

# Empowering Inclusion: The Accessible Canada Act Assented To 21st June 2024

## A Landmark Achievement for Accessibility and Inclusion

June 21, 2024, will be etched in history as the day Canada took a bold step towards creating a truly accessible and inclusive society for all. The Accessible Canada Act (ACA), a comprehensive piece of legislation, has been assented to, marking a transformative moment for the Canadian disability community.

The ACA is the result of extensive consultations, research, and collaboration between the government, disability advocates, organizations, and the public. This landmark legislation sets out a clear roadmap for eliminating barriers and creating a more equitable and accessible Canada for persons with disabilities.



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## Key Provisions of the Accessible Canada Act

The ACA encompasses a wide range of provisions designed to address systemic barriers faced by persons with disabilities in various aspects of society, including:

- **Employment:** The act mandates employers to create accessible workplaces and provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities.
- **Transportation:** The act requires the development of accessible transportation systems, including public transit, air travel, and ferries.
- **Built Environment:** The act promotes the design and construction of accessible buildings, public spaces, and facilities, ensuring equal access for all.
- **Information and Communication:** The act mandates the provision of accessible information and communication technologies, making websites, documents, and other materials accessible to persons with sensory, cognitive, or learning disabilities.
- **Procurement:** The act requires federal government entities to procure goods, services, and facilities that meet accessibility standards.
- **Enforcement and Compliance:** The act establishes a new Canadian Accessibility Standards Development Organization (CASDO) responsible for developing and enforcing accessibility standards across Canada.

### **Transforming the Landscape for Persons with Disabilities**

The ACA is a transformative piece of legislation that has the potential to revolutionize the lives of millions of Canadians with disabilities. By removing barriers and promoting inclusion, the act empowers persons with disabilities to fully participate in all aspects of society.

For persons with disabilities, the ACA means greater access to employment, education, transportation, and social activities. It means living in communities that are designed for everyone, regardless of their abilities. It means being treated with dignity and respect, and having their voices heard.

## **A Call to Action for All Canadians**

The implementation of the ACA requires the collective efforts of all Canadians. Governments, businesses, organizations, and individuals must work together to create a truly accessible and inclusive society.

The ACA provides a framework for action, but it is up to each of us to embrace the spirit of inclusion and make a difference in our communities. By challenging our own assumptions, advocating for accessibility, and supporting persons with disabilities, we can create a Canada where everyone can reach their full potential.

The assent of the Accessible Canada Act on June 21, 2024, is a historic moment in Canada's journey towards inclusion. This landmark legislation sets out a clear path for creating a society where persons with disabilities can participate fully and equally.

Let us all embrace the spirit of the ACA and work together to build a more accessible and inclusive Canada for everyone.

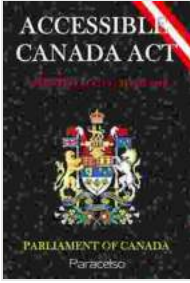
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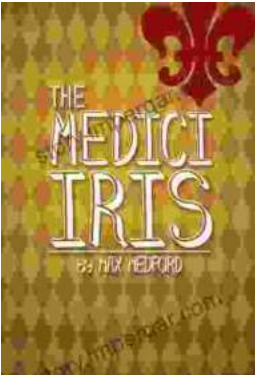
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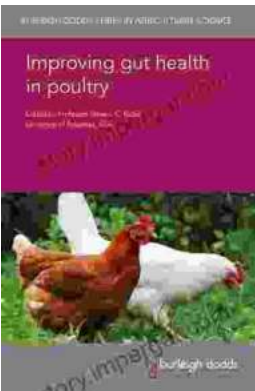


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