

Accessible Transportation Standard Regulation

The Accessible Transportation Standard Regulation addresses aspects to accessible public transportation, including access to transportation required for going to work, school, shopping and other aspects of daily life.

The objective of the standard is to help conventional and paratransit providers, schools, vehicles-for-hire and municipalities create a system of transportation that is more inclusive for all Manitobans, regardless of abilities.

Requirements:

- **Conventional transit and paratransit providers:** Must hold an annual public meeting to obtain feedback from members of the public, including persons disabled by barriers. Must also document and implement accessibility policies and make these documents available to the public.
- **Transit operators:** Must be trained on the safe use of accessibility equipment, emergency preparedness and response procedures.
- **Buses:** Must meet minimum accessibility design requirements. During the winter months, bus stops must be maintained and cleared of snow.
- **Manitoba school boards and independent schools:** Must provide integrated accessible school transportation services for all students and if not available provide access to an alternative method of transportation.
- **Municipalities with vehicles-for-hire:** Bylaws must meet minimum accessibility requirements and report on these activities. Consult with the public at least once every two years to identify the number of accessible vehicles for hire that are required in the municipality.
- **Vehicles-for-hire:** Must not refuse or deny service to persons travelling with service animals or who requires reasonable assistance and cannot charge higher or additional fees to the persons disabled by barriers.

Compliance Dates

- Conventional transportation providers, paratransit providers, municipalities, schools and vehicles-for-hire must comply by **January 1, 2027**.
- Conventional transit providers have until **January 1, 2042**, to upgrade existing buses to meet physical accessibility requirements.
- Any new buses purchased after **January 1, 2027**, will have to meet accessible design requirements.

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