities when building new trails and outdoor play spaces. Use this section of the report to outline any consultation that took place during the year.

On September 19, 2022 consultation was done with a person in a wheelchair. We walked the ER, parking lot, main entrance, active care unit and main hallways. Recommendations were given for improvements which were added to the current multi-year accessibility plan.

Next Steps

What will be the focus of the new year? Highlight key upcoming initiatives.

Lower mirrors in 3 bathrooms in the ER area.

Remove cupboard in ER washroom and put contents on shelving to increase floor space.

Designate areas for wheelchairs and post handicap signs in both ER waiting room.

Reduce slope of concrete at both main and lab entrances.

Install parking spaces for clients/patients going to the lab or specialty clinic. This is a separate building from the hospital.
