

## Web Content and Mobile App Accessibility Compliance Deadlines Extended by One Year

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As outlined in our January 2026 eUpdate, found [here](#), the Department of Justice, in April 2024, issued a Final Rule requiring local governments to make their websites and mobile applications accessible for purposes of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Specifically, the Final Rule required local governments, beginning in April 2026, to comply with the technical standards of the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines](#) (“WCAG”) Version 2.1, Level AA. Importantly, however, the Department of Justice has now issued an [Interim Final Rule](#) delaying implementation of the Final Rule by one year.

Explaining the reasons for the Interim Final Rule, the Department of Justice stated that compliance concerns raised by public entities and special interest groups were “compelling”, and, further, that it “overestimated the capabilities (whether staffing or technology) of covered entities to comply with the [final] rule in the time frames provided.” The Department indicated further challenges including that, “Advanced technology, such as generative AI, does not yet reliably automate the remediation of inaccessible content at scale, and staff resources and availability”.

The Interim Final Rule extends each of the compliance deadlines for the accessibility of web content and mobile apps outlined in the April 2024 Final Rule *by one year*. Municipalities with 50,000 or more residents will now be required to comply beginning [April 26, 2027](#), and municipalities with smaller populations will be required to comply beginning [April 26, 2028](#). Compliance dates for counties, regional transit authorities, regional school districts, and housing authorities will still be based upon the total population of the entity’s service area. Other types of governmental entities, classified as “special district governments,” must comply with these requirements by April 26, 2028.

The Department states that it anticipates future rulemaking with respect to the Final Rule and is considering issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NRPM”) to provide an opportunity for input. At this time, however, no NPRM has issued and no substantive changes have been made to the substance of the Final Rule. For now, local government entities have additional time to work towards compliance.

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