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Ontario Government Publishes Integrated Accessibility Standards Guide and Compliance Tool

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The Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services has published "A Guide to the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation" dated July 2012. The Integrated Accessibility Standards (IAS) Regulation was made under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. It came into force on July 1, 2011 and affects nearly all organizations in Ontario. The Guide is a resource to assist organizations achieve compliance with the general, employment, information and communication, and transportation standards of the IAS Regulation.

In addition, the Ministry has released an online "Compliance Wizard" tool to help organizations prepare a customized schedule of the IAS Regulation's requirements and deadlines, which vary depending on the type and size of the organization.

A discussion of the IAS Regulation can be found in our *FTR Nows* of June 9, 2011, "Ontario Government Releases Final Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation under the *AODA*" and November 17, 2011, "Are You Prepared for the *AODA*?"