

# LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. AODA Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2024 - 2029

#### **Accessibility Plan Introduction**

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is an organization that is subject to the provisions of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA); its purpose is to ensure greater accessibility for Ontarians of all abilities. Since becoming law, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has been required to comply with its provisions, which are being phased in between 2010 and 2025. The AODA is Ontario's roadmap to become barrier-free by 2025. It includes accessibility standards in:

- Customer service;
- Information and communications;
- Employment;
- Transportation; and,
- Design of public spaces.

Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), organizations located in Ontario, including LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC., are required to develop multi-year accessibility plans in support of making Ontario accessible by 2025. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC's first multi-year accessibility plan (Accessibility Plan) covered the period of 2012 – 2017.

This updated Accessibility Plan outlines LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC.'s compliance with the AODA and the requirements set by the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) between 2018 and beyond. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to fulfilling our requirements under the AODA and making its premises and services accessible to all Ontarians. This plan is reviewed and revised as part of a regular review cycle with updated versions to be released no later than every five (5) years.

This Accessibility Plan is available to all LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. employees and the public via our external website and can be requested in an accessible format at no charge using the contact information at the end of this document.

In accordance with the requirements set out in the IASR, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will:

- Establish, review and update this plan in consultation with persons with disabilities;
- Post this plan on our website
- Report as required on its website on the progress of the implementation of this plan;
- Provide this plan in an accessible format, upon request; and
- Review and update this plan at least once every five (5) years.

**Statement of Commitment** 

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to ensuring equal access and participation for people of all abilities. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. recognizes disability as defined by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Whether an individual's disability be physical, mental, developmental, a learning disability, permanent or temporary, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. believes that everyone should be treated with courtesy, made to feel welcome, and have their need for disability-related accommodation respected whenever they access LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. services and/or facilities.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. believes in integration; we will achieve this by removing and preventing barriers to accessibility, and by meeting our accessibility requirements under Ontario's accessibility legislation to provide a more accessible environment for all.

Between 2011-2017, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. initiated compliance procedures regarding the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service regulation and continues to make significant progress in identifying and removing barriers as they pertained to the Customer Service Standard. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. complied with the requirements of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation in the areas of employment, information and communications and website compliancy.

Summarized below are the accessibility initiatives LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has implemented over the past few years, as a result of the Customer Service Standard and the Integrated Standards Regulation compliancy as well as LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC.'s company initiatives to become an industry leader in accessibility.

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will cover all requirements under both the AODA Customer Service and Integrated Accessibility Standard. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. strives to exceed expectations and position the company as an industry leader in accessibility.

# **Customer Service Standard**

# Status: Complete/Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has developed policies to comply with Regulation 429/07 of the AODA – Accessibility Standards for Customer Service. Regulation 429/07 sets out guidelines for preventing and removing barriers to accessibility to improve the customer services of agencies. Regulation 429/07 required private organizations to comply with the Customer Service Standard as of January 1, 2012.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to excellence in serving all customers including persons with disabilities. We have put the customer service policies into practice as required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. Customer Service Standard Policy outlines our commitment to accessibility and status of achievements for each area of the Customer Service Standard.

# **Customer Service Achievements:**

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has created and put in place a customer service plan that:

- Considers a person's disability when communicating with them
- Allows assistive devices in the workplace, like wheelchairs, walkers and oxygen tanks
- Allows service animals
- Welcomes support persons
- Lets customers know when accessible services aren't available
- Invites customers to provide feedback

### Status: Complete

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has trained staff on accessible customer service and has created an ongoing process to train new staff with regard to the customer service standard.

#### Status: Complete

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has put the customer service plan in writing and made the plan available to the public and LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. employees.

• The plan will be made available in accessible formats, if requested

# Status: Complete/Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to comply with the customer service standard by filing accessibility reports as required.

## Status: Ongoing

## **Employment Standard: Workplace Emergency Response Information**

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to providing the customers and clients with publicly available emergency information in an accessible way upon request. We will also provide employees with disabilities with individualized emergency response information when necessary.

#### Status: Complete

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has created a process for documenting accessibility issues for employees and for documenting individualized workplace emergency response information, to comply with the AODA Employment Standard: Workplace Emergency Response Information.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has communicated with all existing employees the option to create and document individualized emergency plans for those with accessibility issues in the event of an emergency. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has provided all employees with accessibility issues in emergencies individualized workplace emergency response plans.

#### Status: Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to maintaining a safe workplace for all employees and will continue to document workplace emergency plans, and revise and review existing emergency plans, for employees requiring assistance with accessibility in the event of an emergency.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will review the emergency response information when:

- the employee changes work locations;
- we review the employee's overall accommodation needs;
- we review our organization's emergency response policies.

### **General Requirements**

## Training

Status: Complete/Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. provides training to all employees, volunteers and other staff members on Ontario's accessibility laws and on the Ontario Human Rights Code as it relates to people with disabilities. Training will be provided in a way that best suits the duties of employees, volunteers and other staff members. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has taken the following steps to ensure employees are provided with the training needed to meet Ontario's accessible laws by January 1, 2015 and onward for new hires.

