



Alabama Transfers



ADA COMPLIANT

WEBSITE: www.alabamatransfers.com



BACKGROUND

In Alabama, website accessibility is governed by federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and state-specific IT standards. The accepted standard is WCAG 2.2 Level AA. Required steps include using alt text for images, providing video captions, ensuring keyboard navigation, and maintaining readable color contrast.

ADA Titles and Who They Apply To

The legal requirements for your website depend on the type of organization you run:

- **Title II (Public Entities):** Applies to state and local government websites (including Alabama public colleges and universities). The Department of Justice mandates these entities meet strict accessibility standards by **April 2027**.
- **Title III (Public Accommodations):** Applies to private businesses and non-profits that are open to the public (such as restaurants, hotels, and retail stores). While no specific technical checklist is embedded in the original ADA law, federal courts and the Department of Justice universally use WCAG 2.2 Level AA as the standard for ADA-compliant websites.

Where we stand today. The Alabama Transfers staff and our web design team (Southleft) recently completed a thorough review of our website to measure how well it works for people with disabilities — including those who navigate by keyboard, use screen readers, or need strong color contrast to read comfortably. The review found that the site currently meets a little over half of the recognized accessibility standards. Many of the basics are in place, but we identified a clear list of areas that fall short — such as text and buttons that don't have enough color contrast, forms that are difficult to complete without a mouse, and navigation that isn't fully labeled for assistive technology. Importantly, we now know exactly what these gaps are and where they occur, which gives us a concrete roadmap to fix them.



Where we're headed. The good news is that a redesign is already underway, and it directly addresses these issues. As part of that work, we're introducing a new, consistent set of design standards for color and typography that are built to meet accessibility requirements from the start. The newest sections of the site built on these standards already score far higher than the older pages. As we continue rebuilding the remaining components to this new standard, each update will steadily raise the site's accessibility — improving readability, keyboard navigation, and screen-reader support along the way. In short, we have a clear plan, the work is in motion, and every step of the redesign moves us closer to full compliance by early 2027.

