

Statement of Commitment - AODA (Accessibility)

Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre is committed to treating all people with dignity and independence. We believe in integration and equal opportunities.

Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre is committed to supporting the goals of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 ('AODA'). Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre will establish policies, practices and procedures which are consistent with the accessibility standards established under the AODA, to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities.

Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre will ensure that both the regulations and principles of the AODA are adhered to for the following standards:

- Customer Service,
- Information and Communications,
- Employment,
- Built Environment,
- Transportation (as applicable)

To facilitate this commitment, Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre will establish, implement, maintain and document a multi-year accessibility plan outlining its strategy to prevent and remove barriers and meet its requirements under the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation. Accessibility plans will be made available in an accessible format, upon request, and will be posted on our website.

Should you require an alternative format of a this or another document, a copy of AODA documentation, more information or you wish to provide feedback, please contact:

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This document is available in an alternate format upon request.

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

General Requirements

For private sector employers with 50+ employees in Ontario, the following requirements must be met.

Requirement	YES	NO	N/A	Notes/Actions
Establishment of Accessibility Policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop, implement and maintain required accessibility policies Statement of commitment Make policies available to the public 	YES			Sample: Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre has the following policies implemented in the organization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility Policy Accessible Customer Service Policy Information and Communications Standard Policy Employment Standard Policy And a Statement of Commitment - AODA (Accessibility). These policies are available Employee Manual, posted on premises.
Hiring: Ensure job postings are accessible and inform employees and the public of the Employer's commitment to accommodating the needs of people with disabilities in the hiring process. This information must be posted on the Employer's website and included in all job postings.	YES			Sample: Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.
Notify job applicants when they are selected for an interview that accommodation will be provided.	YES			Sample: Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre ensures that each candidate is asked if accommodations are required when contacting an applicant about an interview.
Notify successful applicants of the organization's accommodation policies for accommodating employees with disabilities.	YES			Sample: Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre has an accommodation process in place and provides accommodations for employees with disabilities. If you require a specific accommodation due to a disability or a medical need that you have not yet informed us about, please contact May

				<p>Moloughney General Manager - Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre / Centre East, Suite 502-1355 Bank street, Ottawa On K1H 8K7, 613 738 1584, mmoloughney@ottawacvcentre.com so that arrangements can be made for the appropriate accommodations to be in place before you begin your employment.</p>
<p>Inform employees about the organization's policies to support people with disabilities. Inform new employees when they are hired, and inform all employees if the policies are updated or changed.</p>	YES			<p>Sample: To distribute this information, Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre uses the following (or any other method preferred by employees):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Websites ● Bulletin boards ● Staff meetings ● One-on-one conversations <p>Insert other methods of distributing information about Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre' Accessibility policies and practices as applicable.</p>
<p>Providing Accessible Workplace Information: Workplace information must be provided in an accessible format upon employee request. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any information necessary for employees to perform their jobs (e.g., job descriptions and manuals). ● General information available to all employees at work (e.g., company newsletters, organization-wide memos, and bulletins regarding company policies and health and safety information). 	YES			<p>Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre should engage in discussions with employees with disabilities to determine their preferred information delivery methods and how information can be made accessible.</p>
<p>Self-Service Kiosks</p>			N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Incorporate accessibility features when designing, procuring or acquiring self-service kiosks.
<p>Providing Individualized Workplace Emergency Response Information: Emergency information must be made accessible and a plan must be developed to help employees with disabilities during an emergency.</p>	YES			<p>A document is posted in the workplace advising employees with a disability of the availability of individual workplace emergency response plans and who to contact so they may make arrangements to complete the plan.</p>

