



**Accessible Canada Act
KAG Canada's Accessibility Plan**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION / SUMMARY & OUR COMMITMENT

Diversity, Equity & **Inclusion** is part of our Core Values. We believe the framework of the Accessible Canada Act will inspire employers to cultivate an environment where all employee’s experience barrier-free opportunity to thrive within their workplace.

KAG Canada is committed to ongoing review of policies, programs, and the workplace in general so that we can identify areas within our business that pose an obstacle to an individual’s success. Within reason steps will be taken to remedy identified issues as outlined in our Accessibility Plan.

Our Accessibility Plan includes review of:

- Employment
- Built environment
- Information and communication technology (ICT)
- Communication, other than information and communication technology
- Procuring goods, services, and facilities
- Designing and delivering programs and services
- Transportation

To address gaps in these areas, it’s important to recognize and understand the needs of those with disabilities. For this reason, this plan was developed in consultation with employees who identify as having a disability.

A summary of initial opportunities includes:

- Improving the attraction of persons with disabilities to jobs in our company and the transportation sector.
- Expanding the range and options for accommodation.
- Being better prepared to provide information in accessible formats when required.
- Improving the knowledge of our IT team and leveraging the capabilities of accessibility features in current and future IT programs.
- Initiating processes where there is a more thorough review of the assessment of facilities, procurement procedures, company programs, new initiatives, and ongoing services.



CONSULTATION AND FEEDBACK

KAG Canada welcomes feedback on our accessibility plan from the public, employees, and customers. This feedback is valuable to us as it helps break down the accessibility barriers and build our commitment to accessibility and inclusion.

If you have an inquiry or feedback, please use one of the contact methods below. We will respond to all feedback in a timely manner. If you require support while providing feedback let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your needs

Contact: Human Resources
Email: hrrsupport@kagacanada.ca
Phone number: [780-472-6633](tel:780-472-6633)

REPORTING

As required by the Accessible Canada Act, we will publish a status report every year that measures our progress against our commitments. We will also review and update our accessibility plan every three years. Progress reports and updates to our accessibility plan will be shaped by consultation with persons with disabilities.

DEFINITIONS

Accessibility: Refers to the needs of persons with disabilities being intentionally and thoughtfully considered when products, services, and facilities are built or modified so they can be used and enjoyed by persons of all abilities.

Barrier: The Accessible Canada Act defines a barrier as “anything”-Including anything physical, architectural, technological, or attitudinal, anything that is based on information or communications, or anything that is the result of a policy or a practice that hinders the full and equal participation in society of persons with an impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communications or sensory impairment or a functional limitation.

Disability: The Accessible Canada Act defines a disability as “any impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment-or a functional limitation-whether permanent, temporary or episodic in nature or evident or not, that, interaction with a barrier, hinders a person’s full and equal participation in society.”

BARRIER ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT

The employment area ensures that candidates and employees with disabilities and those who experience barriers are supported throughout the entire employment lifecycle.

Focus areas (WIP/to be completed by end of 2024):



- For new applicants to our company, our intake application notes a section for candidates to review and comment should they require a workplace accommodation. The framework in place in the accommodation policy would support the request process.
- A disability is not always seen, and many do not declare on their self-id form so we do not have a true understanding of our demographic of people who may experience a disability. The company can continue to educate employees on this matter, so they are aware that there are supports should they require an accommodation in the workplace to assist in their success in their role.
- There are many forms of disability, and we often make many workplace accommodations in practice instead of formality. Remind employers of the request process for accommodation.
- Maintain a live document on job and duties that can be assigned when people require alternative duties whether temporary or permanent.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment area ensures that workspaces and the work environment are accessible for all.

Focus areas (WIP/to be completed by end of 2024):

- Complete facility accessibility audit. There was an audit completed a few years back. Refresh current audit from past template.
 - o Specifically review entrances, office workspace and washrooms.
- Specific to renovations or construction, ensure that accessibility is a project priority.
- Overall focus on facility upkeep and housekeeping so that the facilities do not create a hazard for trips and falls especially for those with mobility restrictions.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

Information and communications technologies are various technology tools used to send, store, create share, or exchange information.

Focus areas (WIP/to be completed by end of 2024):

- Based on the nature of our workplace many jobs would not be possible for anyone who may be considered blind, however there are some roles where technology could be helpful to those that require extra support such as having an option to have a voiceover on an email or for the ability for the email system to read out the email.
- In cases of professional truck drivers who are considered to be color blind, alternate work assignments can be offered outside of hauling fuel and the standard for dangerous good/fuel is based on a color-coded system outside the control of the company. Work assignments on non dangerous goods are commonly made.
- Offer closed captioning on Microsoft Teams calls to support those that have hearing impairments.
- Offer closed captioning on broadcasted meetings hearing impairments.
- Upon request, the company can look at other methods of delivery such as large font, interpreters, etc.
- The company will add the VRS Canada website to the company website for deaf, hard of hearing, or speech-impaired employees, customers, and external people who would like to



CONSULTATIONS

To align with KAG Canada’s commitment to make our workplace environment accessible to all, we have developed our accessibility plan in consultation with our employees including those with disabilities.

We gathered feedback and input from our team members and external organizations in several ways:

- Employment equity committee review for barriers analysis
- Posting plan on intranet with disclosure that we are working towards being a more accessible company
- Live feed board posting asking for people who would like to contribute

We will continue to survey employees, including those with disabilities and any working groups that have been developed as part of this accessibility plan, to measure progress and ensure that we realize the changes we’ve set out to achieve.





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