

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Deans, Department Chairs, and Faculty

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**SUBJECT:** Accessibility Compliance Update for University Academic Stakeholders

Texas A&M University–Kingsville remains committed to accessible learning environments and compliance with federal and state requirements. Under the U.S. Department of Justice’s 2024 ADA Title II Final Rule, digital instructional content must meet WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards.

An interim rule issued on April 20, 2026, extends the compliance deadline to **April 26, 2027**. Texas institutions must also comply with Texas Government Code Chapter 2054, Subchapter M, and 1 TAC Chapters 206 and 213.

This extension does **not reduce compliance expectations or institutional risk**. Requirements apply across all instructional modalities, including Blackboard content, documents, media, links, and third-party tools. Required materials should **not be removed** within Blackboard to avoid remediation; instead, provide accessible alternatives when needed.

The Center for Academic Technology (CAT) will continue accessibility reviews of Blackboard course shells using Blackboard Ally. Faculty play an important role in addressing accessibility barriers and should take advantage of the guidance, training, and remediation resources available on the [CAT Accessibility webpage](#).

Thank you for your cooperation in advancing accessibility for every student, regardless of learning needs or modality. Accessibility remains a shared responsibility across campus to support every Javelina.