

AODA – Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

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Intent

This policy is intended to meet the requirements of the [Integrated Accessibility Standards, Ontario Regulation 191/11](#) for the Information and Communications Standard set forth under the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005](#), and with TORLYS Multi-year accessibility plan. This policy applies to the provision of information and communications services and materials for people with disabilities.

All information and communications materials and services provided by TORLYS shall follow the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity.

Definitions

Accessible Formats– Include but are not limited to large print, recorded audio and electronic formats, braille and other formats usable by persons with disabilities.

Communication Supports – Include but are not limited to captioning, alternative and augmentative communication supports, plain language, sign language and other supports that facilitate effective communications.

General Principles

In accordance with the *Integrated Accessibility Standards, Ontario Regulation 191/11*, this policy addresses the following:

- A. [General Requirements](#)
- B. [Feedback Process](#)
- C. [Accessible Formats and Communication Supports](#)
- D. [Emergency Procedures, Plans or Public Safety Information](#)
- E. [Review](#)

A. General Requirements

General requirements that apply across all of the four (4) standards, Information and Communications, Employment, Transportation and Design of Public Spaces, are outlined as follows.

Establishment of Accessibility Policies and Plans

TORLYS will develop, implement and maintain policies governing how it will achieve accessibility through these requirements.

TORLYS will include a statement of its commitment to meeting the accessibility needs of persons with disabilities in a timely manner in its policies. These documents will be made publicly available in an accessible format, upon request.

TORLYS will establish, implement, maintain and document a multi-year accessibility plan outlining its strategy to prevent and remove barriers and meet its requirements under the IASR. Accessibility plans will be made available in an accessible format, upon request, and will be posted on our website.

TORLYS will review and update its accessibility plan once every five (5) years and will establish, review and update our accessibility plans in consultation with persons with disabilities or an

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advisory committee. Annual status reports will be prepared that will report on the progress of the steps taken to implement TORLYS accessibility plan. This status report will be posted on our website. If requested, the report shall be created in an accessible format.

Procuring or Acquiring Goods and Services, or Facilities

TORLYS will incorporate accessibility criteria and features when procuring or acquiring goods, services or facilities. The only exception is in cases where it is impracticable to do so.

Training Requirements

TORLYS will provide training for its employees and volunteers regarding the IASR and the [Ontario Human Rights Code](#) as they pertain to individuals with disabilities. Training will also be provided to individuals who are responsible for developing TORLYS policies, and all other persons who provide goods, services or facilities on behalf of TORLYS.

Training will be provided as soon as is reasonably practicable, but no later than January 1, 2016). Training will be provided on an ongoing basis to new employees and as changes to TORLYS accessibility policies occur.

Records

TORLYS will maintain records on the training provided, when it was provided and the number of employees that were trained.

B. Feedback Process

TORLYS will ensure that all feedback processes (both internal and external) are made accessible to clients/customers or employees, upon request.

In accordance with the [Accessibility Standards for Customer Service, Ontario Regulation 429/07](#), TORLYS will make the availability of accessible feedback formats publicly known.

C. Accessible Formats and Communication Supports

Unless deemed [unconvertible](#), TORLYS will provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for persons with disabilities, upon request. Accessible formats and communication supports will be provided in a timely manner and at no additional cost to the individual. ,

TORLYS will take into account the person's accessibility needs when customizing individual requests and shall consult with the individual making the request to ensure suitability.

TORLYS will make the availability of accessible formats and communication supports publicly known.

D. Emergency Procedures, Plans or Public Safety Information

will ensure that all publicly available safety and emergency information (e.g. evacuation procedures, floor plans etc.) is provided in an accessible format or with appropriate communication supports, upon request.

E. Review

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This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it is reflective of 's current practices and legislative requirements.

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Acknowledgment & Agreement

I, (Employee Name), acknowledge that I have read and understand the AODA – *Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation* (IASR) Information and Communications Policy of TORLYS. I agree to adhere to this policy and will ensure that employees working under my direction adhere to this policy. I understand that if I violate the rules set forth in this policy, I may face corrective action.

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____
Witness: _____