

ONE-PAGE QUICK START

The ADA AV Compliance Checklist

A fast way to see where your facility stands against the 2026 ADA Title II digital accessibility rule and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Walk through each item below. Any box you can't check with confidence belongs on your remediation plan.

APRIL 24, 2026 — PUBLIC ENTITIES
50,000+

APRIL 26, 2027 — SMALLER ENTITIES &
DISTRICTS

STANDARD: **WCAG 2.1
LEVEL AA**

Assembly Spaces & Assistive Listening ADA §219

- Inventoried** every assembly area with audio amplification (classrooms, chambers, auditoriums, courtrooms, theaters).
- Calculated** minimum receiver count per Section 219.3 for each space.
- Confirmed** 25% of receivers are hearing-aid compatible via neckloop (min. 2 per space).
- Posted** International Symbol of Access for Hearing Loss signage at each assembly area entrance.
- Tested** signal-to-noise ratio and sound pressure level per Section 706 at the assessment date.
- Documented** system type (loop / FM / IR / Wi-Fi) and service contract for every location.

Captions, Transcripts & Video WCAG 1.2

- All pre-recorded** video on your website, LMS, and socials has accurate, synchronized captions (not auto-only).
- All live events** (classes, meetings, livestreams) include real-time captioning at CART-quality accuracy.
- Audio-only** content (podcasts, announcements) has text transcripts.
- Audio description** available for video where visual content is essential.
- Third-party embeds** (YouTube, Vimeo, vendor tools) reviewed for caption compliance.

Emergency & Life Safety ADA + NFPA

- Visual alerts** (strokes, text displays) in every space a hearing person would hear an alarm.
- Text-to-phone** mass notification covers all classrooms, offices, labs, residence halls, and public areas.
- Multiple formats** for emergency info: audio, text, visual, and translated.

Digital & Web Content WCAG 2.1 AA

- Website** passes WCAG 2.1 AA audit (automated + manual + assistive tech testing).
- Mobile app(s)** meet WCAG 2.1 AA and support screen readers, voice control, zoom.
- PDFs, Word docs, PPTs** on public-facing pages are tagged and screen-reader friendly.
- LMS content** (Canvas, Blackboard, D2L) accessible; faculty trained on accessible course design.
- Digital forms** tested with keyboard-only and screen reader — no traps, all labels present.
- Accessibility statement** published on site with feedback channel and ADA Coordinator contact.

Physical AV Hardware ADA §704-§707

- Interactive displays** on motorized lifts where wheelchair users need access.
- Control interfaces** operable with one hand, no tight grasping or twisting required.
- PA & paging** speech intelligibility tested; supplemented with visual paging where required.
- Wayfinding** signage uses high contrast, non-glare finish, correct mounting height (min. 40 in.).

Governance & Documentation DOJ Audit

- ADA Coordinator** named and publicly listed contact info.
- Written plan** phased remediation/budget by fiscal year.
- Procurement policy** requires WCAG 2.1 AA compliance from all vendors.
- Staff training** on accessibility within last 12 months.
- Grant funding** identified/documentated for eligible projects.
- Audit-ready file** with receiver counts, test reports, compliance certificates maintained.

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