1. Deliver training to all LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. employees that provides training on:

- The AODA Customer Service and The Integrated Standards requirements that apply to LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC.
- What you have to do under the Ontario Human Rights Code (related to disabilities)

2. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. provides training to:

- all employees and volunteers, including paid and unpaid positions;
- anyone who is involved in developing the organization's policies, including managers, senior leaders, directors and owners, and;
- anyone who provides goods, services or facilities on the Company's behalf

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. required HR to complete, document and retain records for all mandatory accessibility related training. This information must be available for audit if necessary.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. management is accountable for raising awareness, receiving and circulating information to employees, responding to requests from employees and identifying gaps and barriers to service delivery.

#### Information and Communications Standard

#### Feedback

Status: Complete/Ongoing

To comply with the AODA Customer Service Standard, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has put into place an accessible feedback process to receive and respond to feedback from customers and members of the public who have a disability. This feedback process is monitored for customer and client feedback emails received through LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC.'s website. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has assigned any issues or complaints regarding accessibility to the appropriate area manager for consideration and/or resolution.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC.'s response mechanisms are in place to ensure feedback is dealt with in a timely manner and results in improvement in the way LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. conducts business.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has made the feedback process available to the public and is available in accessible formats on request.

# Status: Complete/Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has taken the following steps to ensure existing feedback processes are accessible to employees with disabilities upon request:

- Create a feedback process to receive and respond to feedback from our employees.
- Make the feedback process accessible in multiple formats, such as telephone, email, mail, and in-person.

# Status: Complete/Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to meeting the communication needs of people with disabilities. We will consult with people with disabilities to determine their information and communication needs.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has taken the following steps to make all new websites and content on those sites conform with WCAG 2.0, Level A.

- Provide text alternatives for any non-text content so that it can be changed into other forms people need, such as large print, Braille, speech, symbols or simpler language.
- Make all functionality available from a keyboard.
- For any moving, blinking or scrolling information that (1) starts automatically, (2) lasts more than five seconds, and (3) is presented in parallel with other content, provide a mechanism for the user to pause, stop, or hide it unless the movement, blinking, or scrolling is part of an activity where it is essential; and
- For any auto-updating information that (1) starts automatically and (2) is presented in parallel with other content, provide a mechanism for the user to pause, stop, or hide it or to control the frequency of the update unless the auto-updating is part of an activity where it is essential.

# Status: Complete/Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will take the following steps to ensure all publicly available information is made accessible upon request.

- Let the public know that we will make information accessible upon request.
- Consult with people who request accessible information to figure out how to meet their needs, as soon as possible.

# Status: Complete/Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has taken the following steps to make all websites and content conform with WCAG 2.0, Level AA:

For Web pages that cause legal commitments or financial transactions for the user to occur, that modify or delete usercontrollable data in data storage systems:

• **Reversible:** Submissions are reversible.

- **Checked:** Data entered by the user is checked for input errors and the user is provided an opportunity to correct them.
- **Confirmed:** A mechanism is available for reviewing, confirming, and correcting information before finalizing the submission.

#### **Employment Standard**

#### Recruitment

### Status: Complete

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to fair and accessible employment practices. We have taken the following steps to notify the public and staff that, when requested, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will accommodate people with disabilities during the recruitment and assessment processes and when people are hired.

- Let job applicants know that we will accommodate disabilities during the selection process.
- If a job applicant requests accommodation, consult with them and make adjustments that best suit their needs.
- Notify successful applicants of our policies for accommodating employees with disabilities.

## **Information for Employees**

## Status: Complete/Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has taken the following steps to ensure employees know about our organization's policies for supporting employees with disabilities. By January 1, 2016, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC:

- Ensured our staff know about our organization's policies for supporting employees with disabilities.
- Informed our employees about these policies when:
  - $\circ$   $\;$  this requirement comes into effect for LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC, and;
  - $\circ$  when we hire new employees;
  - $\circ$  when we change the policies.

# Processes to Accommodate Employees

#### Status: Ongoing

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will take the following steps to develop and put in place a process for developing individual accommodation plans and return-to-work policies for employees that have been absent due to a disability.

- Develop individual accommodation plans and return-to-work policies for employees that have been absent due to a disability.
- Outline the steps we will take to help our employees return to work when they:
  - have been absent because of a disability, and
  - need some form of disability-related accommodation to return to work.

We will take the following steps to ensure the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities are considered. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is using performance management, career development and redeployment processes.

- Make performance management accessible by:
  - Reviewing our employees' accommodation plans to understand their needs and see whether we need to make adjustments to help them succeed;
  - Making performance management documents, such as performance plans, available in accessible formats, such as large print, when asked, and;
  - Providing feedback and coaching employees in a way that is accessible to them.
- When we provide career development opportunities, we will consider what accommodations our employees with disabilities may need to:
  - learn new skills, or;
  - take on more responsibilities in their current position, or;
  - $\circ$  succeed in other positions in our organization when they change jobs.

