

ADA

Overview/Regulatory Update

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ADA Requirements

Airport sponsors accept federal grant funds with obligations including:

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Titles II & III
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- 49 USC §§ 47123, 47107
- 49 CFR Parts 27, 37 and 38, 28 CFR Parts 35 and 36
 - Grant Assurance Nos. *1 General Federal Requirements, 30 Civil Rights, and 34 Policies, Standards and Specifications*



Air Carrier Access Act

Act covers aircraft accessibility, airport facilities controlled by the airlines, and provisions of services

- *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel*, 14 CFR Part 382
- Enforced by the DOT's Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings



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Aircraft Boarding Equipment, Advisory Circular 150/5220-21C issued on June 29, 2012

- Scope: door of passenger terminal to aircraft door
 - Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBBs)
 - Ramps moved in place to allow boarding from apron
 - Lifts to vertically transport passengers from apron to door of aircraft
 - Aircraft boarding chairs
- Replaced *Guide Specifications for Devices Used to Board Airline Passengers with Mobility Impairments, Advisory Circular 150/5220-21B*



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Access to Airports by Individuals with Disabilities, Advisory Circular 150/5360-14

- Assists airports in complying with the current laws and regulations governing individuals with disabilities
 - Identifies relevant statutes and regulations that impact airports
 - Explains Federal accessibility regulations implementing the ADA; ACAA; 504; and the ABA
 - Scope: from door of airport to door of passenger terminal
- Addresses architectural and program accessibility of airports in the U.S. transportation system and employment opportunities on airports for individuals with disabilities
 - Under revision - major expansion



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- Proposed rules at 76 Fed. Reg. 59307 and 76 Fed. Reg. 60426 amending 49 CFR Part 27 and 14 CFR Part 382
 - Animal relief areas
 - Lift agreements with foreign carriers



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- Additional proposed rule amendments
 - Captioning of visual displays
 - Kiosks and websites



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- FAA's ADA/504 Compliance Guidance – FAA Order 1400.9 [under revision]
- *Civil Rights Requirements in the Airport Improvement Program*, Advisory Circular 150/5100-15 [cancelled and under revision]



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Disability Law Coordinating Council (DLCC)

- DOT and Modal agencies (including FAA) counsel and civil rights personnel
- Department-wide way to address ADA program concerns for airports, airlines and transportation projects
- Monthly meetings
- Guidance and Q & A's



Questions

