AODA: Roots of Empathy Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYP)



Based on guidelines as outlined in Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR)

PART I - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

This section of the regulation requires Roots of Empathy to:

- Develop accessibility policies and a multi-year accessibility plan
- Report annually on the progress of the multi-year plan
- Ensure staff and volunteers have been trained on the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation and the Ontario Human Rights Code

Regulatory Requirement	Deliverables	Progress to Date (Actions)	Champion/ Due Date	Status
Develop accessibility policies Develop, implement and maintain policies about what your organization will do to meet the IASR requirements and become more accessible Statement of commitment Make policies available to public	Create an AODA Policy Document/Manual to incorporate statement of commitment and plans to meet IASR requirements with volunteers	IASR Policy Manual has been created and various docs which now include AODA-related statements are housed in AODA workgroups folder	AODA Committee Jan 1, 2014	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
Develop a multi-year accessibility plan Establish, implement, maintain and document a multi-year accessibility plan Post multi-year accessibility plan on website and provide in an accessibly format, upon request	 This plan to be developed and vetted before December 12, 2014 Link to plan to be included in web statement 	 Initial MYP complete mandatory review will take place within five years Updates will be documented and disseminated as required 	AODA Committee Jan 1, 2014	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
Training Ensure that training on IASR and Human Rights Code as it pertains to persons with disabilities is provided to employees, volunteers, agents, contractors and third parties acting on behalf of ROE; and person who participate in developing policies and others who provide goods, services or facilities on behalf of ROE	Define a training procedure to ensure all staff, contractors and volunteers participate in training as required, and it is formally documented	All employee training has been logged/filed and ongoing training will be offered Log kept on network drive, accessible to AODA committee and HR Procedures and commitment included in IASR Policy Manual	AODA Committee Jan 1, 2014	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete



PART II - INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION STANDARDS

This section of the regulation includes requirements related to:

- Accessible websites and web content
- Accessible feedback processes
- Accessible formats and communication supports

Regulatory Requirement	Deliverables	Progress to Date (Actions)	Champion/ Due Date	Status
Accessible websites & web content Websites and web content to confirm to WCAG 2.0 Level A/AA Statement of commitment Make policies available to public	Follow customized guidelines to ensure websites & content comply Post statement of commitment, access to plan and documentation, and opportunities for feedback on website	Separate list of actions to be completed provided here Statement on website, but needs to be tweaked to include links to documentation and guidelines for feedback	Comm, IT and VTI Due dates: Level A: Jan 1, 2014 Level AA: Jan 1, 2021	IncompleteIn progressComplete
 Feedback processes Ensure processes for receiving and responding to feedback are accessible to all by arranging for accessible formats & communication supports, upon request Notify public of availability of accessible formats and communication supports 	 Establish protocols for triaging AODA requests as they arrive through mail@roe.org Document procedures and include in manual 	Subfolder named "AODA" created in mail@roe.org to monitor feedback and correspondence Frequency of AODA requests/ feedback will be monitored, and more formal structures created as required	AODA Committee Jan 1, 2015	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
Accessible formats & communication supports Upon request, provide for provision of accessible formats and communication supports for persons with disabilities Notify public of availability of accessible formats and communication supports	 Define which documents will need to be made accessible, and how to go about making them so Define where to place/how to make available to public 	Select documents, including IASR Policy and MYP, will be converted to audio files and accessible upon request (request can be made through feedback link on website)	AODA Committee Jan 1, 2016	IncompleteIn progressComplete
 Emergency procedures, plans or public safety information Emergency procedures, plans or public safety information, to be provided in an accessible format or with appropriate communication supports, upon request 	Create procedures for informing public of unexpected building closures, emergencies, etc. on website, at physical location, etc.	Procedures formalized for SET to inform Managers, who then inform staff of procedures, plans and safety information	AODA Committee Jan 1, 2012	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete



PART III- EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

This section of the regulation includes requirements related to:

- Recruitment, Assessment and selection
- Accessible formats and communication supports for employees
- Workplace emergency response
- Return to work processes
- Performance management, career development and redeployment

Regulatory Requirement	Deliverables	Progress to Date (Actions)	Champion/ Due Date	Status
Notify employees and the public about the availability of accommodation for applicants with disabilities in the recruitment process	Include statement of commitment on all job postings and website	 Statement created and included on all job postings and on Careers page of website (French translation required for French site) 	Human Resources Jan1, 2016	IncompleteIn progressComplete
Recruitment, assessment, or selection process Notify job applicants that accommodations are available in relation to the materials or processes used during the recruitment process, upon request	Include statement of commitment on all job postings and website Create accommodation procedure and list in IASR Policy Manual	Statement created and included on all job postings and on website Statement of commitment and procedures has been created in IASR	Human Resources Jan1, 2016	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
Notice to successful applications When making an offer of employment, notify successful applicants of policies for accommodating employees with disabilities	Create accommodation procedure and list in IASR Policy Manual	Statement of commitment and/or templates for job posting and later correspondence with candidates created in IASR	Human Resources Jan 1, 2016	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
 Informing employees of support Inform employees of policies used to support employees with disabilities as soon as practicable Information provided to new employees as soon as practicable after employment Information to be updated and employees informed whenever there is a change to existing policies re. accommodations taking into account AODA 	Create accommodation procedure Provide information regarding specific accommodations as new employee begins work (during orientation) Keep employees up-to-date on changes to existing policies on job accommodations with respect to AODA	Statement of commitment to inform employees, as required, has been created in IASR Employee Policy Manual includes IASR Policy within it, and will be provided to all employees during orientation Updates to Employee Policy Manual, including IASR updates, will be disseminated as required	Human Resources Jan 1, 2016	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete



PART III- EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS (continued)

Regulatory Requirement	Deliverables	Progress to Date (Actions)	Champion/ Due Date	Status
Accessible formats & communication supports for employees Upon request, employer will provide or arrange for provision of accessible formats and communication supports for information required for employee with a disability (both general information and job-specific)	Define these requirements and our policy/procedures for accommodating in the policy manual	Statement of commitment has been included in the Roots of Empathy Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy	Human Resources Jan1, 2016	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
Workplace emergency response information Provide individualized workplace emergency response information to those who have a disability, as required	Define these requirements and our policy/procedures for accommodating in the policy manual	Statement of commitment has been included in the Roots of Empathy Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy	Human Resources Jan 1, 2012	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
Documented individual accommodation plans Develop and make accessible a process for the development of documented individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities	Define these requirements and our policy/procedures for accommodating in the policy manual	Statement of commitment has been included in the Roots of Empathy Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy	Human Resources Jan 1, 2016	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
Develop and make accessible a return-to-work process for employees who have been absent from work due to a disability and subsequently require related accommodations to return to work	Define these requirements and our policy/procedures for accommodating in the policy manual	Protocols have been included in the Roots of Empathy Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy	Human Resources Jan 1, 2016	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete
Performance management, career development and redeployment Accessibility needs and accommodation plans to be taken into account as part of performance management process, career development opportunities and considering redeployment	Define these requirements and our policy/procedures for accommodating in the policy manual	Statement of commitment has been included in the Roots of Empathy Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy	Human Resources Jan 1, 2016	o Incomplete o In progress ✓ Complete