#### Other

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will take steps to prevent and remove any other accessibility barriers as identified by the public, employees, and clients of LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. as required and requested.

## **Design of Public Spaces**

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will meet the Accessibility Standards for the Design of Public Spaces when building or making major modifications to public spaces. Relevant public spaces include:

• Service-related elements like service counters and waiting areas.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will put the following procedures in place to prevent service disruptions to its accessible parts of its public spaces in accordance with the IASR.

In the event of a service disruption, we will notify the public of the service disruption and alternatives available.

#### Part II: Ongoing Measures

#### **Our Statement of Commitment**

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. endeavours to demonstrate leadership for accessibility in Ontario. Our goal is to ensure accessibility for our employees and the customers/clients we serve in our services, products and facilities. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to focus on and make improvements to accessibility in these areas:

- Customer Service
- Information & Communications/Website
- Employment
- Accessibility Training

At a minimum, these initiatives will support compliance with the existing Accessibility Standards for Customer Service and Integrated Accessibility under the AODA and other areas.

## **Customer Service**

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities receive accessible goods and services. They will receive goods and services with the same high quality and timeliness as all others.

## Action

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue initiatives to promote training and awareness, emergency management response, notice of service disruption, and feedback as described below.

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue initiatives to highlight our ongoing compliance with the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service regulation and the IASR in education and outreach activities filed through the accessibility compliance report.

## **Training and Development**

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. currently has an online training program that meets the requirements for the Customer Service Standard and the Integrated Standards Regulation. LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will strive to meet and exceed expectations and provide its employees with the highest standard for training possible.

#### Action

- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. has training for all employees on the requirements under the IASR and the Human Rights Code as it relates to persons with disabilities, in accordance with the IASR. The training content is available as an online course.
- New employees will receive training for the Customer Service Standard as well as the IASR and Human Rights Code as a single course.
- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to inform new employees of training requirements under AODA through the employee orientation package and provide online training to them as part of their company orientation process.
- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will ensure that all of the training delivered to employees will be accessible.
- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to require HR to complete, document and retain records for all mandatory accessibility related training. This information will be available for audit.

#### **Emergency Management Response**

#### Action

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will ensure that any emergency procedure, plan and safety information that is available to employees and the public is also available in accessible formats, upon request.

#### **Notice of Service Disruption**

### Action

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to implement the protocol for posting service disruption notices in all building areas, as required.

#### Feedback

### Action

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to monitor and assign any issues or complaints received regarding accessible services from customer and/or client feedback emails, in-person or through any other mode to the appropriate manager for consideration and/or resolution. Managers will ensure that employees responsible for accessibility resolve matters to the satisfaction of the customer and/or client and according to the principles set out in the AODA.

## Information and Communications/Website

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to making all information and communications accessible to people with disabilities. The information we provide and how we communicate it are key to making LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. an accessibility leader in the industry.

#### Action

Website and Web content, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will:

- Will take steps to make all websites and content conform with WCAG 2.0 Level AA
- Continue to comply with the requirements of the IASR Information and Communications section.
- Review existing web resources for accessibility and remediate as needed.
- Work to ensure that interactive resources are to WCAG 2.0 at Level AA standards.
- Review our website content regularly for usability and accessibility and make the necessary changes at that time.

#### **Alternate Formats**

#### Action

- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to ensure that employees responsible for content development and maintenance are aware of accessibility requirements and the impact on workflow.
- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to work to provide new and existing publications in alternate formats for people with disabilities, as requested.

#### Employment

LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to fair and accessible employment practices that attract and retain talented employees of all abilities. People with disabilities who are employees know they can participate fully and meaningfully in services and employment.

### Action

On an annual basis, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will:

- Continue to communicate the employment accommodation resources available for employees with disabilities through various methods.
- Promote Human Resources directives, policies and guidelines for inclusive and accessible employment practices among managers.
- Continue to ensure managers are aware of the need for accommodation and provide individualized workplace emergency response information to employees who have a disability.
- Continue to offer accommodation to employees, as requested.

## Other

## Action

- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to compliance with the AODA Standards and is committed to the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.
- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to disseminate and facilitate corporate messaging on accessibility to employees as required.
- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. is committed to implementing current and future obligations under the IASR and the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

# Part III: Review of Policies, Practices and Procedures

In support of our commitment to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to review company initiatives, including legislation and policies, to identify and remove barriers. This section focuses on three areas:

- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will ensure it has policies, practices and procedures in place that support AODA and inform necessary employees of the associated requirements.
- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to assign, track, monitor and report on complaints regarding the accessibility of services and make the necessary adjustments to LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC.'s policies.
- LG ELECTRONICS CANADA INC. will continue to update managers and accessibility point persons to ensure effective implementation at all company levels.