Checklist: The Accessibility Standard for Customer Service

The Manitoba government's Accessibility Standard for Customer Service is now law in Manitoba. All public sector organizations with at least one employee are required provide customer service that is accessible to all Manitobans.

The Accessibility Standard for Customer Service requires you to create and act on policies, practices and measures in the areas listed below. Place a check mark beside the items below that you have acted on so you know if you meet the Accessibility Standard for Customer Service.

We meet communication needs by offering to communicate in different ways, such as writing things down, reading things out loud, and taking extra time to explain things.
We accommodate the use of assistive devices, such as wheelchairs and communication or hearing devices.
We welcome support persons and we let the public know in advance if support persons have to pay admission or service fees. Where possible, we do not charge admission or other fees to service people.
We allow service animals in all public areas.
We maintain our accessibility features so they can be used as intended, like ensuring automatic doors are working properly or keeping aisles and entryways clear of clutter.
We let the public know when and why an accessibility feature is temporarily unavailable by putting up on-site signs or posting information online. We include information on how long the feature will be unavailable, and whether there are other ways to access our goods and services.
We welcome and respond promptly to feedback we receive on the accessibility of our goods and services. We document the actions we take to respond to the feedback we receive, and that information is available upon request.
We provide the required training on accessible customer service to employees, volunteers and management.
We keep a written record of accessibility and training policies, including a summary of our training materials and when our training is offered. We also let the public know that our accessibility and training policies are available on request.
We make our public events accessible, including meetings, hearings and consultations.
*Note: Not a requirement for smaller municipalities.

Accessibility benefits all Manitobans.

This information is available in alternate formats on request. Please contact the Disabilities Issues Office at <u>DIO@gov.mb.ca</u> or 204-945-7613 or toll free at 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7613. Visit our website at <u>www.AccessibilityMB.ca</u>

For more information on public sector organizations and The Accessibility for Manitobans Act, please see Public Sector.

Legal disclaimer: This information complements the application of the regulations under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA) and is not legal advice. For certainty, please refer to the <u>AMA</u> and the <u>Customer Service Standard Regulation</u>.