<p>As an employer, if you know an employee might need help in an emergency due to a permanent or temporary disability, you must provide individualized emergency response information to the employee. For example, how an employee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who uses a wheelchair can safely exit a building in the event of a fire • With a hearing disability, who cannot hear an alarm, will be notified in the event of an emergency • With a visual disability will identify and navigate emergency escape routes • With an invisible disability, such as a heart condition that prevents them from using stairs, will evacuate a building during an emergency 			<p>Insert Accessibility Plan/protocol for emergency response procedures specific to employees with disabilities.</p> <p>With the employee’s consent, share this information with the people designated to help them in an emergency Clinic Manager</p> <p>Review the employee’s emergency response information when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The employee changes work locations • You review the employee’s overall accommodation needs • You review the organization’s general emergency response policies
<p>Managing Performance, Career Development, And Redeployment:</p> <p>If you have performance management or career development processes, you must consider the needs of an employee with disabilities when you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold formal or informal performance reviews • Promote or move them to a new job <p>If you do not have a formal or informal performance management program, you do not have to create one.</p>	<p>YES</p>		<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making documents available in accessible formats (for example, large print for people with low vision) • Providing feedback and coaching in a way that is accessible to them (for example, allowing someone with a learning disability to record the conversation) • Providing the accommodations they need to successfully learn new skills or take on more responsibilities
<p>Feedback: Ensure that processes for receiving and responding to feedback are accessible to persons with disabilities.</p>	<p>YES</p>		<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing or arranging for accessible formats to give persons with disabilities the required channels for giving, receiving and responding to feedback. • Upon request, providing accessible communication supports. For example, if feedback is given or received through written methods, providing alternative methods such as text-to-screen softwares, allowing

				employees to give or receive feedback via verbal communication, etc.
<p>Accommodation Plans: You must develop and write a process for creating accommodation plans for employees with disabilities. This process must be documented and should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How an employee participates in the development of their individual accommodation plan • How an employee is assessed on an individual basis • How an employee can ask for a representative from the workplace to participate in the development of the accommodation plan (as applicable) • How Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre, as an employer, can request assistance from an outside expert, at your expense • The steps you will take to protect the privacy of the employee's personal information • How and when you will provide the employee with their personalized accommodation plan • The schedule for when and how the plan will be reviewed and updated • How you will tell an employee that their individual accommodation plan has not been accepted • How you will provide the plan in an accessible format 	YES			<p>A document is posted in the workplace advising employees with a disability of the availability of individual accommodation response plans and who to contact so they may make arrangements to complete the plan.</p> <p>Insert Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre's process for developing Accessibility plans, where Accessibility Plans may be located/where it will be documented. Insert:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How you will provide workplace information in an accessible format, if requested • How you will provide accessible emergency information, if needed • Any other accommodation that is to be provided <p>You and the employee with a disability must collaboratively determine and implement the appropriate accommodation measures.</p>
<p>Return-to-Work Process:</p> <p>This requirement does not replace or override any other return-to-work process made under any other law (e.g., WSIA).</p> <p>You must develop and write a process to support employees who have been absent from work due to a disability and require disability-related accommodations to return to work.</p>				<p>Insert Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre's return to work process for employees who require disability-related accommodations to return to work.</p> <p>Insert location where return-to-work plans are documented and the name/title of the individual responsible for implementing them.</p>

<p>Submit an Accessibility Compliance Report:</p> <p>Businesses or nonprofits with 20 or more employees are required to submit an accessibility compliance report every three years.</p> <p>The report confirms adherence to current accessibility requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).</p>			<p>Insert Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre’s previously submitted Accessibility Compliance report, the next date on which a report must be submitted, where Accessibility Compliance Reports are documented, and who is responsible for creating, submitting, and documenting them.</p> <p>Also, how you make the report accessible and public.</p>
<p>Training: Accessibility training which meets AODA requirements must be provided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All employees and volunteers (paid and unpaid, full-time, part-time and contract positions) as soon as possible after joining the organization ● Anyone involved in developing your organization’s policies (including managers, senior leaders, directors, board members and owners) ● Anyone who provides goods, services or facilities to clients/customers on your organization’s behalf 			<p>Accessibility training provided to employees of Ottawa Cardiovascular Centre must cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the purpose of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act ● an overview of the requirements of the customer service standard ● your organization’s policy on providing accessible customer service ● how to interact with people with various types of disabilities ● how to interact with people who use an assistive device or require the assistance of a service animal or support person ● information on how to use any equipment or devices available in your organization to help provide goods, services or facilities to people with disabilities (for example, screen readers, lifts, TTY phone line) ● what to do if a person with a disability is having difficulty accessing your organization’s goods, services or facilities ● the accessibility standards and the Ontario Human Rights Code as it relates to people with disabilities ● any changes or updates to the organization's accessibility policies ● any accessibility training pertaining to the employees responsibilities or job duties <p>Insert where written training records are documented, maintained, and who is responsible for administering training.</p>

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