

University of California
Policy on Accessibility in the Electronic Environment
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Background

The University of California is committed to facilitating an electronic environment that is accessible to all, including individuals with disabilities. In his August 10, 2001 letter to Chancellors, President Richard Atkinson established as principle the University's commitment that administrative applications and instructional technologies should be in compliance with current standards for accessibility.

This Policy formally acknowledges the University's commitment to accessibility in the electronic environment and sets forth guidelines that provide appropriate information on tools and accessibility standards consistent with developments in federal and state laws and regulations.

Policy on Accessibility

The University is committed to providing equal access to information provided by means of information technologies to all members of the University community and to members of the public seeking information about University programs and services. Providers of University programs and services should consult the supporting Accessibility Guidelines to ensure that their information resources utilize up-to-date technologies that meet current standards for accessibility. The Accessibility Guidelines are based on current industry standards and applicable federal and state laws. Implementation of these Guidelines improves accessibility for all regardless of disability. In recognition that technology changes, rapidly, subsequent iterations of the Guidelines will reflect updated standards.

Authority and Implementation

This Policy is issued by the President of the University of California. The Associate Vice President – Information Resources and Communications is responsible for issuing and updating the Accessibility Guidelines that support this Policy. Executive Vice President for Business Operations, Chancellors, and Laboratory Directors, are responsible for implementation of the Policy at their locations.