

European Accessibility Act (EAA) Easy Read



**European Accessibility
Act (EAA)**

**A law to make things
more accessible.**



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What?

What is the EAA?



A new law from the European Union (EU)
The EU made this law to improve accessibility.



It makes sure products and services are easier for people with disabilities
Companies must follow rules to make things accessible.



Starts on June 28, 2025
The law will be enforced from this date.



Why is the EAA important?



Accessible Information Standard

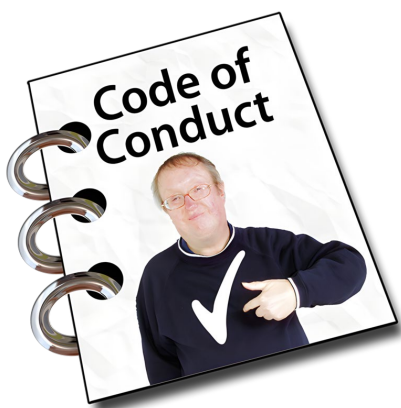
Helps people with disabilities get fair access

Ensures equal access to important products and services.



Makes sure the same rules apply in all EU countries

Companies across Europe will follow the same accessibility standards.

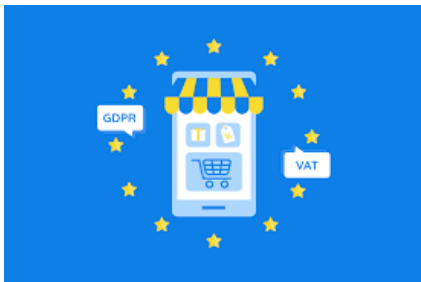


Helps businesses follow one standard

Companies know what to do to make their products and services accessible.



Who must follow the EAA?



Any company selling in the EU Businesses must follow these rules if they want to sell in Europe.



Manufacturers, sellers, and importers
All parts of the supply chain must ensure accessibility.



Public organisations
Government offices and public services must also follow accessibility rules.



Products and services must be accessible



Computers and smartphones
Technology must be designed to be used by everyone.



ATMs, ticket machines, and check-in kiosk
These machines must be easy to use for all people.



Banking services
Online and in-person banking should be accessible.



E-books and e-commerce websites

Digital content and shopping platforms must meet accessibility requirements.



Transport services (bus, train, plane, boat)

Booking and using transport must be easy for everyone.



Public sector websites and apps

Government services online must be accessible to all.



Emergency services and communications

Emergency hotlines and communication services must be accessible for everyone.





How does the EAA help?



More accessible products and services

People with disabilities can use more things independently.



Easier for businesses to sell across Europe

Companies follow the same rules, making it simple to trade.



Supports disability rights agreements

The law helps meet international disability rights commitments.



When does the EAA start?



By June 28, 2025

EU countries must have rules in place. Governments must prepare for the new law.



After June 28, 2025

Companies must follow the rules. Businesses must comply with accessibility standards from this date.



Regular checks

Officials will make sure companies keep following the accessibility rules.



Summary



The EAA makes life easier for people with disabilities
Ensures better access to products and services.



It creates the same rules for businesses in the EU
Companies must meet the same accessibility standards across Europe.



It ensures products and services are accessible for everyone
Helps create a fairer society where everyone can participate.



Useful Links



National Disability Authority (NDA)
Checks accessibility standards and offers training. [Learn more](#)



Centre for Excellence in Universal Design
Explains the EAA and helps businesses follow the rules. [Learn more](#)



National Standards Authority of Ireland
Gives advice on making products and services accessible. [Learn more](#)



Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI)
Supports disability groups and promotes accessibility. [Learn more](#)



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