

Sent on behalf of Sarah Whiteford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Learning and Child Care

Child Care Centres and Home Providers;

Please find attached information regarding the Accessible Information and Communication Standard Regulation, under The Accessibility for Manitobans Act. This current communication from the department focuses primarily on implications for public school divisions and independent schools, as these organizations are required to come into compliance on May 1, 2024. Early learning and child care facilities will be required to come into compliance next year, by May 1, 2025.

We recognize that there are particular implications for early learning and child care, and the department is working in consultation with the Accessibility Compliance Secretariat to develop further guidance for child care facilities. We will be following up with additional information in the coming months to ensure facilities have sufficient time to meet the requirements by May 1, 2025. A training module specific to the Accessible Information and Communication Standard is available at the Online Learning Portal, while further information about the Act and the Accessibility Compliance Secretariat can be found here on the Manitoba government website.

Thank you.

Sarah Whiteford

[Please see the attached correspondence.](#)